



Programme of the Kangaroo Group 2013

- 16 January** **1st STRASBOURG LUNCH, "PROJECTS OF THE KANGAROO GROUP FOR 2013"**
Othmar KARAS MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group and Karl von WOGAU, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group;
- 22 January** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE**, Lunch Debate, "Mali Mission", Chair: Karl von Wogau, Speakers: Arnaud Danjean MEP, Chairman of SEDE, Charles Tannock MEP, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Walter Stevens, Director CMPD – EEAS,
- 22 January** **Dinner Debate, "Should the EU take more action on Corporate Governance?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Introduction: Prof. Marco Becht, Prof. ECGI, Speakers: Sebastian Bodu MEP, Julian Franks, London School of Economics
- 23 January** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, "The Irish EU Presidency – Priorities on the Financial Services Agenda"**, Chair: Frank Engel MEP, Speakers: Irene Kirwan, Financial Services Attachés, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU,
- 23 January** **101st Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 6 February** **2nd STRASBOURG LUNCH, "Debate about CO2"**, Chair: Othmar Karas MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Ivan Hodac, Secretary General ACEA, Speakers: Connie Hedegaard, Commissioner on Climate Action, Thomas Ulmer MEP
- 19 February** **102nd Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 20 February** **FORUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, COUNTERFEIT, CONTRABAND & ORGANISED CRIME**, Breakfast Debate, **"Cybercrime: Where lies the big money online?"**, Chaired by: Bill Newton Dunn MEP, Speakers: Jean Bergevin, Head of Unit, DG Markt, Erik Barnett, Director of European Policy, Homeland Security Investigations USA, Yoeri Vandaele, Specialized Chief Inspector, Federal Judicial Police-Computer Crime Unit Brussels, Statement: Troels Oerting, Head of the European Cybercrime Center
- 20 February** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES**, Lunch Debate, "IMD II – a Proportionate Framework for Selling General Insurance Products", Chair: Frank Engel, Speakers: Olle Schmidt MEP, Karel Van Hulle, DG Markt, David Harrison, Chief Marketing Officer-Genworth Lifestyle Protection, Paul Carty, President of BIPAR



- 13 March** **3rd Strasbourg Lunch, "Commerce in Europe"**, Chair: Othmar Karas MEP, Speakers: Malcolm Harbour MEP and Chairman of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Léandre Boulez, Chain & Quality Director, Groupe Auchan
- 20 March** **Breakfast Debate, "Clinical Trials - Keeping Research and Innovation in Europe"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the KG, Speakers: Cristian Busoi MEP, Antonio Correia de Campos MEP
- 20 March** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate "Security of the Sahel Zone"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: Kim Eling Member of Cabinet from Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, Agnes Venema, Director-EastWest Institute
- 20 March** **103rd Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 17 April** **4th Strasbourg Lunch, "Getting Europe out of the Crisis – the Solutions are there, let's tackle them!"**, Chair: Othmar Karas MEP, Speaker: Jürgen R. Thumann, President of BusinessEurope, Statement: Reinhard Bütikofer MEP
- 23 April** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate "Implementation of the Procurement Directive"** Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the KG, Speakers: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Jacques Cipriano, Senior Vice President Safran Group, Burkhard Schmitt, DG Internal Market-Public Procurement, Tarja Jaakola, Deputy Director-EDA
- 24 April** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate "PRIPS-Will it improve Investor Protection – and Confidence?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the KG, Speakers: Pervenche Berès MEP, Syed Kamall MEP, Tilman Lueder, Head of Unit-DG Internal Market, Sandy Macdonald, Senior Public Affairs Manager Standard Life
- 24 April** **104th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 22 May** **5th Strasbourg Lunch, "Free Trade Agreement with the US"**, Chair: Othmar Karas MEP, Speakers: Elena Peresso, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Karel De Gucht, Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl MEP, Daniel Caspary MEP, Marietje Schaake, MEP, Ivan Hodac, Secretary General of ACEA,
- 28 May** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate "The Future of the European Security and Defence Policy"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Speakers: Arnaud Danjean MEP, Michael Gahler MEP, Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Marietta Giannakou MEP, Erich Peters, Commission (BEPA)
- 29 May** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Breakfast Debate "MiFID-Will the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive/Regulation deliver in enhancing trading and investor protection practices in Europe?"**, Chair: Frank Engel MEP, Speakers: Markus Ferber MEP, Olle Schmidt MEP, Kay Swinburne MEP
- 29 May** **105th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**



