



Programme of the Kangaroo Group 2016

10 January 2017

- 20 January** **1st STRASBOURG LUNCH, "Low Oil Prices"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Emmanuel Haton BP, Statement: Paul Rübig MEP, Miroslav Poche MEP
- 3 February** **2nd STRASBOURG LUNCH, "The Future of the European Union"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group – open Discussion for Members and Guests
- 23 February** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "Train and Equip"**, Chair and Introduction: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Vice-President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Gabor Iklody, Director – Crisis Management and Planning Directorates, EEAS,
- 1 March** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, "The Dutch Presidency"**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group tbc, Moderator: David Doyle, Speaker: HE Ambassador Pieter de Gooijer, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU
- 9 March** **3rd Strasbourg Lunch, "Single Market Strategy"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Lara Comi MEP, Andreas Schwab MEP, Christiaan Prins, Head of Office Unilever, Brussels
- 15 March** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate "EU's Global Strategy"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Sandra Kalniete MEP, H.E. Ambassador Carola van Rijnsoever, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the EU Political and Security Committee, Sylvia Hartleif, Team Leader of Foreign Affairs Team, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), Pierre Minard, EU Institute for Security Studies
- 15 March** **Book Presentation, "Handbook of Space Security"**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Presentations by the Editors and Authors – followed by a Cocktail
- 16 March** **WG Health, Breakfast Debate, "Transparent prices versus confidential agreements: What's best for Patient Access?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Paul Rübig MEP, Presentation: Dermot Glyn, Europe Economics, Speakers: Andrzej Rys, Director, Health Systems, DG Sante, David Saunders, former Chief Executive of the UK Competition Commission, Erik Meinhardt, Market Access Lead for Europe and Canada, MSD, Menno Aarnout, Executive Director, International Ass. Of Mutual Benefits Societies (AIM), Conclusions: Nicola Bedlington, Secretary General of the European Patients Forum (EPF)



- 16 March** **128th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 13 April** **4th Strasbourg Lunch, "Competitiveness of the Steel Industry: Which Impact has the Reform of the ETS Directive?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Peter Liese MEP, Hans-Jürgen Kerkhoff, President of the German Steel Federation
- 19 April** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "How could space applications be supporting the Common Security and Defence Policy?"**, Welcome: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP and Vice President of the European Parliament, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: VP Maros Sefcovic, Commissioner for the Energy Union, Karim Michel Sabbagh, CEO SES, Luxembourg, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski MEP, Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP
- 20 April** **Energy Debate Breakfast, "Market Economy for China – The end of effective EU-trade defence? Challenges for the Steel Industry"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Bernd Lange MEP, Martin Theuringer, Director for Economics, German Steel Federation, Fabrice d'Aprile, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Trade
- 20 April** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "EDIS – Sharing the Risks of EU citizens deposits"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Esther de Lange MEP, Patrick Pearson, Head of Unit, DG Fisma, Benjamin Quatre, Director, French Banking Federation, Diederik van Wassenauer, Head Regulatory and International Affairs, ING Bank, Georg Huber, Head of Representation, Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband, Brussels
- 20 April** **129th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 3 May** **Brussels Debate, Dinner, "Bioterrorism – Is the EU prepared?"**, Chair: Ana Gomes MEP, Introduction: Monika Hohlmeier MEP, Speakers: John Gatt Rutter, Head of Counter-Terrorism Division, EEAS, Jorge Manuel Bento Silva, DG Home, Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe, Dr. Steven Chatfield, Senior Adviser, Emergent BioSolutions
- 11 May** **5th Strasbourg Lunch, "Land and Sea Borders"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Artis Pabriks MEP and Rapporteur, Helga Stevens MEP
- 24 May** **WG on Automotive, Breakfast Debate, "Reforming the approval and market surveillance regime: How to foster harmonization and restore consumer trust in the car industry?"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Daniel Dalton MEP, Joanna Sychowska, DG Grow, Catherine Ryan, Policy Advisor, International Vehicle Standards, Mike Lowe, Active Head, Automated and Connected Vehicles Branch, International Vehicle Standards, Department for Transport, Richard Goebelt, Vice Director Brussels Office, VdTÜV



