

SMEUnited – Crafts and SMEs in Europe

SMEUnited, formally known as UEAPME, is the association of crafts and SMEs in Europe with around 70 member organisations from over 30 European countries. SMEUnited is a recognised employers' organisation and European Social Partner and acts on behalf of crafts and SMEs in the European Social Dialogue and in discussions with the EU institutions.

We represent national cross-sectoral Craft and SME federations, European SME branch organisations and associate members. We speak on behalf of the 24 million SMEs in Europe which employ almost 95 million people. We are a non-profit seeking and non-partisan organisation.

The 24 million SMEs in Europe count for 99,8% of all enterprises, 2/3 of employment and close to 60% of the added value created in the European Union. These enterprises play a decisive role in Europe's economy and society, are driver of innovation and ensure social and regional stability.

SMEUnited has three main tasks in giving SMEs a voice at European level:

- Representing the interest of SMEs towards the European Institutions, other stakeholders and in the Social Dialogue.
- Networking and capacity building.
- Projects.

SMEUnited is operative in various sector activities, granting a direct connection to the specific needs and interests of business branches. These activities are managed by the following fora:

- Construction Forum
- Cosmetic Forum
- Food Forum
- Transport Forum
- Retail forum