



# European Public Affairs in times of COVID-19

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, 11:30 – 12:30 CET

**Dear friend of PACE,**  
**You have been invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> PACE Annual Meeting that this year, due to the exceptional circumstances, will take place virtually on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May at 11:30hrs, for one hour.**

**We are hereby explaining details of the event, its purpose, and the main guidelines to ensure and agile and swift discussion.**

## General Details of the Event

**The discussion will take place in Zoom. Each participant will receive, upon its confirmation, the connection details with a link, a meeting number and a password. Each Member of PACE can invite up to 3 other guests to attend the discussion. Non-members must request the organizers further invitations.**

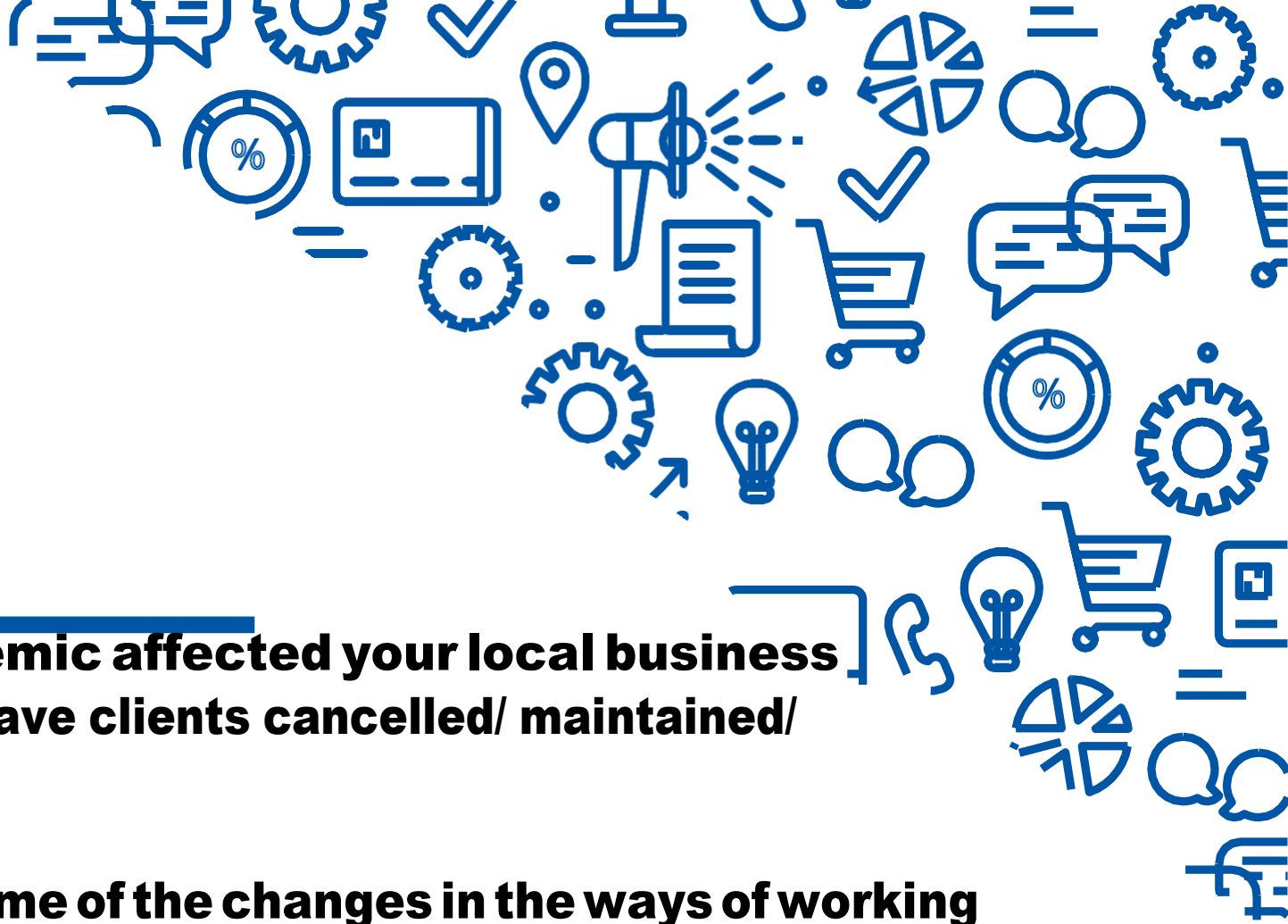
**The structure of the event will be the following:**

- 1. Introduction and welcome from the PACE Board**
- 2. Address from the President (2')**
- 3. Country interventions (45')**
- 4. Q&A (15')**
- 5. Closing remarks**

### ● **Subject of the discussion**

**The questions that we kindly ask you to address are the following:**

- a. How has the COVID-19 pandemic hit your country? What has been, broadly speaking, the answer of your government and the main measures put in place? (Here we would like to hear a very generic context about how your specific country reality).**
- b. Has your Parliament and Government been shut down? If so, for how long?**
- c. How has the local public affairs industry adapted to the new situation? Have there been any changes or difficulties in the access to politicians during the lockdown, or have they accepted virtual meetings? If yes, how are these meetings taking place?**



d.

**How has the pandemic affected your local business in terms of work? (Have clients cancelled/ maintained/ increased work)**

e. **Do you think that some of the changes in the ways of working with politicians that this pandemic has brought will remain in your country? How do you envisage the “new normal” in our sector in your country?**

● **Order of participants**

**To facilitate the conversation, the participants will speak in this alphabetical order:**

- **AUSTRIA – Österreichische Public Affairs Vereinigung**
- **BELGIUM – BELGIAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMUNITY**
- **BULGARIA – Bulgarian Association of Public Affairs Specialists**
- **CROATIA – Croatian Lobbyist Association**
- **CZECH REPUBLIC – Association of Public Affairs agencies – APAA**
- **EU – EPACA**
- **EU – SEAP**
- **FRANCE -**
- **GERMANY – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Politikberatung e.V.**
- **GREECE**
- **ITALY – Il Chiostro**
- **PORTUGAL**
- **ROMANIA – Asociației Registrul Român de Lobby**
- **SERBIA – The Serbian Lobbying Society**
- **FRANCE – Association Française des Conseils en Lobbying et Affairs Publiques (AFCL)**
- **SPAIN – Asociación de Profesionales de las Relaciones Institucionales**
- **SWITZERLAND – La Société Suisse de Public Affairs**
- **UNITED KINGDOM – PAB at PRCA**

## Other rules to take into consideration

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**In order to ensure an agile discussion and sufficient bandwidth, we propose you to follow the next guidelines:**

- 1. Please find a spot that ensure sufficient bandwidth during the event.**
- 2. All participants, except the moderator and the speaker, will have microphones and video shut. The organizer will shut them down automatically.**
- 3. There will be one speaker per organization.**
- 4. Each participant will have 2,5 minutes to make a presentation. Please ensure that your presentation is focused and to the point. Prepare your answers beforehand.**
- 5. You can send questions to any speaker in the chat available in the Zoom platform, either visible (to all) or to the moderator.**
- 6. The event will be recorded and available for members after the discussion.**
- 7. There will be also attendants from other organizations like the European Commission, OECD, PAC, etc.**



## Log In Details

**You are invited to a Zoom meeting. Please, register in advance for this meeting**

**Time: 15 May 2020 11:30 AM Madrid**

**JOIN MEETING with hyper link to the following link:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88555666783?pwd=dGVGaEVlQnVuckNaaTRZdVU1c1ZuZz09>**

**ID Meeting: 885 5566 6783**

**Password: 303150**