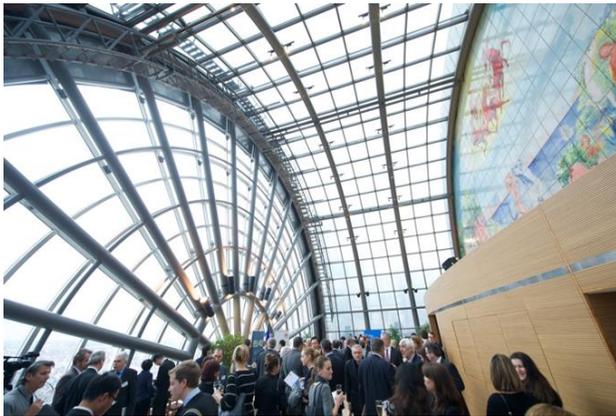


Annual report 2014



Introductory Notes

Since its foundation in 2007, EU40 is organising content events with prestigious and high-level speakers inside and outside the traditional premises of the European Parliament, as well as informal networking events aimed at getting to know each other and creating a better collaboration among young MEPs, staffers and stakeholders from various fields. With the time, EU40 established itself as a landmark for organising engaging events that draw the participation of many different audiences, not only of those usually interested in the typical 'Brussels Bubble' type debates.

Our events are always young, fresh and invigorating, never boring or unimaginative. In 2014 we increased the number of partners we work with compared to the previous year; **we currently work with eleven corporate partners, from different fields: MCI-Logos, Cambre (consultancies), Enel, BP, Statoil (energy), Huawei, Vodafone, Microsoft, DigitalEurope (telecommunications), DocMorris (pharma) and Nestlé.**

2014 was one of the most active years in terms of successful events and projects so far and we feel that our network is following an ascending path that will be continued in 2015. There were changing times for both the European Parliament and EU40, as it was an election year. We are proud to have new MEPs as Board Members of EU40 who are very active and motivated since their first weeks of the mandate.

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Building Dream Europe: What to keep and what to cut?

on 23rd January 2014

The first event of 2014 took place on the 23rd of January, in the European Parliament Library, in the form of a breakfast debate, jointly organised with our partner, Cambre Associates and the European Parliament Research Service, with more than 100 participants in the public.

In these difficult times, in which the “European Dream” risks to be undermined by multiple threats, the breakfast debate tackled various issues regarding the Future of the European Union. The event was joined by speakers with different backgrounds who tried to find some answers on what can be kept and improved and what has to be cut out from the current scenario in order to allow the Europeans to live the European Dream.

The session kicked-off with introductory remarks addressed by **Tom Parker**, Managing Director, Cambre Associates and continued with the input of **Richard Corbett**, Labour Member of the European Parliament currently. **Former EU40 MEP Silvana Koch-Mehrin** and **Alan Posener**, Political commentator at Die Welt, completed the panel of speakers.

Political union needs to be preserved, and improved, agreed Richard Corbett. Yes, enlargement is a powerful tool, but we need to be realistic about the absorption capacity of the EU, he said, which is not going to exceed 30 member states for the time being. “Cut the Euro,” pressed Posener. The Euro has brought economic benefits to its members, argued Koch-Mehrin. Indeed, there are still very good reasons for a single currency, agreed Corbett.

Video and pictures are available at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1dBgDcE>

*From left to right:
Richard Corbett, Tom
Parker, Alan Posener and
MEP Silvana Koch-
Mehrin*



*The breakfast debate took
place in the EP Library in a
fully-packed venue*



SMEs and competitiveness in the digital age

on 28th January 2014



From left to right: L. Hendrickx, J. Geldmacher, MEP J. Creutzmann, F. Zuleeg, R. Viola, B. Pearson, M. Catinat

“Digital age”, “digital revolution”, “digital single market” or “digital generation” do not represent new topics for the world of 2014. The European Parliament and European Commission strive to develop a “digital single market” for a more efficient digital Europe.

EU40 and Vodafone organised the “SMEs and competitiveness in the digital age” debate on the 28th of January in the European Parliament, discussing the opportunities and challenges that have to be faced by SMEs in the so called “digital age”. Moreover, the debate aimed at highlighting the progresses done by policy-makers on facing these changing times for SMEs and how the markets are impacted. During the event, Vodafone also presented to the public the results of the Vodafone-Circle Research survey on “SMEs and Digitization”; we welcomed both entrepreneurs and local authorities to present success stories in which ICT deployment helped sustaining and developing SMEs business.

We were happy to host more than 130 people with this occasion.

The panel was moderated by **Fabian Zuleeg**, Chief Executive European Policy Centre, and consisted of the following speakers:

MEP Jürgen Creutzmann, former Vice-Chairman of the SME intergroup currently;

Roberto Viola, Deputy Director General DG CONNECT, European Commission;

Michel Catinat, Head of Unit ICT for Competitiveness and Industrial Innovation, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission;

Jan Geldmacher, CEO Vodafone Global Enterprise, Vodafone Group;

Beth Pearson, Founding Director, Circle Research;

José Ballesta Germán, Regional Minister of Industry, Enterprise and Innovation, Region of Murcia;

Luc Hendrickx, Director Enterprise Policy and External Relations of the European Association of SMEs - UEAPME.



More pictures from the debate are available here: <http://bit.ly/1o07k8f>



Training young candidates for #EP2014

on 3rd and 4th of March 2014

Young people are underrepresented in the European Parliament. Although 16-35 year old citizens represent 26% of the population in the EU, there were only 19% of candidates below 35 in the 2009 election and only 13% of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are under 40. Our aim is to empower young politicians and make sure that young MEPs do not remain a minority.

EU40, the League of Young Voters and the European Youth Forum hosted a professional campaign training with experienced trainers in the Library of the European Parliament on the 3rd and 4th of March (full days) for all young candidates for the European Parliament. We welcomed 15 candidates to elections on both days. In order to have top quality trainers, we collaborated with the Center for Creative Leadership, top management training company. The training aimed at strengthening campaigning skills and gave support towards conducting a successful election campaign. It was for the first time that such training was offered to young candidates, from all 28 EU Member States and across the political spectrum.

Trainers:

Center for Creative Leadership Brussels;

Jon Worth, founder and partner Tech Politics;

Dennis Landsbert-Noon, Managing Director Burson-Marsteller Brussels;

Matteo Pederzoli, MCI-Logos;

Adam Mouchtar, Managing Director EU40.

With remarks by:

Johanna Nyman, Board Member European Youth Forum;

Giuseppe Porcaro, Secretary General European Youth Forum.



*Dennis Landsbert-Noon,
Managing Director
Burson-Marsteller
Brussels*



Adam Mouchtar with the young candidates during the training session

More pictures from the training are available here: <http://bit.ly/1Jqgo7>



MEP Awards 2014 supported by EU40

on 18th March 2014

EU40 once again endorsed the MEP Awards and thereby honored the MEPs who achieved great results in their respective policy areas. We fully supported the EU40 MEPs who were nominated as top three candidates to receive the Award and we lobbied for them to be voted by the other Members of our network. It is the main goal of EU40 to strengthen the visibility of its Members and ensure they are known in the Parliament for their outstanding performance in the policy areas they deal with.

Nominees:

Elisabeth Köstinger – EPP, Austria – Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Sajjad Karim – ECR, UK – Best Use of Social Media

Marietje Schaake – ALDE, Netherlands - Best Use of Social Media

Anne Delvaux – EPP, Belgium – Energy

Konrad Szymański – ECR, Poland – Energy

Kinga Gál – EPP, Hungary – Justice and Civil Liberties

Catherine Stihler – S&D, UK - Sustainable Built Environment

Winners:

Elisabeth Köstinger – EPP, Austria – Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Anne Delvaux – EPP, Belgium – Energy

