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**CEBRE – Czech Business Representation to the EU and Czech Permanent Representation to the EU would like to jointly invite you to a debate on**

**HOW TO AVOID UNNECESSARY RED TAPE AFTER 2012?**

**Where:** Czech Permanent Representation to the EU, 15 Rue Caroly, B-1050 Brussels  
**When:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, 9h00 - 11h00

The EU set 25% target in its Action Programme for Reducing Administrative Burdens in the EU endorsed in March 2007 to cut unnecessary administrative burden by 2012. End of 2011 is a good time to evaluate the results achieved by the EU and design a new way to reduce administrative burden in the future. Shall the EU set new targets for period after 2012 or shall it focus more on fitness checks and SME tests? Good better law-making is not only cutting red tape but it is also a culture of involvement of stakeholders including NGOs within the whole legislative process at EU and national level, drafting of high-quality integral impact assessments and special attention to the impact of new initiatives on SMEs. Abundant red tape arises also with transposition of EU directives. The Commission encourages Member States to implement EU law in the least burdensome way and has asked the High-Level Group chaired by Dr. Edmund Stoiber to produce a report on best practice in Member States by end of 2011.

Many questions arise: How should the EU and Member States avoid unnecessary red tape after 2012? How should be the SME test implemented in the Member States? Shall the EU and its Member States focus more on preventive side of administrative burden?

After a welcome by the host, **H.E. Jakub DÜRR**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the EU, the following **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS** will help to find answers to abovementioned questions:

- **Mr. Jiří MICHOVSKÝ**, Deputy Director for innovation and investment, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic;
- **Representative of the European Parliament** (tbc);
- **Ms. Joanna DRAKE**, Director for SMEs and Entrepreneurship;
- **Mr. Jonathon STOODLEY**, Head of Unit on Evaluation and Simplification, Secretariat General, European Commission;
- **Mr. Ben BUTTERS**, Director for EU Affairs, EUROCHAMBRES;
- **Mr. Erik BERGGREN**, Senior Adviser of Legal Affairs Department, BUSINESSEUROPE.

Shall you be interested in taking part in the debate, please register at [brussels@cebre.cz](mailto:brussels@cebre.cz) before 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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