- 8 June** **6th Strasbourg Lunch, "Radiofrequencies for a connected Europe?"**, Debate chaired by Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Gunnar Hökmark MEP, Amjad Bashir MEP, Uli Rehfuess, Nokia
- 14 June** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "European Public Safety Services and their communication infrastructure: It's time for a reform!"**, Lunch Debate, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Monica Macovei MEP, Thorsten Robrecht, Head of Advanced Mobile Networks Solutions /Nokia Networks, Thierry Delville, Délégué ministériel, Minister's Delegation to the Security and Safety Industries (DMIS), Paris
- 15 June** **Energy Debate, Breakfast, "2016 Geopolitics of Energy – where are we"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Jerzy Buzek MEP and Chairman of the ITRE-Committee, Statements: Lucio Mauro Vinhas de Souza, Team Leader of the Economics Team, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), Emmanuel Haton, Director European Government Affairs BP,
- 15 June** **WG on Automotive, Lunch Debate, "Truck Platooning Challenge"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Win van de Camp MEP, Dirk-Jan de Bruijn, Programme Director EU Truck Platooning Challenge, Eric Jonnaert, Secretary General, ACEA, Uwe Puetzschler, Head of Car2x Nokia, Raimo Tapio, Deputy Chairman, CEDR
- 15 June** **130th Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 16 June** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "Environmental, social, governance and sustainability disclosure - the role of financial services"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Ana Gomes MEP, Zsofia Kerecsen, Policy Officer, DG Justice, Bettina Kretschmer, DG Environment, Mike Everett, Standard Life Investments, Carey Evans, Director, Blackrock Asset Management
- 22 June** **Annual General Assembly**, followed by a Cocktail
- 23 June** **Forum on Intellectual Property, Counterfeit, Contraband & Organised Crime, Breakfast Roundtable Debate, "It the EU winning the fight against the black market? – a proposal for a possible Track & Trace Solution –"**, Chair: Inge Grässle MEP, Speakers: Brigitte Stüber, Director Sales National, Tax Stamps, Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, Jens Ehreke, Senior Director, Marketing Value Print Systems, Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, Paul Heinen, President, European Tobacco Wholesalers Association,
- 6 July** **7th Strasbourg Lunch, "What does the Eurocorps need to become an effective instrument of the CSDP"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Alfredo Ramirez Fernandez, Commanding General of the Eurocorps, Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group
- 12 July** **Lunch Debate, for Members only, «The Consequences of the Brexit"**, Chair: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Debate



- 6 September** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "Reinforcing the Stability of EU Banks – Revisions to CRD IV/CRR"**, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Othmar Karas MEP, Klaus Wiedner, DG Fisma, Soren Dahlgard, Nordea Bank, Benjamin Quatre, French Banking Federation
- 14 September** **8th Strasbourg Lunch, "Geopolitics in Energy"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Emmanuel Haton, Director, BP
- 14 September** **Visit to eu-LISA**, the European Agency for the Operational Management of large-scale IT Systems, Strasbourg
- 27 September** **Brussels Debate, "Transport Industry Perspective on the Digital Single Market"**, Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Jean-Dominique Senard, CEO and Managing General Partner, Michelin and Martin Lundstedt, President and CEO, Volvo Group, Commissioner Günther Oettinger
- 5 October** **9th Strasbourg Lunch, "Revision of the CO2 Emissions Trading System-Preconditions to avoid Carbon Leakage from the Perspective of the Steel Industry"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Jens Gieseke MEP, Dr. Jens Traupe, Salzgitter AG,
- 11 October** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "European Foreign-, Security- and Defence Policy – External Borders, the Situation of the Refugees and the so-called Islamic State"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Alexander Radwan, MdB, statements: Ioan Mircea Pascu MEP, Ana Gomes MEP
- 12 October** **131st Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 26 October** **10th Strasbourg Lunch, "Current Issues of EU Financial Services Regulation"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Valdis Dombrovskis, VP of the European Commission, Burkhard Balz MEP, Markus Ferber MEP, Sylvie Goulard MEP, Brian Hayes MEP
- 8 November** **Extraordinary Kangaroo Group Board Meeting**
- 8 November** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, "Internal Security Tasks for Military Forces: has Europe a Role to Play?"**, Introduction: Michael Gahler MEP, Speakers: Commander Derek Priestley, Deputy General Secretary of RACO, Ireland
- 23 November** **11th Strasbourg Lunch, "Improving Patients Access to Medicines: What role for the European Parliament?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Christian-Silviu Busoi MEP, Andrey Kovatchev MEP, Karin Kadenbach MEP, Alexander Natz, Eucope, Yann le Cam, Eurodis
- 6 December** **WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, Lunch Debate, "The future European Defence Research Programme"**, Chair: Ioan Mircea PASCU MEP and Vice-President of the European Parliament, Speakers: Sylvia Kainz-Huber, DG Grow, Franz Pfrengele, Brigadier General, Eurocorps



- 7 December** **WG Health, Breakfast Debate, "The Future of the single regulatory system of medicines: Towards better harmonization or increased fragmentation",** Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Annika Nowak, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis, Nathalie Moll, Secretary General EuropaBio, Denis Horgan, EAPM
- 7 December** **132nd Kangaroo Group Board Meeting, Christmas Dinner – only for Kangaroo Group Members**
- 8 December** **WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, "Completing the reform of the EU banking regulatory space",** Chair: Karl von Wogau, Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Klaus Wiedner DG Fisma, Emiliano Tornese, DG Fisma, Johanneke Weitjens ING Group, Marion Delgado Alfaro, Ernst & Young, Benjamin Quatre, French Banking Association
- 14 December** **12th Strasbourg Lunch, "REACH and Better Regulation - The case of Essential Oils",** Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Paul Rübiger MEP, Mehdi Hocine, DG Grow, Michael Carlos, Chairman of the Board, International Fragrance Association