Event Programme
of the Kangaroo Group 2020

21 December 2020

15 January 1st STRASBOURG LUNCH, “One Health without Borders: When the Pharmaceutical Industry speaks as one to protect humans, animals and the environment”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Roxane Feller, SG of AnimalHealthEurope, Nathalie Moll, SG of EFPIA.

21 January WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, Lunch Debate, “Is the Basel agreement compatible with strengthened financing of the European economy?”, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle, Speakers: Otmar Karas MEP, Nathalie Berger DG Fisma, Benoît de la Chapelle Bizot, CEO French Banking Federation, Volker Heegemann, BVR, Edouard Fernandez-Bollo, ECB.

28 January WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, “EU & NATO complementarity sharing the burden together”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP President of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Bernhard Brenner, Executive VP, Marketing and Sales, Airbus, Radoslaw Sikorski MEP.

29 January WG on Health Issues, Lunch Debate, “EU Industrial Policy: Challenges and Opportunities for the new mandate”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Keynote Speaker: Gwenole Cozigou, Acting Director General, DG Grow, Statements: Cristian Busoi MEP, Katalin Cseh MEP, Marc-Antoine Lucchini, Sanofi, Dr. Gerd Kraeh, Eli Lilly/vfa.

12 February 2nd STRASBOURG LUNCH, “21st century policy for 21st century science: enabling biotech solutions for a healthy, sustainable future”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Andrius Kubilius MEP, Juozas Olekas MEP, Joanna Dupont-Inglis, Secretary General EuropaBio, Martina Heimlinger, University of Vienna.

18 February WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, “Military Erasmus: An enabler for further Defence Cooperation”, Chair: Niclas Herbst MEP, Introduction: Emmanuel Jacob, Member of the Board of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Dirk Dubois, Head of European Security and Defence College, Harald Gell, Chairman Military Erasmus Implementation Group, European Security and Defence College, Symeon Zambas, Training Manager, European Security and Defence College.

19 February 151st Kangaroo Group Board Meeting.
3 June online-Debate, WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, “Amending the bank prudential rules to sustain the EU economy”, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle, Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Othmar Karas MEP, Jonas Fernandez MEP, Nathalie Berger DG Fisma, Georg Huber, DSGV, Benjamin Quatre, French Banking Federation

9 June online-Debate, Cyber Talk, “How to drive investment in Europe for data storage infrastructure”, Moderator: Christoph Raab, Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Axel Voss MEP, Pierre Chastanet, DG Connect, Rafael Laguna de la Vera, Executive Director, Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation, Sebastiano Toffaletti, Secretary General Digital SME Alliance

16 June 152nd Kangaroo Group Board, online-Meeting

23 June online-Debate, WG ON SPACE, SECURITY & DEFENCE, , “Covid Crisis: Strengthening leadership through recovery and green innovation”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Christian Ehler MEP, Jean-Marie Paquet, Director-General DG Research, Stephane Cueille, CTO Safran, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Clean Sky JU

2 September online-Debate, WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, “The revised MiFID II regime – targeted or full revision?”, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Tilman Lueder, DG Fisma, Georg Huber, DSGV, Benjamin Quatre, FBF, Andreas Stepnitzka, EFAMA

8 September online-Debate, “Is EU4Health the solution for public health emergencies?”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP President of the Kangaroo Group, Moderator: Christoph Raab, Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Dr. Steven Chatfield, Emergent, Speakers: Matthew Hudson, Director, DG Sante, Dr. Karsten Falk, Competence Center EU Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance, Johanniter International, Levent Altan, Executive Director, Victim Support Europe

23 September 153rd Kangaroo Group Board, online Meeting,

30 September Annual General Assembly, online

21 October online-Debate, “Lifestyle choices and beating Cancer”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Deirdre Clune MEP, Tomislav Sokol MEP, Dr. David Nutt, Imperial College London

27 October online-Debate, Cyber Talk, “Mighty creature or a phenomenal technology? Demystifying Artificial Intelligence”, Moderator: Christoph Raab, Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Ingo Hoffmann, International Group of Experts on AI (G2IA), Speakers: Damian Boeselager MEP, Lucilla Sioli, Director DG Connect, George Sharkov, Member of EU AI High Level Expert Group & Senior Expert Digital SME Alliance

28 October online-Debate, WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, “Revising Solvency II to unleash investments for Europe’s Recovery”, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle, Member of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Markus Ferber
24 November  online Debate, WG ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, “A Briefing by the European Central Bank”, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Moderator: David Doyle, Member of the Kangaroo Group, Speaker: Edouard Fernandez-Bollo, Member of the Supervisory Board of the Central Bank, Fiona van Echelpoel, Deputy Director, ECB, Sven Giegold MEP, Francis Fitzgerald MEP

1 December  online-Debate, “Plastic waste and advanced recycling”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Opening Statement: Philippe Ducom, President Europe ExxonMobil, Seaker: Kestutis Sadaukas, Director, DG Envi,

8 December  online Debate, “Disaster Preparedness – is “rescEU” up to the challenge?”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP, President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Nicolae Stefanuta MEP, Hans Das, Director DG Echo, Dr Karsten Falk, Johanniter International, Steve Chatfield Emergent,

9 December  online Debate, “How to prepare for the next pandemic”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Nicolae Stefanuta MEP, Hans Das, Director DG Echo, Dr Karsten Falk, Johanniter International, Steve Chatfield Emergent,

16 December  online Debate, “Beating Covid – Beating Cancer”, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Keynote Speaker: Vice-President of the European Commission Margaritis Schinas, Statements: Peter Liese MEP, Andrea Ammon, Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Marion Koopmans, Head of Viroscience at the Erasmus University Medical Center, Member of the Commission’s Advisory Panel on COVID-19, Jindrich Voboril, Head of the Institute for Rational Drug Policies and former Czech National Anti-Drug Coordinator