Kinga Gál – EPP, Hungary – Justice and Civil Liberties



EU40 MEPs nominated for the MEPs Awards 2014



MEP Elisabeth Köstinger

MEP Anne Delvaux

MEP Kinga Gál

MEP Awards 2014 winners on stage



China – EU: Investing in a common future

on the 18th of March 2014

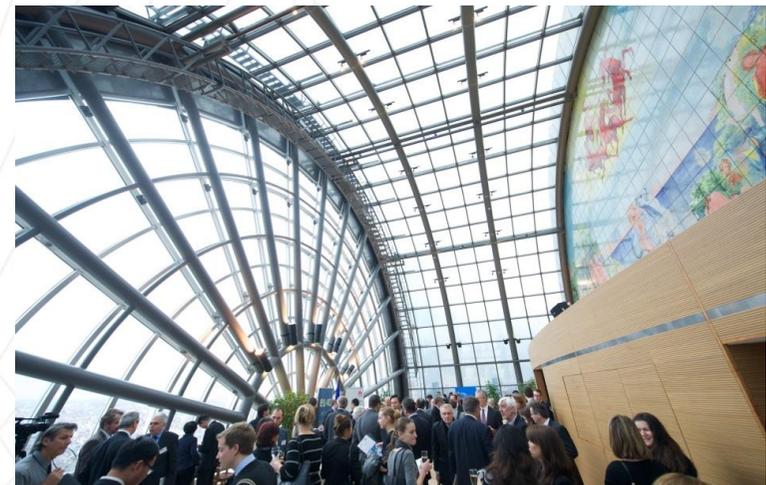
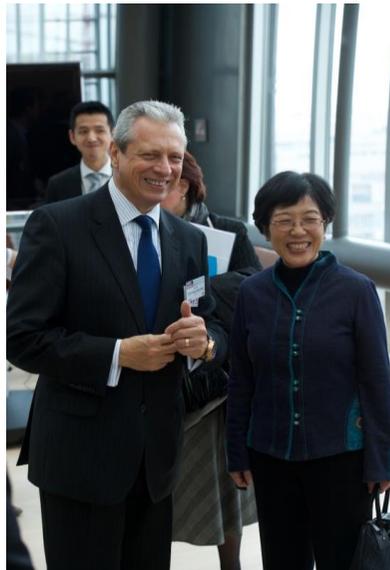
Following the appointment of the Chinese Ambassador, Her Excellency Yang Yany, EU40 and Huawei Technologies jointly organised a debate in the President's Salon, European Parliament, on the 18th of March 2014. The debate was joined by 120 people with a background in trading from the institutions, think-tanks and various associations and stakeholders.

The EU is China's largest trading partner, while China is the EU's second largest trading partner. As trade and investment top the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation, the lunch event addressed the prospects and challenges of EU China trade and investment relations, and set the scene for the upcoming visit of Chinese President Xi to the EU.

The ambassador of China to the EU, **Her Excellency Yang Yany**, held a key-note speech, together with EU40 Board Member, **MEP Christofer Fjellner**, **Viorel Isticioaia-Budura**, Managing Director, Multilateral Department I: Asia and the Pacific, European External Action Service and **Leo Sun**, President of EU Affairs, Huawei. Her Excellency Yang Yany stressed that “two-way communication between young generation of both China and the EU, particularly between youthful businessmen, politicians, and think-tankers is of crucial importance for stable and stronger growth of China-EU relations.

It is our belief that EU40 will continue to play an instrumental role in bringing together relevant players of today and tomorrow and pushing forward ideas and initiatives for meaningful and stronger ties and cooperation.”

*From left to right:
Viorel Isticioaia-Budura and
Her Excellency Yang Yany*



The Presidential Salon, networking cocktail after the debate

More pictures from the debate are available on our website at the following link: <http://bit.ly/YdNKj8>



How will the next European Parliament make a difference?

#newep14, on the 19th of March 2014

Nine weeks before the 2014 European Parliament elections, we organised a cross-party discussion in cooperation with **APCO** and **viEUws**, featuring the following MEPs: **MEP Corina Cretu** (S&D), currently Commissioner for Regional Policy, **MEP Gesine Meissner** (ALDE), **MEP Amelia Andersdotter** (Greens), **MEP Ashley Fox** (ECR) and **MEP Andrey Kovatchev** (EPP). The debate was moderated by **Jennifer Baker**, **viEUws** and took questions from the audience, as well as Twitter. A #Hashtag was created for the occasion to allow the exchange around the event. The audience included a mix of EU policy makers, business leaders, journalists, bloggers, the EU Brussels bubble with an interest in the EP elections. The debate was followed by a networking cocktail.



