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SME UNION elects new Presidency

Peter Jungen: Strong team of entrepreneurs and politicians

The SME UNION, the business organization of the European People's Party, has elected a new Presidency at the General Assembly on Tuesday 21 July 2009 in Brussels. The new team will be led by the SME UNION President Peter Jungen, elected already by the SME UNION members at the General Assembly in Athens in June 2009. Peter Jungen stressed "The SME UNION Presidency members are from 11 EU countries including 5 new member countries. Entrepreneurs, MEPs and MPs bring together the political and economical expertise, which is particularly needed in a time of economic crisis. The way out of the global economic and financial crisis will only be successfully achieved by innovation, entrepreneurship and encouraging new businesses. This requires proper framework conditions set by politics on the European and national level."

The members of the new SME UNION Presidency are:

- **President:** Peter JUNGEN, Germany
- **Honorary Presidents:** Jacques SANTER, Ingo FRIEDRICH, Christoph LEITL
- **Honorary Member:** Christos FOLIAS MP, Greece
- **Co-President:** Karlheinz KOPF MP, Austria
- **Vice-Presidents**
 - Nadezhda MIHAYLOVA MEP, Bulgaria
 - Cesare COCCHI, Italy
 - Frank ENGEL MEP, Luxembourg
 - Jean-Michel FERRAND MP, France
 - Marian Petre MILUT, Romania

Tomaz TOPLAK, Slovenia

- **Treasurer**

Peter HAUBNER MP, Austria

- **Co-Treasurers**

Hans-Dieter LEHNEN, Germany

Nelu NEACSU, Romania

- **Auditors**

Dimitar AVRAMOV MP, Bulgaria

Bernhard KÖSSLINGER, Germany

- **Co-opted Members**

Corien WORTMAN-KOOL MEP, Netherlands

György BISZTRAY, Hungary

Jerzy SAMBORSKI, Poland

In a Presidency meeting following the General Assembly, SME UNION **Secretary General** Patrick VOLLER was reappointed to manage the organization of the SME UNION office until the end of 2009.

Peter Jungen concluded “In this time of economic crisis the SME UNION Presidency will concentrate on the cooperation with the newly elected European Parliament, especially with the SME Circle of the Group, the new EU Commission in charge of SMEs and the Swedish EU Council Presidency in order to strengthen the framework conditions to support entrepreneurs to grow businesses and to increase employment.”

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SME UNION (Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Union) of the EPP (European People’s Party) is the network of pro-business Christian-Democrat, Conservative and Liberal politicians and political organizations. Its main objective is to help in shaping EU policy in a more SME friendly way. www.sme-union.org