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## **SME „Low“ Level Group continues fight against bureaucracy with concrete suggestions**

„The efficient and constructive work of the “Low” Level Group (LLG) is a living proof that there is not always a special need for high-level structures to achieve valuable results, even in a short time”, emphasized SME UNION President Christoph Leitl after the second meeting of the “Low” Level Group in Brussels today. To support and stimulate the Commission’s „High Level Expert Group” for Better Regulation, the SME UNION of the European People’s Party – together with EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and Jade, the European Confederation of Junior Enterprises - has set up a „Low Level Group” of real entrepreneurs on the grass root level.

“It is of utmost importance that the Commission takes into account and responds to the actual concerns of European small businesses,” President Leitl pointed out. The core of the group consists of seven entrepreneurs and seven experts. It has already detected several fields where quick action to abolish bureaucratic burdens is needed, for example in the fields of e-commerce, environment or transport:

- E-Commerce Directive: Engaging in E-Commerce can be tricky for SMEs, since information requirements vary considerably among Member States and disclosure requirements are burdensome. Bring into line information requirements in order to facilitate cross-border business for SMEs!
- REACH Regulation: Substances following a recovery process which are not the same as registered ones, shall be exempted from the registration obligation. Instead they should be subject to a simplified notification obligation only!
- Regulation on the use of Digital Tachographs: The wording of the regulation is imprecise and potentially burdensome. The criterion of weight should be replaced by the driving license type!

“The Low Level Group will continue to hammer out more concrete measures. „They complement the work of the Commission with their own hands-on experience.” The LLG will present the complete package on June 5 in Brussels to the EU Commission, Member States and the High Level Group for Better Regulation”, concluded President Leitl.

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