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### **THE EUROPEAN UNION MUST “GO FOR GROWTH”**

Today, ahead of the EU Council meeting on February 11, 2010, BUSINESSEUROPE meets Presidents Van Rompuy, Barroso and Buzek to present its agenda for the future of the European Union In 2010-2014.

BUSINESSEUROPE's agenda is entitled “*Go for Growth*”. It identifies 5 key challenges facing Europe, 4 conditions for economic recovery, 3 drivers of business opportunities, 2 ingredients for boosting employment and 1 integrated policy for entrepreneurship and industry.

It explains how companies can contribute to reaching Europe's economic, environmental and social goals and what the 40 member federations of BUSINESSEUROPE representing small, medium and large companies from all sectors of activity in 34 European countries expect from European policy-makers in 2010-2014.

“*Go for Growth*” outlines the basic policies needed for enabling the European Union to double its growth potential. The difference between a European economy growing at 2% instead of 1% amounts to 6.5 million additional jobs and a public debt consolidation effort of 450 billion Euros or 7% of GDP by 2014.

Jürgen R. Thumann, President of BUSINESSEUROPE said: “*Go for growth is more than a slogan. It should inspire every policy decision of the European Union. Growth is a fundamental pre-condition to maintain our living standards and strengthen Europe's position in the world*”.

“*Go for Growth*” can be downloaded and/or ordered on [www.businessseurope.eu](http://www.businessseurope.eu).

*BUSINESSEUROPE – the Confederation of European Business represents more than 20 million small, medium and large companies. Active in European affairs since 1958, BUSINESSEUROPE Members are 40 central industrial and employers' federations from 34 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe.*

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