

BUSINESSEUROPE



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Dear Commissioner,

As you might know, BUSINESSEUROPE organises a yearly CEO-level meeting for its corporate support members, also known as the Advisory and Support Group. This event is an opportunity for CEOs from a selection of prominent multinational companies in all sectors of activity and top-level European decision makers to meet and exchange views on the challenges Europe is facing.

This year's CEO event is planned on **Thursday 3 December in Brussels, in the Berlaymont building, 14h30 – 21h00** and we would be honoured if you would accept our invitation to address the CEOs in the proposed time-slot **16h45 – 17h30**. Over the course of this exchange, the business leaders would like to discuss with you your current work on the major topics you are dealing with and which concern them all such as the innovation agenda, science-based policy making, Horizon 2020, etc.

We are expecting at least 25-30 CEOs to participate this year (you will find enclosed a full list of the members of the AS Group). For the full planning, please refer to the attached draft programme.

We very much hope that you will be able to give a positive reply to our request and will be in contact with your team soon in order to follow up on this invitation letter.

Yours sincerely,





**ANNEX I**



***Advisory and Support Group***

ACCENTURE	LHOIST
ADAM OPEL AG	LUKOIL
ALCOA	MICHELIN
ARCELORMITTAL	MICROSOFT
AREVA	MSD (EUROPE) Inc.
BASF	MYTILINEOS
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	NBC UNIVERSAL
BAYER	OMV
BMW	ORACLE
BOSCH	PFIZER
BP Europe	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL
CATERPILLAR	PHILIPS
DAIMLER	PROCTER & GAMBLE
DIAGEO	RANDSTAD
DUPONT DE NEMOURS	RENAULT
EDF	REPSOL
ENEL	SAFRAN
ENGIE	SAMSUNG
EXXONMOBIL	SHELL
FACEBOOK	SIEMENS
FORD	SOLVAY
GENERAL ELECTRIC	STATOIL
HENKEL	TCS (Tata Consulting Service)
HITACHI	TELECOM ITALIA
HUAWEI Technologies	TELEFONICA
HYUNDAI Motor Company	THERMO FISHER
IBM	TOSHIBA
IMPERIAL TOBACCO GROUP LTD.	TOTAL
INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES AUSTRIA	TOYOTA
INTEL CORPORATION	UPS
JAGUAR LAND ROVER	VEOLIA
JTI (Japan Tobacco International)	VOLKSWAGEN
KLM	

**ANNEX II**

***CEO event AS Group - Draft Programme***

***Thursday 3 December 2015***

<b>14h30- 14h45</b>	Arrival and Registration (Berlaymont, Commission)
<b>14h45-15h00</b>	Welcome and Introduction - chaired by   <b>BUSINESSEUROPE</b>
<b>15h00 - 15h45</b>	Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
<b>15h45 - 16h00</b>	Group photo and Coffee break
<b>16h00 – 16h45</b>	Günther Oettinger, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society (tbc)
<b>16h45 - 17h30</b>	Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (tbc)
<b>17h30 – 17h45</b>	Coffee break
<b>17h45 – 18h30</b>	Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President, Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights
<b>18h30 - 19h00</b>	Networking Cocktail
<b>19h00 - 21h00</b>	Working dinner with Jyrki Katainen, Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness
	End of programme and departures