- 5 June** **FORUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, COUNTERFEIT, CONTRABAND & ORGANISED CRIME, Breakfast, "Trade Secrets"**, Chair: Edit Herczog MEP, Speaker: Jean Bergevin, Head of Unit, DG Internal Market, Conclusions: Andreas Schwab, MEP
- 12 June** **6th Strasbourg Lunch, "Trade Secrets"**, Chair: Othmar Karas MEP, Speaker: Commissioner Michel Barnier, Statement: Andreas Schwab MEP, Marielle Gallo MEP
- 18 June** **106th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 19 June** **Kangaroo Groups General Assembly at 17.00 hrs**
- 3 July** **107th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 3 July** **7th Strasbourg Lunch, "EU's External Aviation Policy – Addressing Future Challenges"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP and Rapporteur, Jacqueline Foster MEP and Shadow-Rapporteur
- 9 July** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "What do we expect from the Summit in December?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Maria Eleni Koppa MEP, Tarja Cronberg MEP, Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Jean-Pierre Audy MEP
- 10 July** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate "European Long-Term Funds – Getting the right EU legislative framework in place"**, Chair: Frank Engel MEP, Speakers: Tilman Lueder, Head of Asset Management Unit, DG Internal Market, Mike Everett, Governance and Stewardship, Standard Life Investments UK, Bernard Delbecque, Director of Research and Economics EFAMA
- 11 September** **8th Strasbourg Lunch, "The Challenge of the Financial Transaction Tax: New wine in old bottles or more innovative taxation and tax justice?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Christa Randzio-Plath Dr. h.c. University of Hamburg, former Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Speakers: Commissioner Algirdas Šemeta, Statements: Anni Podimata MEP, Othmar Karas MEP,
- 18 September** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, "Social Dimensions of the EU Financial Services Legislative Agenda"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Benoit Lallemand, Senior Policy Analyst-Finance Watch, Sven Giegold MEP, Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- 18 September** **108th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**



- 25 September** **Breakfast Debate, "EU Single Market: The Key Conditions of a competitive European Industry"**, Chair: Malcolm Harbour MEP, Speakers: Jean-Dominique Senard, CEO Michelin, Edit Herczog MEP, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy,
- 9 October** **9th Strasbourg Lunch, "The Future of Occupational Pension Schemes in Europe"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Ria Oomen-Ruijten MEP, Thomas Mann MEP, Paulina Dejmek-Hack, Member of Cabinet-Commissioner Michel Barnier, Corianne Van De Ligt, Pensions Europe
- 23 October** **10th Strasbourg Lunch, "The Revision of the Trademark Package: The Way forward"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: António Campinos, President of OHIM/Alicante, Statements: Cecilia Wikström MEP/ALDE, Rapporteur on the European Trademark, Marielle Gallo MEP/EPP, Shadow-Rapporteur on the European Trademark, Christian Engström MEP/Group of the Greens-European Free Alliance, Shadow-Rapporteur on the European Trademark
- 12 November** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "Certification of RPAS"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Introduction: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: Christian Breant, Director-EDA, , Philippe Brunet, Director, DG Markt, Ingo Schwätzer, Leiter Marketing Unmanned Aerial Systems, Diehl BGT Defence
- 13 November** **Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime, "Trade and Competitiveness: How can EU bilateral negotiations foster growth and innovation?"**, Lunch Debate, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Rupert Schlegelmilch, Director DG Trade, Dr. Dorian Immler, Chief Patent Counsel Bayer HealthCare
- 13 November** **109th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 20 November** **11th Strasbourg Lunch, "How to handle the external borders of the EUI"**, Chair: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Manfred Weber MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs,
- 3 December** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "EU's future space surveillance and tracking support program"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Michael Gahler MEP and Rapporteur
- 4 December** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "Challenges for SMEs financing under the new Regulatory framework"**, Chair: Gay Mitchell MEP, Speakers: Olivier Guersent, Head of Cabinet-Com. Barnier, Jordi Gual, Chief Economist La Caixa
- 4 December** **110th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**, Dinner Debate – open to all Members of the Kangaroo Group
- 11 December** **12th Strasbourg Lunch, "Working together for new growth – how better partnerships can boost the Single Market"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Malcolm Harbour, Chairman of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection