

# Programme of the Kangaroo Group 2015

2 February 2016

- 14 January**     **1<sup>st</sup> STRASBOURG LUNCH, "Interconnecting Europe's regions for sustainable growth"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Tor Eigil Hodne, Senior Vice President, Statnett, Statement: Jo Leinen MEP
- 20 January**     **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE**, Lunch Debate, **"What do we expect from the Defence Summit in June - The Future of European Security and Defence Policy"**, Chair and Introduction: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group
- 21 January**     **120<sup>th</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 11 February**     **2<sup>nd</sup> STRASBOURG LUNCH, "Smart Energy for EU Crisis Management and Foreign Aid projects"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Michael Keinert, CFO Pfisterer Holding, Statements: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Paul Rübiger MEP
- 24 February**     **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE**, Lunch Debate, **"The European Security and Defence College"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Hans-Bernhard Weissert, Head of European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Statements: Marie Alliot-Marie MEP tbc, Natalie Griesbeck MEP, Immanuel Jacob, President Euromil
- 25 February**     **WG on Consumer Goods, "Private Labeling – What's in it for the Consumers and the SME's"**, Chair: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt MEP, Speakers: Alain Galaski, Director General, European Brands Association- AIM, Philippe Chauve, Head of Food Task Force, DG Competition, Örjan Brinkmann, President of BEUC, Christel Delberghe, Policy Director, EuroCommerce
- 25 February**     **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, "IMD II – the Countdown to final adoption"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary-General of the Kangaroo Group, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Nico Spiegel, Policy Officer DG for Financial Stability, Daina Ispodkina, Latvian Presidency, David Harrison, Chief Marketing Officer, Genworth, Kenneth Underhill, EU Group General Counsel, ACE, Edouard de Lamarzelle, CEO PSA Insurance, Paris, Othmar Karas MEP
- 25 February**     **121<sup>st</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**

- 11 March**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, "Protection of Know-How: Stimulus for Innovation and Competitiveness or Obstacles to general interest of worker mobility?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Andreas Schwab MEP, Constance Le Grip MEP, Werner Ruess, EU Affairs Manager, Michelin
- 24 March**      **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate "Situation in Ukraine"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Elmar Brok MEP, Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General EEAS, General Wolfgang Wosolsobe, Military Staff, EEAS, tbc, Gunnar Wiegand, EEAS
- 25 March**      **Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime, Breakfast Debate, "Free Trade Zones"**, Chair: Inge Grässle MEP, Speakers: Alexandra Iliopoulous, Policy and Legal Adviser, Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (Bascap), Maria-Manuela Cabral, Head of Unit, DG Taxud, Howard Pugh, Europol
- 25 March**      **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "New Commission – new initiatives: Tax Coordination and Tax Cooperation – new perspectives or new barriers ?"**, Chair: Christa Randzio-Plath, former MEP and Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, Speakers: Thomas Neale, Head of Unit, DG Taxud, Alain Lamassoure MEP, Anneliese Dodds MEP,
- 25 March**      **122<sup>nd</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 14 April**      **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "Admission of Remotely Piloted Aircraft to the European Airspace"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: (Jacqueline Foster MEP), Jürgen Stegmeir, EDA, Philippe Merlo, Director, Air Traffic Management, Eurocontrol
- 15 April**      **WG AUTOMOTIVE, Lunch Debate, "Clean Air for Europe – the Role of Road Transport"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Prof. Zimmermeyer, Prof. Keil, Prof. Greim all EUGT, Elliot Treharne, Eurocities, Julie Girling MEP, Seb Dance MEP, Erik Jonnaert, Secretary General, ACEA,
- 21 April**      **KG – Japan Event, « The EU and Japan: A new Stage in Partnerships «, Debate followed by a Sushi-Reception, Bibliothèque Solvay**
- 29 April**      **4<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, "Lessons learned from the fight against Polio and Ebola – What can Europe do?"** Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Neven Mimica, Commissioner for Development, H.E. Ambassador John E. Lange, Senior Fellow, Global Health Diplomacy, United Nations Foundation, Sarah Crowe, Senior Adviser, UNICEF on behalf of GPI, Statements: Hannah Cameron, Global Policy & Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Linda McAvan MEP, Paul Rübzig MEP, Davor Ivo Stier MEP, Arne Gericke MEP
- 5 May**      **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, „The Situation in Libya“** Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: René Van Nes, Libya Desk Coordinator, EEAS,
- 6 May**      **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "EU Bank Structural Reform – a risk or size-based approach to separation?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Gunnar Hökmark MEP, Statements: Martin Spolc, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Fisma, Anna Dravniece, Director, Ministry of Finance, Latvia, Hans-Dieter Holtzmann, Head of EU Representation, Deutsche Bank, Pablo

Portugal, Director, Advocacy, at Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME), Brussels, Paulina Przewoska, Senior Policy Analyst, Finance Watch, Brussels

- 6 May**            **123<sup>rd</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 20 May**            **5<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, "Expectations for the Defence Summit"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Bert Versmessen, Advisor on CSDP at EEAS, Elmar Brok MEP, Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP
- 10 June**           **6<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, "Projects of the Kangaroo Group during the next Semester"**, Debate chaired by Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group
- 16 June**           **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "Results of the Defence Summit"**, Lunch Debate, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General, DG GROW, Rini Goos, Deputy Chief Executive EDA, Franz Pfrengle, Brigadier General, Eurocorps, Ana Gomes MEP
- 17 June**           **124<sup>th</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 8 July**             **7<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, "Cooperatives – Entrepreneurial Pillar of a modern European Social Market Economy?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Klaus Niederländer, Director, Cooperatives Europe, Statements: Paul Rübig MEP
- 14 July**           **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Breakfast Debate, "A MALE Drone for Europe"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: Jean-Youri Marty, Deputy Director & Programme Manager RPAS, EDA
- 14 July**           **Energy Debate, Lunch, "Competitiveness in the Energy Sector in Europe"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP tbc, Speaker: Miguel Arias Canete, Commissioner for Energy, Statements: Ian Duncan MEP, Emmanuel Haton, BP
- 15 July**           **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "Capital Markets Union – The Quest for deeper and more integrated Capital Markets in Europe"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Matthew Baldwin, Head of Cabinet – Commissioner Lord Hill, Statements: Philippe De Backer MEP, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Kay Swinburne MEP, Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- 15 July**           **125<sup>th</sup> Kangaroo Group Board**
- 15 July**           **Annual General Assembly**
- 9 September**    **8<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, "The Euro and the Greek Crisis"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis
- 16 September** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "IORP - sustainability of the occupational pension's space in Europe"**, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Brian HAYES MEP, IORP Rapporteur, Economics and Monetary Affairs Committee, Nathalie BERGER, Head of Unit, Insurance and Pensions, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission, Karel VAN HULLE, Chairman, EIOPA Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group, Frankfurt, Liam DAVIS, Global Pensions Finance Consultant, BP, London, Sean GREENE, Head of Pensions Operations, Universities Superannuation Scheme, London
- 7 October**        **9<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, Informal Lunch Debate** Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group

- 13 October**      **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, “European Independent Access to Space”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Lucia Linares, Head of Launcher Policy of the European Space Agency (ESA),
- 14 October**      **WG HEALTH, Breakfast Debate, “Patient Data at the heart of clinical research”**, Welcome: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the KG, Speakers: Sophie in’t Veld MEP, Marju Lauristin MEP, Axel Voss MEP, Knut Mager, Head Legal Country Organizations at Novartis, Chair of EFPIA’s Data Protection Working Group, Beth Thompson, Political Adviser, Wellcome Trust,
- 28 October**      **10<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, “Trade Secrets”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Paulina Baumgartner Harris, Senior IP Counsel, Firmenich, Jean-Marie Cavada MEP, Andreas Schwab MEP
- 10 November**    **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, “The German White Paper on Security Policy”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, Speaker: Carsten Breuer, Brigadier General, Federal Ministry of Defence, Director – Project Group White Paper on Security Policy
- 11 November**    **Brussels Lunch Debate, “5G – The next Generation of Mobile Networks will revolutionize our Communications”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Lauri Oksanen, Vice-President Research and Technology, NOKIA, Statement: Paul Rübige MEP
- 11 November**    **126<sup>th</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 25 November**    **11<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, “IMI 2 – New challenges, new focus areas”**, Chair: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Pierre Meulin, Executive Director, Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), Statement: Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP
- 1 December**      **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, “The Future European Launcher Policy”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Alain Charneau, CEO Airbus Safran Launchers, Philippe Brunet, Director, DG Grow, Markus Bertschi, Head of Launchers Exploitation Department, ESA
- 2 December**      **127<sup>th</sup> Kangaroo Group Board Meeting, Christmas Dinner – only for Kangaroo Group Members**
- 3 December**      **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, “Securitisation – Reviving the funding of the real Economy in Europe”**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Pablo Portugal, AFME, Neena Gill MEP, Almore Rubin de Cervin, Head of Unit, DG FISMA, Hans-Dieter Holtzmann, Head of EU Representation, Deutsche Bank AG, Carey Evans, Director, Public Policy, Blackrock Asset Management, Brussels
- 8 December**      **Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime, Breakfast Debate, “Is the EU winning the fight against the black market? – Track and Trace”**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Chair: Inge Grässle MEP and Chair of the Budgetary Control Committee, Speakers: Eric Lequenne, International Business Development Manager, Worldline, Dominik Schnichels, Head of Unit, DG SANTE, The European Commission

**16 December**    **12<sup>th</sup> Strasbourg Lunch, an open Discussion, "Refugees – a Solution for Europe?",** Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group