



Programme 2025

- 22 January** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Achieving a balanced food system that is not only sustainable and healthy but also affordable"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Vytenis Povilas Andriukaitis MEP, EC tbc, Dr. Vincent Delhomme, Professor Leiden Law School, Alessandro Tschirkov Herbalife
- 28 January** **WG on Health, Lunch Debate, "Preventive Health as strategic investment for Europe"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Romana Jerkovic MEP, Vytenis Andriukaitis MEP, Santiago Calvo Ramos, DG Ecfm, Simone Boselli, DG Reform, Dennis Ostwald, CEO WifOR Institute, Elisa Milani, The European House of Ambrosetti, Prof Walter Ricciardi Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- 12 February** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "2025 challenges for OLAF – EU Budget, Taxpayers Money, Illicit Trade and more ..."**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Keynote Speech: Ville Itälä, Head of OLAF, Statements: Niclas Herbst MEP and Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control
- 18 February** **WG on Space Security and Defence, "Opening up the access to Finance – Challenges and opportunities for the EU Defence Industry"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Riho Terras MEP, Martins Stakis MEP, Benjamin Quatre FBF, Faysal Rahman Deutsche Bank, Premysl Rubes, Founder and Managing Partner, Presto Tech Horizons.
- 19 February** **WG on Financial Services, "Digital Euro, a complement to cash but will it facilitate EU businesses?"**, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle, Statements: Markus Ferber MEP, Fernando Navarete MEP, Mathias Levin DG Fisma EC, Eric Tak ECB, Atze Faas EuroCommerce
- 12 March** **Lunch Debate, "Commission's first 100 days: where do political groups' Health priorities stand?"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Vytenis Andriukaitis MEP
- 26 March** **Brussels Debate, "Policy Needs for Re-establishing Europe's Leadership through a Strong manufacturing & Advanced Material Basis ?"**, Welcome and Chair: Vytenis Andriukaitis MEP, Keynote Speech: Sean Keohane CEO Cabot Corporation, Statements: Jeannette Baljeu MEP, Hubert Gams DG Grow EC,
- 2 April** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Competitiveness and Circular Economy: Resilience of the metal supply chain"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Radan Kanev MEP, Giorgio Gori MEP, Paulina Dejmek Hack, Head of Cabinet/ Commissioner Jessica Roswall, Paolo Sousa, President,



- 8 April** **WG on Space Security and Defence, "The ongoing support to Ukraine: enabling industrial cooperation between the Ukrainian and European defence industry",** Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Nicolas Pascual de la Parte MEP, NN MEP tbc, Dr. Gustaf WINROTH, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Defis, Jonas CEDERLOF, Policy Officer, DG Defis, Rainer WOERNER, Senior Vice President - Integrated Programs, KNDS
- 8 April** **Dinner Debate, "Rescuing the Climate",** Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Angelika Niebler MEP, Keynote Speech: Esther de Lange, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Christophe Hansen, Presentation: Eduard Kastner
- 7 May** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Payment Trends: Insights into how Europeans pay and get paid in 2025",** Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Markus Ferber MEP, Regina Doherty MEP, Michael Hoffmann Payment Europe
- 14 May** **WG on Financial Services, "The EU Savings and Investment Strategy - how can it boost citizens investments?",** Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle, Statements: Markus Ferber MEP, Andrea Liesenfeld DG Fisma, Andrea Beltramello, DG Fisma, Miquel Magem Allianz, Etienne Barel, French Banking Federation
- 3 June** **Lunch Debate, "Cultivating Mental Health: How Tech Solutions can support the mental Health of Farmers and Veterinarians",** Welcome and Chair: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Member of the Kangaroo Group tbc, Statements: Maria Walsh MEP, Patricia Reilly, Member of Cabinet of President of the Commissioner, Nancy de Briyne, Executive Director Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE)
- 18 June** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "The Industrial Decarbonization Accelerator Act: a potential booster for the European competitiveness",** Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Presentations: Gabrielle Gauthey, CEO/Senior Vice-President TotalEnergies, Statements: Matej Tonin MEP, Vytenis Andriukaitis
- 25 June** **WG on Financial Services, "EU Sustainability Omnibus Simplification package - does it strike the right balance ?",** Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Statements: Markus Ferber MEP, Didier Millerot DG Fisma EC, Jonathan Loewens Allianz, Sébastien Soleille, French Banking Federation, Jiri Zapletal German Savingsbanks
- 1 July** **Breakfast Debate "The European Drone Market at the Crossroad",** Welcome and Chair: Christoph Raab, Member of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Jens Gieseke MEP, Wouter Beke MEP, Paolo do Nascimento MEP, Christine Berg DG Move EC, Andres van Swalm, Alliance for New Mobility
- 1 July** **WG on Space Security and Defence, "Europe's Space Momentum: Turning ambition into action!",** Welcome and Chair: Christophe Grudler, Member of the Kangaroo Group, Introduction: Christophe Gomart MEP, Presentation: Romain Lucken CEO of Aldoria, Statement: Apostolia Karamali, Member of Cabinet of the Cabinet of Commissioner Kubilius



