



## Programme

### of the Kangaroo Group Events 2023

- 18 January**     **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, “Unleash the power of Real-World Evidence for rare disease patients”**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Cristian-Silviu Busoi MEP, Statements: Susana Solis-Perez MEP, Radka Maxová MEP, Aoiffe O’Brien, Director Novartis
- 24 January**     **Brussels Debate, “Enhancing health systems’ resilience in the EU and globally: How can the EU lead by example?”**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Juozas Olekas MEP, Bartłomiej Kurcz, DG Hera EC, Jorge Saavedra AHF,
- 7 February**     **online Debate, WG on Financial Services, “Scalin-up the EU AML regulatory agenda and implications for financial services firms”**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Moderation: David Doyle, Member of the Board, Speakers: Eero Heinäluoma MEP, Paul Tang MEP, Martin Merlin DG Fisma, Markus Forsman, Swedish Perm. Rep., Solenne Lepage, Deputy CEO, FBF, Jon Sweet, Lysis Group
- 15 February**     **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, “One year of War: the situation in Ukraine and its European future”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speakers: Borys Tarasyuk, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe
- 15 March**     **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, “Merite Européen”**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Laudatio: Hans-Gert Pöttering
- 28 March**     **Debate, WG on Defence, “1 year since the adoption of the Strategic Compass”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speakers: General Robert Brieger, Chair EUMC, Nathalie Loiseau MEP, Juozas Olekas MEP
- 19 April**     **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, “eGovernment accelerating digital public services that support the functioning of the Single Market”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speaker: Tomislav Sokol MEP and Rapporteur
- 10 May**     **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, “Packaging and Packaging waste Regulation: How can it benefit he environment, consumers and businesses?”**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Angelika Niebler MEP, Patrick Berkien, Herbalife
- 17 May**     **online Debate, WG on Financial Services, “What Future for the central bank digital currency?”**, Moderation: David Doyle, Speaker: Fabio Panetta, ECB, Statements: Markus Ferber MEP (via Video), Stéphanie Yon-Courtin MEP, Jonas Fernandez MEP, Jan Ceyskens DG Fisma EC, Etienne Barel FBF, Joachim Schmalzl DSGV



- 23 May** **Brussels Debate, "Revision of the Union Customs Code: tackling new challenges wisely"**, Moderator: Cesar Guerra Guerrero, Speakers: Mathias Petschke DG Taxud, Asa Botes Customs Attachée Swedish Perm Rep, Ricardo Trevino, World Customs Organisation, Alexander de Voet, Accenture
- 30 May** **Brussels Debate, "Helping innovation reach patients"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speakers: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Czaba Kontor, Health Attaché Perm. Rep Hungary, Stefan Gijssels, Patient Expert Center, Nabil Daoud Eli Lilly
- 7 June** **Lunch Debate, WG on Financial Services, "Supporting medium-sized smaller banks in the EU – the EC's CMDI new regime"**, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderation: David Doyle, Speakers: Markus Ferber MEP, Marie Donnay, DG Fisma, Edouard Fernandez Bollo, ECB, Daniel Quinten BVR, Karolin Schriever DSGV, Barbara Sillac FBF
- 14 June** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Reducing strategic dependencies of the European Defence industrial base"**, Welcome and Chair: Christophe Grudler MEP and Member of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Nathalie Loiseau MEP, Timo Pesonen Director General DG DEFIS, Alexandre Ziegler, EVP, Defence Division, Safran Electronics and Defence
- 27 June** **Lunch Debate, WG on Defence, "Edirpa and ASAP – Urgent measures with long-term effect?"**, Chair and Introduction: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speakers: Francois Arbault, Director DG DEFIS, Mikael Lindvall PSC Ambassador Sweden, Thomas Kaiser Diehl Stiftung & Co KG
- 4 July** **Lunch Debate, WG on Defence, "EU – NATO Cooperation"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speakers: Sven Mikser MEP, Alison Westion EEAS, Camille Grand ECFR, Conclusions: Emmanuel Jacob Euromil
- 12 July** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Driving towards a cleaner Future: How to tackle microplastics pollution from automotive sources"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP, Daniel Mes, Cabinet Timmermans, Sarah Kuen Environment Attachée Belgian Perm Rep, Emilio Tiberio CTO Bridgestone
- 30 August** **Debate, WG on Financial Services, "Saling-up the competitiveness of EU Clearing via EMIR 3"**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderation: David Doyle, Speakers: Markus Ferber MEP, Danuta Hübner MEP, Jennifer Robertson DG Fisma, Rafael Plata Association of CCP Clearing Houses, Benjamin Quatre French Banking Federation
- 13 September** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "EU harmonized rules on Packaging and Packaging waste: An opportunity to accelerate innovation and strengthen EU's competitiveness"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Cristian Busoi MEP, Massimiliano Salini MEP, Rozalina Petrova, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevicius, Chris Killian Senior Vice-President Eastman



