



Programme of the Kangaroo Group 2014

11 January 2015

- 15 January** **1st STRASBOURG LUNCH, "Protection of Trade Secrets against their unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Pierre Delsaux, Deputy Director General-DG Markt and Andreas Schwab MEP
- 21 January** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE**, Lunch Debate, "The Results of the Defence Summit", Chair: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director General, EEAS and Ioan Mircea Pascu, MEP
- 22 January** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, "Inter Change Transaction Fees – will a cap protect consumers or hurt business?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Pablo Zalba Bidegain MEP, Norbert Bielefeld, Deputy Director ESBB, Rita Wezembeek, Head of Unit Antitrust Payment Systems-DG Comp, Kasper Ernest, Head of Brussels Office-Danish Chamber of Commerce, Conclusions: Jean Naslin, Member of the Board of the Kangaroo Group
- 22 January** **111th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 5 February** **2nd STRASBOURG LUNCH, "Financial and related professional services enabling growth"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Chris Cummings, Chief Executive, TheCityUK, Statements: Wolf Klinz MEP
- 11 February** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, " The current situation in the Central African Republic"**, Lunch Debate, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: General Wolfgang Wosolsobe, EUMS, Kim Eling, Deputy Head of Cabinet-Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, Ana Gomes MEP, Andrea Ostheimer, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- 12 February** **112th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 26 February** **3rd STRASBOURG LUNCH, "The year 2014 – Europe at a Crossroads – a business perspective"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speaker: Emma Marcegaglia, President of BusinessEurope, Statements: Malcolm Harbour MEP, Sylvie Goulard MEP, Gunnar Hökmark MEP, Paul Rübigen MEP



- 12 March** **4th Strasbourg Lunch, "The Situation in Ukraine"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP
President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Elmar Brok MEP, Jacek Saryusz-Wolski
MEP, Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP
- 18 March** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate "The Role of the
European Union in the Ukraine Crisis"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Speakers: Harald
Kujat, General (ret), Alojz Peterle MEP,
- 19 March** **Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime,**
Breakfast Debate, "The latest from Europol in the fight against organized Crime", Chair:
Bill Newton Dunn MEP, Speaker: Rob Wainwright, Director of Europol
- 19 March** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "The Greek EU Presidency-
Priorities on the Financial Services Agenda"**, Welcome: Karl von Wogau, Secretary
General of the KG, Introduction: Othmar Karas MEP, Speaker: H.E. Ambassador
Théodoros Sotiropoulos
- 19 March** **113th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 8 April** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "Admission of Remotely
Piloted Aircrafts to the European Airspace"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers:
Carlo Borghini, Deputy Executive Director SESAR, Michael Steinfurth, Head of Civil
Military Coordination EUROCONTROL
- 9 April** **114th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 16 April** **5th Strasbourg Lunch, "MiFID – the final cut!"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP,
President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Markus Ferber MEP and Rapporteur on
MiFID, Statements: Kay Swinburne MEP, Olle Schmidt MEP
- 4 June** **115th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**, Dinner – open to all Members of the
Kangaroo Group
- 24 June** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "An Inner Circle for European Security
and Defence?"**, Lunch Debate, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the
Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Sénateur Daniel Reiner, Sénateur Jacques Gautier, Arnaud
Danjean MEP,
- 25 June** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Breakfast Debate, "EU Structural Bank Reform
– a last bridge towards financial stability?"**, Welcome: Karl von Wogau, Secretary
General of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Alain Deckers, Head of Unit for banking sector
structural reform, DG Internal Market, European Commission, Statements: Gunnar
Hökmark MEP, Vicky Ford MEP,
- 1 July** **Social Event – Reception**, European Parliament, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP,
President of the Kangaroo Group



