

OPEN-DOOR MOBILITY FOR BSOs

Questions and answers

1. **Could you please let us know if you have any news regarding the Eurochambres Enlargement Conference? Has the date been confirmed?**

The conference has been confirmed by Eurochambres' policy team. However, at this moment, we do not have specific details regarding the venue and the exact date. Applicants should bear in mind that the intention is to organise it during the week of the Open-door Mobility for BSOs, ideally, either on 13 or 14 March. This strategic alignment aims to create synergies between both initiatives and maximize the impact of the events.

Given the dynamic nature of event planning, we ask applicants to consider the possibility of proposing an alternative plan in case the final date of the conference cannot be set during the implementation of this activity.

2. **In 3.1.a (p.3), two sessions are mentioned: one "facilitated brainstorming session" for new services for SMEs; and one "structured guided session" for the Advocacy Action Plans. However in 3.1.j (p.5) these two sessions appear to be the same activity. Can you confirm that they can be split up?**

The brainstorming session to help participants implement new and innovative services for their members and the guided session to assist participants in the preparation of individual advocacy action plans can be organised together or separated.

3. **We would hereby like to ask for a clarification on how BSOs, both Brussels-based and EaP-based, will be selected. The tender states that the service provider will have to pre-select the participants: are there already defined selection criteria or have you already identified some of the organisations to which you will send the application form? Will we have to take care of e.g. opening a call for interest? If so, what will your support be in identifying the organisations?**

The **delegation of BSOs from the EaP** will be comprised of 28 individuals, each representing a distinct BSO. Among these participants, it is stipulated that 5 must be employees of the national chambers of commerce from the EaP countries, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. Each national Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) is required to nominate an individual with demonstrated expertise in policy work.

The selected service provider is tasked with assembling the list of the remaining 23 participants, all of whom should be affiliated with EaP-based BSOs and engaged in policy-related work. Shall the service provider be interested, EU4BCC team is committed to supporting this effort by promoting the activity through various channels, including direct mailing, newsletters, the website, and social media. It is to be noted that EU4BCC has an extensive list of eligible BSOs who have been previously engaged in previous tours organised in the framework of the same project.

Similarly, the compilation of the list of **EU-based BSOs** is the responsibility of the service provider, with the EU4BCC team offering assistance and coordination with pertinent contacts as needed. It is recommended to prioritise the selection of BSOs situated in Brussels or its vicinity to streamline logistical considerations.

Potential candidates on the EU side encompass National or regional Belgian CCI, CCIs from EU member states located in Brussels, and organizations based in Brussels that specialize in policy work.