- 9 July** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "The Critical Medicines Act and its implications for health and geopolitics at the European level and beyond"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Vytenis Andriukaitis MEP, Vlad Voiculescu MEP, EC tbc, NN tbc, Steffen Lang, President Operations Novartis
- 10 September** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Improving Fire Safety in EU Homes – the benefits of Brominated Flame Retardants"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Presentation: Krzysztof Biskup, EuroFSA, Statements: Sean Kelly MEP, Ines Vaidere MEP, Michael Hack, Secretary General BSEF, Melis Arin, ICL
- 23 September** **WG on Space Security and Defence, "Cutting-edge technologies and innovation in the fight against FIMIs: Challenges and private actors"**, Welcome and Chair: Nathalie Loiseau MEP and Member of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Nathalie Loiseau MEP, Filip Grzegorzewski EEAS, Jean-Mathieu Tilquin Rocfortis Company
- 23 September** **Brussels Dinner Debate, "Secure AI: De-risking AI from Cyber-Threats for Accelerated Industry Adoption"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Presentation: Dr. KPS Sandhu, TCS Cybersecurity, Statements: Ivar Ijabs MEP, Pilar Del Castillo MEP, Christine Kirketerp de Viron, DG Cnect EC, Leszek Tasiemski VP WithSecure
- 8 October** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "The New Pact for the Mediterranean: Exploring its Energy Dimension"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Florian Ermacora DG MENA, Francoir-Régis Mouton de Lostalot, IOGP Europe, Ahlem Griga Noy Total Energies, Tsvetelina Penkova MEP, Dimitris Tsiodras MEP
- 14 October** **Breakfast Debate, "Circular by Design-Competitive by Demand: Aluminium's Closed-Loop Potential"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Iuliu Winkler MEP, Mathias Bach Kirkegaard, Attaché Perm.Rep of Denmark to the EU, John O'Maoileoin Canpack Group
- 15 October** **Roundtable, "A vibrant Europe for Critical Medicines and Biotech: Spotlight on Plasma-Derived Therapies"**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, co-hosted by Tomislav Sokol MEP and Member of the Kangaroo Group, Panel Discussion: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Stine Bosse MEP, Luis Viegas Cardoso, EU's Competitiveness Task Force, European Commission, Maja León Grzymkowska, Legal Officer, DG SANTE, Georgios Ioannides, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, Jean-Philippe Plançon, President of the European Patient Organization for Dysimmune and Inflammatory Neuropathies (EPODIN), Markus Staempfli, Vice President, CSL Behring and EuropaBio Chair
- 22 October** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Briefing on the current situation in Ukraine and the votes on the MFF"**, Welcome, Chair and Speaker: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group



- 4 November** **WG on Space Security and Defence, "Delivering on Europe's Defence Ambitions: The Challenge of industrial ramp-up"**, Welcome and Chair: Matej Tonin MEP and Member of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Ivars Ijabs MEP, Hannah Neumann, Francois Arbault, Director DG DEFIS, Ghislaine Dhoukan CEO of Safran Power Unit
- 5 November** **Brussels Lunch Debate, "Industrial Decarbonization: Unleashing the Potential of Europe's Chemicals and Advanced Materials Sector"**, Welcome: Matej Tonin MEP and Member of the Kangaroo Group, Speakers: Jeanette Baljeu MEP, Jaime Campana, President EMEA-Cabot Group
- 12 November** **Annual General Assembly, with Reception**
- 19 November** **Brussels Lunch Debate, "Health Security as a Political Priority: Ensuring the EU's Resilience through the MFF"**, Chair: Vytenis Andriukaitis MEP and Member of the Kangaroo Group, Co-Chair: Sirpa Pietikäinen MEP, Statements: Kristian Vigenin MEP, Borisa Falatar Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Hadja Lahbib, Clément Williamson, DG HERA, Alexander Natz Secretary General EUCOPE
- 26 November** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Enabling early and equitable access to Orphan Medicinal Products (OMP's): The proposals of the European Expert Group on Orphan Drug Incentives"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Opening Remarks (per Video): Maurizio Scarpa Chair of OD Expert Group, Victor Martens Eucope, Presentation: Julia Wahl Copeenhagen Economics, Statements: Tomislav Sokol MEP, Vytenis Andriukaitis MEP, Colin O'Donnell Alexion, Karl Petrovsky EPODIN
- 3 December** **WG on Financial Services, "Securisation Package: Smart Rules, more powerful investments"**, Welcome: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Chair: Markus Ferber MEP, Moderator: David Doyle, Statements: Eero Heinäluoma MEP, Giovanni Crosetto MEP, Regina Doherty MEP, Anne Schaedle DG FISMA, Etienne Barel French Banking Federation
- 17 December** **Strasbourg Lunch Debate, "Industrial competitiveness and decarbonization of the transport sector – a delicate balancing act"**, Welcome and Chair: Michael Gahler MEP and President of the Kangaroo Group, Statements: Borys Budka MEP, Nikos Mertzaniadis CLIA, Agnès Leroux, Boeing