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EU SUPPORTS Western Balkan SMEs

The European Commission is organising a “DG Enlargement information meeting for SMEs” in Sarajevo 25 February 2010. The event aims at informing the Regional SME stakeholder community about the new DG Enlargement Financial Instruments available for SMEs in Western Balkan¹.

This information meeting for SMEs is organised by the European Commission in order to inform about the DG Enlargement Financial Instruments for SMEs, this together with partners for local implementation. The aim is to raise awareness about different sources of finance and provide a forum for sharing good practices in helping SMEs get easier access to finance.

The European Union developed a Crisis Response Package for the Western Balkans and Turkey with a view to contribute to the stabilization of financial markets and economies in the region. The European Commission recently signed agreements with European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and European Investment Bank (EIB) and KfW, which would create two loan facilities for Western Balkan. These facilities will address access to finance needs of SMEs, including promoting energy efficiency investments in the private sector.

Date/ Time: 25 February 2010 at 18.00h

Venue: Holiday Inn hotel, Sarajevo, conference room “Una”

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