



Young entrepreneurs: from talent to successful businesses

15 September 2022 – Hybrid Debate

Event location: European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99| 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel, Room VMA 3

Link to connect remotely: will be sent to registered participants

14:30- 16:30

1. **14:30-14:40** Introductory speech – Petri Salminen, President, SMEUnited
2. **14:40-14:45** Welcome speech: Stefano Mallia, President Employers' Group, European Economic and Social Committee
3. **14:45-15:15** Keynote speech: Igor Kalinic, Head of Sector, Executive Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises

Questions from the audience

4. **15:15-16:20** Debate
Moderator: Véronique Willems, Secretary General, SMEUnited
 - Martina Dlabajová, Member of the European Parliament
 - SMEUnited members:
 - Bianca Guscelli, Vice-President, Confartigianato Giovani Imprenditori, Italy
 - Sophie Quinn, Young Entrepreneur, Ireland
 - Cara Van den Cloot, Coordinator Start, Freelance & Onderwijs, UNIZO, Belgium
 - Maria Grundler, Head of Department "Recruiting", Skilled Crafts Chamber of Konstanz, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Questions from the audience

4. **16:15-16:30** Concluding remarks – Véronique Willems, Secretary General, SMEUnited