

Informal Meeting of Competitiveness Council, Dublin, 2-3 May 2013

Diary Notice

The Competitiveness Council will meet in two configurations on Thursday and Friday under the overall theme "Innovative Pathways to Jobs and Growth".

- On **Thursday**, Research and Innovation Ministers will meet to discuss " How to optimise the benefits of research investment for European jobs, growth and society". Plenary sessions on this day will be chaired by Minister of State for Research and Innovation, Seán Sherlock TD.
- On **Friday**, Industry, Internal Market and Enterprise Ministers will meet to discuss 'SMEs as a driver of European growth.' Plenary sessions on this day will be chaired by Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Richard Bruton TD.

For more event information including the agenda, please see <http://eu2013.ie/events/event-items/informalcompetitivenesscouncil-20130501/>

Thursday 2 May

Part 1: Research and Innovation

- 10.00 Werburgh Street Media Centre opens**
Media all must access through Werburgh Street only. For more information, see below.
- 12.00 Media opportunity with Minister Sherlock, State Apartments**
Press pool only. To apply for this press pool, you must indicate your interest on arrival at Media Centre.
- 12.15 Photo call: Minister Sherlock greets Heads of Delegations, State Apartments**
Press pool only. To apply for this press pool, you must indicate your interest on arrival at Media Centre.
- 14.15 Photo call: Family photo, Throne Room**
Press pool only. To apply for this press pool, you must indicate your interest on arrival at Media Centre.
- 14.30 Photo call: Tour de table, Conference Centre**
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- 17.15 Press Conference with Minister Sherlock and EU Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn, State Apartments**
Minister Sherlock and Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn will outline the results of the discussions, followed by questions.
- 19.00 Werburgh Street Media Centre closes**

Friday 3 May

Part 2: Industry, Internal Market and Enterprise

- 07.00 Werburgh Street Media Centre opens**
Media all must access through Werburgh Street only. For more information, see below.
- 08.00 Photo call: Minister Bruton greets Heads of Delegations, State Apartments**
Press pool only. To apply for this press pool, you must indicate your interest on arrival at Media Centre.
- 09.45 Media opportunity with Minister Bruton and EU Commissioner Tajani, State Apartments**
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- 10.15 Photo call: Tour de table, Conference Centre**
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- 12.45 Photo call: Family photo, Throne Room**
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- 15.00 Press Conference with Minister Bruton and Deputy Director General, Pierre Delsaux, Internal Market and Services Directorate General, European Commission, State Apartments**
Minister Bruton and Deputy Director General Delsaux will outline the results of the discussions, followed by questions.
- 18.00 Werburgh Street Media Centre closes**

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Media Liaison

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