- 19 September** **Brussels Debate, "The Avio Aero Story: the synergy between strategic autonomy and the transatlantic partnership"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Keynote Speaker: Riccardo Procacci CEO Avio Aero, Speakers: Fabio Massimiliano Castaldo MEP,
- 20 September** **Brussels Breakfast Debate, "CO2 storage in the NZIA: Mind the gap to the 2030 target"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Speakers: Christian Ehler MEP, Mechthild Woersdoerfer, Deputy Director General DG ENER, Francois-Régis Mouton Lostalot Lasalle, IOGP
- 27 September** **Debate, WG on Financial Services, "The Retail Investment Package – will it encourage EU citizens to invest in their Future?"**, Moderation: David Doyle, Speakers: Stéphanie Yon-Courtin MEP, Sean Berrigan, Director-General DG Fisma, Benjamin Quatre FBF, Georg Huber, DSGV, Miguel Magem Ambrosio, Allianz, Jean Plattard, Generali
- 4 October** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Is Europe ready and equipped for the next public health crisis"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Pernille Weiss MEP, Kathleen van Brempt MEP, Ask Eirik Storstve, Emergent BioSolutions
- 11 October** **Lunch Debate, WG on Defence, "How far shall defence threats and needs impact the EU space programme?"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Keynote Speech: Antoine Bouvier Airbus Head of Strategy and Public Affairs, Speakers: Arnaud Danjean MEP, Christophe Grudler MEP, Luis Martinez Montes, Politico-Military Counselor, Perm. Rep of Spain, Joanneke Baalfort, EEAS
- 18 October** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "The Pharmaceutical legislation: Key driver for restoring Europe's position as leader and pioneer in pharmaceutical research and manufacturing"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Pernille Weiss MEP, Marcel Lechanteur, Eli Lilly, Nathalie Moll, Efpia, Rainer Westermann
- 24 October** **Brussels Debate, "Food Security & 'Made in Italy' – How technology can benefit the livestock sector"**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group tbc, Speakers: Herbert Dorfmann MEP, Pierre Bascou DG Agri, Cristina Tinelli Confragricoltura, Debora Orrico MSD, David Calderone Assica, Paolo di Stefano, Coldiretti,
- 22 November** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Challenges of rare and ultra-rare disease drug development: How to bridge the gap?"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Martine Zimmermann Ipsen
- 28 November** **Debate, WG on Financial Services, "The EU Financial Services Regulatory Agenda – opportunities and vulnerabilities"**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Moderation: David Doyle, Keynote-Speaker: Commissioner Mairead McGuinness, Statements: Deirdre Clune MEP, Etienne Barel, French Banking Federation, Karolin Schriever, DSGV



- 5 December**    **Lunch Debate, WG on Financial Services, “The EU ESG Rating Regulation – enough to improve the reliability, comparability and transparency of ESG ratings?”**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Moderation: David Doyle, Speakers: Cornelia Andersson LSEG, Florence Bindelle, Secretary General, European Issuers, Tanguy Van De Werve, Director General, European Fund and Asset Management Association (EFAMA), Brussels, Benjamin Quatre, French Banking Federation
- 6 December**    **Annual General Assembly**, European Parliament, followed by the **Christmas Reception**
- 13 December**    **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, “Industrial Decarbonization: The Waste Heat Recovery Opportunity”**, Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Group, Presentation: Rossen Ivanov, Armstrong International