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To the kind attention of Mr. Manuel Hubert, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Re: creation of an ICT Skills Council at European level

PIN-SME believes that the setup of an inclusive Commission-led stakeholder's platform on e-skills would be essential in addressing the present and future challenges facing the ICT sector regarding skills issues. **PIN-SME fully supports the creation of an ICT Skills Council at European level** as discussed during the March 11th 2011 meeting. In the event of the creation of this Council, PIN-SME is willing to provide continuous support and active participation to its work.

PIN-SME is an association formed in 2007 to represent the interests of Europe's ICT SME sector. Currently ten national and regional associations are members, representing some 50,000 ICT SME companies that account for around 200 thousand jobs. PIN-SME aims to ensure that ICT SMEs *get talked to* rather than just *talked about*. It provides a voice for ICT SMEs in the policy and business arenas and is already represented in several EU expert groups and taskforces.



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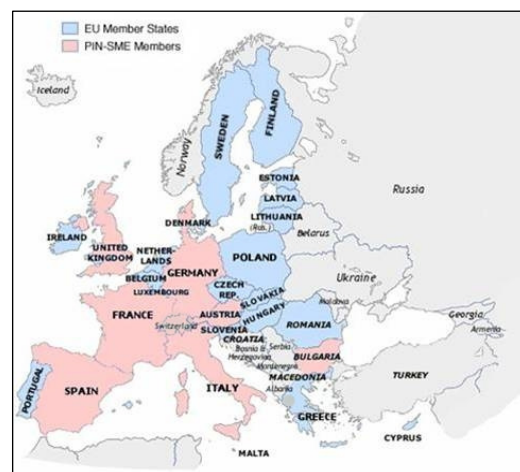
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