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EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS SHOULD BE CENTRAL IN NEXT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S WORK

Today, BUSINESSEUROPE published a document entitled "*Unfolding Europe's Future*" – summing up what companies expect from the European Parliament in 2009-2014.

BUSINESSEUROPE highlights the importance of dialogue between the European Parliament and the business community; urges the new Parliament to focus on restoring the conditions for sustainable growth and employment in building on the European Union's values and achievements.

This publication is addressed to all future Members of Parliament in all 27 member states.

Joining in the European Parliament's "its your choice" campaign aimed at increasing citizens awareness about the importance of European elections, BUSINESSEUROPE encourages entrepreneurs to go and vote on 4-7 June 2009.

Ernest-Antoine Seillière, president of BUSINESSEUROPE said: "*80% of the decisions affecting European business are taken at the European level. The European Parliament will have an increased power to shape policies. European entrepreneurs urge Members of Parliament to put companies and their competitiveness at the heart of their campaign and their action.*"

You will find the full text together with the message of EP Parliament President Hans-Gert Pötering on the EP elections on our website: www.businessseurope.eu

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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