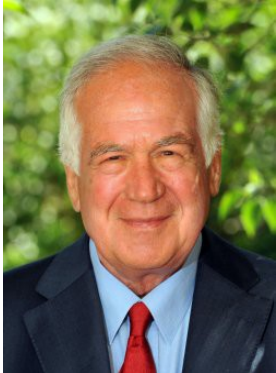




Newsletter

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Dear members and friends of the Kangaroo Group,

The Kangaroo Group has begun to promote the idea of a Single European Market in 1979. We are proud to have contributed to many achievements on this way. However, much has to be done before we really can speak of a real European Home Market for our citizens and companies.

Therefore we will continue our work with Debates and Working Groups in 2013 as in the past.

We want to thank you for your ideas and your cooperation in 2012 and look forward to staying in contact with you next year. With our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year 2013.

Yours Sincerely

Karl von Wogau
Secretary General

Kangaroo Group's Tradition is to jump ahead

December 4th, the Board of the Kangaroo Group had its 100th meeting since the foundation of the Group in 1979. President José Manuel Barroso had agreed to participate in this meeting as Guest Speaker. We had an exchange of views about the internal market, better spending in security and defence and the debt crisis. It was a very lively exchange of views in the best tradition of the Kangaroo Group.

The Kangaroo Group was founded in 1979 immediately after the first European election when Jaques Delors was chairing the Economic and monetary committee of the European Parliament. Founding Members of the Group were Basil de Ferranti, Karl von Wogau, Dieter Rogalla, Christiane Scrivener and Emile a Campo.

The first members of the Kangaroo Group believed that Europe had to be developed step by step around concrete projects with a visible usefulness for the citizens. The projects chosen should have a chance of realization of more than fifty percent.

The Group endeavours to assemble all the stakeholders of a project around the table. Today, it has members from the European Institutions, Academia and the business community. The main challenges are the internal market for consumer goods and intellectual property, barriers caused by taxation, the protection of the outside borders of the Union and better spending in Security and Defence. The most important preoccupation of the Kangaroo Group at this time is the Stability of the Euro.



100th Board Meeting of the Kangaroo Group on 4 december 2012 - Edith Herzog and Karl von Wogau in discussion with President José Manuel Barroso

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