

INVITATION

Othmar Karas, MEP

has the pleasure to invite you to a debate followed by a reception

At the heart of Lisbon: Supporting Innovative SMEs

**Presenting the European Grants Advisor¹
and the EPRI-start² project**

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 18.00-20.00h

European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels, Room A5 E-2

Growth and innovation are the cornerstones of the knowledge based economy and SMEs are a vital component to make that happen. This event explores both, the challenges and the opportunities innovative ICT oriented SMEs encounter in the EU, with particular emphasis on EU funding.

Speakers include:

- **Othmar Karas** MEP
- **Wilfried Grommen**, General Manager Business Strategy (EUGA / Microsoft)
- **Marco Langhof** , Project Coordinator EPRI-start / CEO Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt
- **SOS PC Assistance** (France, tbc)
- **Witold Holubowicz**, President of ITTI board, Professor at University of Poznan, Chair CMG Poland
- **Peter Jungen**, Angel investor and SME UNION Co-President

Registration:

RSVP as soon as possible but no later than February 24th 2006

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¹ <http://www.microsoft.com/emea/euga/>

² <http://www.epristart.org/>