- 2 July** **6th Strasbourg Lunch, "The new Parliament - What are the Challenges for the next legislative period?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the European Parliament
- 8 July** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "The Future Cooperation between NATO and the European Union"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speaker: Ambassador Thrasylvoulos Terry Stamatopoulos, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, NATO, Statement: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP
- 9 July** **116th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 9 July** **General Assembly of the Kangaroo Group**
- Social Event, Reception**
- 10 July** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate "The Italian EU Presidency -Priorities on the EU Agenda"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Stefano Sannino, Statement: Herbert Dorfmann MEP
- 16 July** **7th Strasbourg Lunch, "Priorities of the European Union after the Election"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Valdis Dombrowskis MEP and Former Prime Minister of Latvia, Statements: Reinhard Bütikofer MEP, Andreas Schwab MEP
- 17 September** **8th Strasbourg Lunch, "Enforcing and Completing the Single Market for Goods"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Christiaan Prins, Head of Unilever European External Affairs Brussels, Statement: Vicky Ford MEP, Chairwoman of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- 23 September** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Breakfast Debate, "Galileo: Challenges and Opportunities"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship, Statements: Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP
- 23 September** **BRUSSELS DEBATE, Lunch, "Shaping the Future of Transport in Europe"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Olof Persson, President and CEO of the Volvo Group, Statements: Christofer Fjellner MEP, Wim van de Camp MEP
- 24 September** **Breakfast Debate, "External Reference Pricing – Remedy or Barrier for Sustainable Health Systems and Life Sciences?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General and Gwenole Cozigou, Director DG Enterprise and Industry, Dermot Glyn, Europe Economics, Ri de Ridder, Director General, Belgian Pricing Reimbursement Agency, Othmar Karas MEP, Achim Kautz, Policy Director, European Liver Patients Association, ELPA,



24 September 117th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting

7 October WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "Better Regulation with the European Standardization", Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Elena Santiago Cid, Director-General of CEN/CENELEC, Statements: Antti Peltomäki, Deputy Director-General DG Enterprise, Adrian Harris, Orgalime

8 October Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime, Breakfast Debate "Is the EU winning the fight against the black market?", Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Robin Cartwright KPMG, Statements: Inge Grässle MEP, Chairwoman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Anabela Gago, Head of Unit, DG Home Affairs tbc

22 October 9th Strasbourg Lunch, "Better Protecting Know-How enhancing European Competitiveness", Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Andreas Schwab MEP, Kerstin Jorna, Director DG Internal Market, Thomas Dressler, President EMEA, Scent&Care Division, Symrise AG

11 November WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "Syria and the fight against ISIS", Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: Ana Gomes MEP, Ambassador Martin Fleischer, EastWest Institute

11 November WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Dinner Debate, "Encouraging more Shareholder Engagement", Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Peter De Proft, Director General, EFAMA, Jeroen Hooijer, Head of Unit, DG Internal Market and Services, Guy Jubb, Head of Governance & Stewardship, Standard Life Investments, Martin Parkes, Director Government Affairs and Public Policy, Blackrock,

12 November WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, "EMIR: Progress and Future Developments", Lunch Debate, Chair: Kay Swinburne MEP, Speakers: Patrick Pearson, Head of Unit, DG Internal Market and Services, Ben Pott Head of European Affairs, ICAP, Anthony Kirby, E&Y, Rafael Plata, Secretary General, European Association of CCP Clearing House

12 November 118th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting

26 November 10th Strasbourg Lunch, "Boosting Logistics – Cornerstone of Europe's Competitiveness", Chair: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Paul Graham, CEO Mainland Europe, Middle East and Africa, DHL Supply Chain, Statements: Gesine Meissner MEP, Deirdre Clune MEP



- 9 December** **Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime, Working Breakfast**, Speakers: Inge Grässle MEP, Chairwoman of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Andrea Di Carlo, Deputy Director, EU Observatory/OHIM, Giorgio Sincovich, Europol, Prof. Ernesto Savona, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano
- 9 December** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "EU Strategy for Mali"**, Chair: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Speakers: Michel Reveyrand de Menton, EUSR Sahel, Brigadier General Heinz Krieb, EUMC, Director Concepts and Capabilities
- 10 December** **Brussels Debate, Breakfast, "Can Europe get along without importing energy?"**, Chair: Paul Rübige MEP, Speakers: Dr. Hubertus Bardt, UPEI/Marquard & Bahls, Claude Turmes MEP, Mechthild Woersdoerfer, Director, DG Energy
- 10 December** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "Money-Market Funds Regulation – preventing runs or boosting liquidity?"**, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Neena Gill MEP, Brian Hayes MEP, Tilman Lueder, Head of Unit, DG Market and Services
- 10 December** **Dinner – 119th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting** – open to all Members
- 17 December** **11th Strasbourg Lunch, "Satellite: A key element in the future digital networks and ecosystem – Building the foundations of the next decade communications networks"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Karim Michel Sabbagh, CEO SES, Statements: Viviane Reding MEP, Angelika Niebler MEP,