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Por determinação de Sua Excelência a  
Presidente da A.R. 76-6105  
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14 March, 2013

**Invitation to the Meeting of Chairpersons of Employment, Enterprise, Innovation  
and Social Affairs Committees,  
28-29 April 2013**

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Houses of the Oireachtas, we are pleased to invite representatives of your parliament to the Meeting of Chairpersons of Employment, Enterprise, Innovation and Social Affairs Committees, which will take place in Dublin on 28-29 April 2013. The meeting is being organised as part of the parliamentary dimension of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, during the first half of 2013.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to pass on the enclosed invitation from the Chairpersons of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection to the relevant committees in your Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

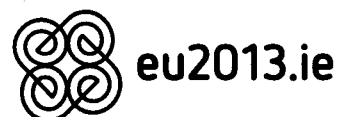
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Sean Barrett TD  
Ceann Comhairle  
Dáil Éireann

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Senator Paddy Burke  
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14 March, 2013

**Invitation to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of Employment, Enterprise,  
Innovation and Social Affairs Committees,  
28-29 April, 2013**

Dear Colleague,

As Chairpersons of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of Employment, Enterprise, Innovation and Social Affairs Committees to be held in Dublin as part of the parliamentary dimension of Ireland's EU Presidency.

The meeting will take place on Monday 29 April 2013 in the historic surroundings of Dublin Castle, preceded by a dinner in Farmleigh House hosted by the Houses of the Oireachtas on the evening of Sunday 28 April 2013.

The draft agenda and a registration form for the meeting are enclosed. Hotel reservations may be made online via the website:

[http://cms.ihfhousingbureau.com/ENG/event49\\_28April13.html](http://cms.ihfhousingbureau.com/ENG/event49_28April13.html)

Please ensure that hotel reservations and registrations are made as soon as possible and by 2nd April 2013 at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

Yours sincerely,

*Damien English*

Damien English, T.D.,  
Chairman  
Oireachtas Joint Committee on  
Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

*Joanna Tuffy*

Joanna Tuffy, T.D.,  
Chair  
Oireachtas Joint Committee on  
Education and Social Protection



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**MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF EMPLOYMENT, ENTERPRISE, INNOVATION  
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

**Dublin Castle, 28-29 April 2013**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Sunday, 28 April 2013**

- 16:00 – 18:15 Registration desk open at the Herbert Park Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
- 18:30 Departure by bus from the Hotel to Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park
- 19.00 Welcome reception/Tour of Farmleigh House (optional)
- 20.00 Dinner co-hosted by Mr. Damien English T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Ms. Joanna Tuffy, T.D., Chairperson, Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection
- 22.30 Return by bus to the Hotel

**Monday, 29 April 2013**

- 08:15 Departure by bus from Hotel to Conference Centre, Dublin Castle
- 09.00 Opening address
- Mr. Damien English, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
- Theme of Meeting: Strategies to combat youth unemployment and harness the potential of European Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- 09.10 Session 1
- Topic: Youth Unemployment - An EU Challenge**
- Chair:** Ms. Joanna Tuffy, T.D., Chairperson, Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection
- Address by:**
- (i) Mr. László Andor, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (15 mins)
- (ii) Ms. Joan Burton, T.D., Minister for Social Protection (15 mins)
- Debate
- 10.30 Family Photo/Coffee Break



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11.00

## Session 2

**Topic: Harnessing the Potential of European SMEs and Fostering an Entrepreneurial Europe**

**Chair:** Mr. Damien English, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

### **Address by:**

- (i) Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D., Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (10 mins)
- (ii) Ms. Joanna Drake, Deputy Special Envoy for SMEs, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission (10 mins)
- (iii) Ms. Triona Campbell, Entrepreneur and Company Director, BeActive Media (10 mins)

Debate

12:30

## Buffet Lunch

Venue: Castle Hall, Dublin Castle

14.00

## Session 3

**Topic: Enterprise through Innovation**

**Chair:** Mr. Damien English, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

### **Address by:**

- (i) Mr. Wolfgang Bartscher, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (10 mins)
- (ii) Dr. Imelda Lambkin, Director of the National Support Network for FP7, Enterprise Ireland (10 mins)
- (iii) Dr. Mazhar Bari, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer, SolarPrint (Irish SME) (10 mins)

Debate

15.30

## Closing Address

Mr. Damien English, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

15.45

Departure by bus from Dublin Castle to Hotel



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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

### Meeting of Chairpersons of Employment, Enterprise, Innovation and Social Affairs Committees 28-29 April 2013

#### Date and venue

The Conference will be held at Dublin Castle on 28-29 April 2013. The address of the venue is the Conference Centre, Dublin Castle, 2 Palace Street, Dublin 2.  
**ACCESS ONLY THROUGH THE PALACE STREET GATE.**

#### Registration of Participants

All participants are kindly requested to fill in a registration form and return it to [presemp@oir.ie](mailto:presemp@oir.ie) by **2 April 2013**. The form is also available at <http://www.parleu2013.ie> by clicking on the name of the Conference in the calendar.

