High-level conference
Shaping our digital future:
the challenge of the digital revolution

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European Parliament, Brussels – 25 April 2018

Programme

13:00 – 14:30  Registration of participants
Registration desk “Event Participants and Guests”, Altiero Spinelli Building

14:30 – 15:15  Opening – Hemicycle
- Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament
- Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission
- Mounir Mahjoubi, Secretary of State in charge of Digital Affairs, France
- Boris Koprivnikar, Minister of Public Administration, Slovenia
- Ana Teresa Lehmann, Secretary of State for Industry, Portugal

15:15 – 16:45  Panel 1 – Hemicycle
Investing to Unlock Digitalisation, Boost Competitiveness and Avoiding a Digital Divide
How to target and mobilise investments in connectivity and the data economy infrastructure (5G, HPC, AI) to unlock cutting-edge digital innovations across sectors in the EU?

Chair: Jerzy Buzek, Chair ITRE
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Ministers and Institutions
- Krasimir Valchev, Minister of Education and Science, Bulgaria (tbc)
- Alin Nica, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur of the Opinion on DSM Mid-term Review

MEPs
- Michał Boni, Pilar del Castillo, Eva Kaili, Henna Virkkunen, Miatpera Kumpula-Natri, Paul Rübig

Stakeholders
- Per-Olof Gustafsson, Deputy CEO, Stokab (European Broadband Awards Winner)
- Gerhard Lakemeyer, President of EurAI
- Michele Mascolo, Head of European Affairs, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti Spa
- Gunnar Muent, Director of Innovation and Competitiveness, EIB
- Nicklas Berild Lundblad, Vice President for Public Policy and Government Relations Europe, Google

Q&A
16:50 – 18:20  Panel 2 – Hemicycle
Innovation, research and the use of data in the Digital Age

How best to capitalise on EU’s research and scientific excellence to generate digital innovations and facilitate the digitisation of the European industry? How do we foster innovation based on better access, use and re-use of data?

Chair: Patrizia Toia, Vice-Chair ITRE

Introduction: Patrizia Toia, Vice-Chair ITRE - Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission

Ministers and Institutions
- Peter Olesen, Chairman of Governing Body, European Institute of Innovation and Technology
- Ana Teresa Lehmann, Secretary of State for Industry, Portugal

MEPs
- Massimiliano Salini, Soledad Cabezón Ruiz, Lieve Wierinck, Zdzisław Krasnodębski, Vice President European Parliament

Stakeholders
- Marie-Elisabeth Rusling, CEO, Business Angels Europe
- Markus J. Beyrer, Director General of BusinessEurope
- Mathias Coopmans, Global Manager, SAS
- Silvia de la Maza, Chief Innovation Officer of Innovalia
- Elio Catania, Presidente Confindustria Digitale

Q&A

15:15 – 16:45  Panel 3 – Room PHS 3C050
Opportunities and Risks, including Trust, Security and Privacy, in a Digital Society

What are the advantages, challenges and opportunities for the users of digital services in the advent of new digital realities? How to best maintain trust online and guarantee security and respect for privacy for European citizens and consumers?

Chair: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Vice-Chair IMCO

Introduction: Claude Moraes, Chair LIBE; Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Vice-Chair IMCO; Francisco Fonseca Morillo, acting Director-General DG JUST

Ministers and Institutions
- Mounir Mahjoubi, Secretary of State in charge of Digital Affairs, France

MEPs
- Evelyne Gebhardt, Vice President European Parliament, Dita Charanzová, Jan Philipp Albrecht

Stakeholders
- Ursula Pachl, Deputy Director General, BEUC
- Frederik Palm, Chairman of EMOTA
- Renate Schroeder, Director of the European Federation of Journalists
- Simone Mori, Executive Vice President EU Affairs, ENEL
- Markus Reinisch, Vice President Public Policy Europe, Facebook

Q&A
16:50 – 18:20  Panel 4 – Room PHS 3C050
How to ensure an Online Platform Economy that benefits businesses and consumers, supported by fair taxation

How can businesses maximise the benefits of the Digital Single Market and operate cross-border in a fair business environment?
How do we ensure an Online Platform Economy that benefits businesses and consumers, supported by fair taxation?

Chair: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Vice-Chair IMCO

Introduction: Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Vice-Chair IMCO; Lowri Evans, Director-General DG GROWTH

Ministers and Institutions
• Boris Koprivnikar, Minister of Public Administration, Slovenia

MEPs
• Nicola Danti, Paul Tang, Marlene Mizzi

Stakeholders
• Pascale Van Damme, General Manager, Dell EMC Commercial Belux (2017 European Digital Woman of the Year)
• Markku Ignatius, Supercell
• Robert McNamara, Head of External Affairs edreams/Odigeo
• Daniel Makay, Public Affairs Manager HOTREC
• Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO Eurochambres

Q&A

18:30 – 19:00  Concluding remarks – Hemicycle

• Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament
• Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission