

Consultation on EU Startup & Scaleup Strategy

25.04.2025, Brussels, Berlaymont building (room Walter Hallstein) and online

European Startup and Scaleup Forum

Agenda

Master of Ceremony: Marc Lemaître, Director-General DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

- 9.30 Registration and welcome coffee
- 10.00 Commissioner Ekaterina Zaharieva, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation: Welcome and introduction to the meeting.
- 10.10 Implementation Dialogue and structured discussion on the draft building blocks of the future EU Startup and Scaleup Strategy: 1) presentation of outcome of public consultation, followed by, for each building block, 2) 5-min presentation of possible actions by Commission services; 3) 20 min discussion.
 - 10.20 Block 1: Access to finance
 - 10.45 Block 2: Regulatory fragmentation and burdens
- 11.10 Coffee break
 - 11.30 Block 3: Access to markets
 - 11.55 Block 4: Skills and talent
 - 12.20 Block 5: Access to infrastructures, data and services
- 12.45 Open discussion with Commissioner Zaharieva and next steps
- 13.00 End of the meeting, followed by buffet lunch

NB: the meeting will take place in a hybrid form (i.e. it is possible to attend online for those who cannot be in Brussels) and will follow the "Chatham House" rules. Interventions by participants should be limited to 2 minutes each.