#### Registration

Registration Desks will be located in the main entrance hall of the Herbert Park Hotel from 16.00hrs on the day of arrival. Identity badges and other Conference material can be collected from this Desk. All participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges at all times for security reasons and in order to ensure their access to shuttle buses, conference rooms and receptions and/or other events in the programme.

The ribbons and identity badges correspond to the following categories of participants:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • White with ParlEU2013.ie logo | - Delegate Member     |
| • Blue                          | - Delegate Staff      |
| • Red                           | - Event/Support Staff |

#### Accommodation

Block bookings have been made by the Houses of Oireachtas at agreed preferential rate/s at the following hotel/s.

**Herbert Park Hotel,  
Anglesea Road,  
Ballsbridge  
Dublin 4.**

Phone: +353 1 667 2200  
Fax: +353-1-667 2595

All participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation by **2 April 2013** using the following URL:  
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Requests for accommodation will be dealt on a first-come-first-served basis and any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Any queries concerning accommodation may be addressed to:

**Stephanie Howard**  
Phone: +00353-1-466 8262  
[howards@ihf.ie](mailto:howards@ihf.ie)

Accommodation cost is covered by participants.

## Arrival and departure

All participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to their hotel.

Approximate costs of transfer from Dublin Airport to the Herbert Park Hotel are as follows:

<b>Taxi:</b>	€50
<b><u>Aircoach:</u></b>	€8 single - €14 return, Ballsbridge Service-Merrion Road Coach Stop.
<b><u>747 Airlink</u></b>	€6.00 single

## Transportation during the Conference

Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the venue of the Conference and vice versa, as well as for all social events included in the programme.

## Simultaneous interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French. Details of the full language regime and the relevant channels will be made available on the day of the conference.

## Documents

Working documents will be regularly updated on the Oireachtas EU Presidency website [www.parleu2013.ie](http://www.parleu2013.ie). Final versions will be provided upon registration and at the meeting venue. Documents will be provided in English and French.

## Requests to take the floor

Participants wishing to take the floor are requested to fill in a separate "Request for the floor" card for each Session of the Conference. The cards can be found in the material received upon registration. A separate coloured card will correspond to each agenda item. A list of speakers, based on the cards received by the Presidency Secretariat, will be drawn up by the Chairperson of the Conference and, once the floor is given, speakers can deliver their speeches from their seats.



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## Services during the Conference

Participants will have access to a working station, equipped with computers, Internet access and fax machines and all other relevant communication facilities. A Wi-Fi service will be available. Full access details will be provided to delegates on the day of the conference.

Coffee will be provided at the time indicated on the programme. Food and beverages are not allowed in the Conference room.

## Information Desk

An Information Desk will be situated outside the Conference room and will be available in order to assist participants with any practical matter.

## Press Facilities

Press Facilities will be provided during the Conference. Access will be given to correspondents of national and international press, radio and television, who have been accredited in advance via the [www.parleu2013.ie](http://www.parleu2013.ie) webpage.

## Live Broadcast

The Meeting will be webcast live on [www.parleu2013.ie](http://www.parleu2013.ie)

## Medical Service

Medical services will be available during the Conference.

## Non-smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas in hotels and all public places. An outdoor space outside the Conference Centre can be used by smokers and will be clearly signposted.

## Currency

The national currency of Ireland is the Euro.

## Power

It is important to note that the plugs and sockets used in Ireland and the UK (including Northern Ireland) are different from those in use in the rest of Europe. Delegates are advised to use 3 square pin adapters (230v/50hz) for use with their laptops, etc.

## Weather

The Irish spring starts in March. The average lowest temperature is 3°C and the highest is 11°C.



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## MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF EMPLOYMENT, ENTERPRISE, INNOVATION & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

DUBLIN, IRELAND

28 – 29 APRIL 2013

### REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one registration form **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** for each participant and send by e-mail to [presemp1@oireachtas.ie](mailto:presemp1@oireachtas.ie) no later than **2 APRIL 2013**.

First Name:		
Last Name:		
Gender:	Male	Female
Parliament/Chamber:		
Position/Role:		
Country:		
Address:		
Telephone:	E-mail:	
Dietary restrictions/allergies/other important requirements:		
Will attend dinner at 20.00 on 28 April 2013:	YES	NO
Will attend lunch at 13.00 on 29 April 2013:	YES	NO
Arrival date:	Flight No. (If available)	
Departure Date:	Flight No. (If available)	

For Security and Accreditation purposes, you are also required to provide the following information:

Date of birth:	Nationality:
Passport Number:	Place of issue:
Date of issue:	Expiration Date:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Hotel bookings should be made directly with the hotel online at [http://cms.ihfhousingbureau.com/ENG/event49\\_28April13.html](http://cms.ihfhousingbureau.com/ENG/event49_28April13.html) no later than **2 APRIL 2013** to ensure availability of rooms at the agreed preferential rate.

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