From left to right: former MEP Corina Cretu, MEP Ashley Fox, Jennifer Baker, MEP Gesine Meissner, MEP Andrey Kovatchev.



The event took place in a fully packed committee room

The video produced by ViEUws and pictures are available here: <http://bit.ly/Z86LUu>



Cultivating Creativity – Empowering young women designers

on the 26th of March 2014

On 26 March 2014, EU40 in cooperation with Cambre, the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) and Caravan Cultura creative agency hosted a debate on the role of the creative industries in the European Parliament's (EP) Library, followed by a fashion show with ballerinas from the International Ballet School of Brussels, showcasing the creations of emerging women designers. The aim of this event, which was moderated by **Leanda Barrington-Leach**, a Director at Cambre Associates, was two-fold: to empower women designers by showcasing their creations and putting them in touch with institutional players and other industry stakeholders and show that creative industries have registered a growing trend and are resilient in spite of the crisis.

The debate was hosted by former **MEP and EU40 Board Member Katarina Neved'alová**, who addressed introductory remarks. The panel also included **Karel Bartak**, Head of Unit, DG Education and Culture, **Jean-François Aguinaga**, Head of Unit Textile, fashion, design and creative industries in DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission, and **Barbara Gessler**, Head of Culture Unit, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency. Apart from institutional players, the debate was also enriched by fashion industry representatives: **Edith Vervliet**, Managing Director SPI (Strategic Partnering Intelligence) – Creative Industries Support, **Elke Timmerman**, Fashion Projects Coordinator at MAD Brussels, **Zuzana Bobikova**, Communication and Strategy Manager of SFC, **Petra Kubikova**, Fashion Designer and **Aika Alemi**, Creator of the Aika Alemi brand and co-founder of the Kazakhstan Fashion Institute.

The debate and fashion show gave the opportunity to emerging designers from different geographical areas to meet, exchange and set the grounds for a fruitful future collaboration. We consider the event fully reached its aim of bringing more than 100 people together and giving them the opportunity to do something together.



The video produced by Cambre Public Affairs can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/1DUMTCM>



Battle for YOUR vote!

on the 9th of April 2014

Following the success of the first of the “EU Unplugged” event series organised in 2013 at Hard Rock Café on Grand Place, EU40 continued with a sequel organised in the Yehudi Menuhin open space of the European Parliament, on the 9th of April 2014. Organised with MTV Voices, in cooperation with MCI - event management association and AmCham and supported by Facebook, with just a few weeks ahead the European Elections, the “Battle for YOUR vote!” was aimed at engaging the youth of Europe in EU politics. In 2009, fewer than 20% of the potential voters under 30 years old actually voted, with this trend getting worse.

The concept of the event was totally new to the European Parliament. Four teams, each comprised of two Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from the same political party and a professional freestyle hip hop artist, dueled on topics relevant to Europe today. During the freestyle hip hop battle, teams competed by rapping with music on a given topic, effectively debating the other team, going back and forth. The exact topics were announced at the start of each battle: youth unemployment, the Eurozone, innovation and technology. Several youth NGO delegations submitted topics and introduced their topic to the audience whilst the MEPs briefed their rapper on their stance. The winners were determined by audience applause. The hip-hop battle was filmed and distributed by MTV Voices.

The MEP teams consisted of the following EU40 MEPs and artists:

For the EPP (Conservatives): **MEP Sebastian Valentin Bodu**, **MEP Lara Comi** and Dekay;

For the S&D (Socialists): **MEP Ismail Ertug**, **MEP Sandra Petrovic Jakovina** and Mils;

For the ALDE (Liberals): **MEP Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**, **MEP Marietje Schaake** and LeeN;

For the Greens: **MEP Ska Keller**, **Michael Bloss** and Mos Prob.

The MC for the evening was Ryan Millar and all acts were supported by DJ2EZ

Uncle Suel & Laioung delighted the audience with their special acts.

The pictures' gallery can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/1o7Akjs>

Click here for the video: <http://bit.ly/1z6Y6RY>

The event attracted more than 1000 registrations and about 700 young participated in the live battle. International media coverage was quite impressive (European Voice, BBC, Wall Street Journal to name just a few), whilst on social media we reached **1.41 million Facebook users and 1.6 million Twitter accounts**.

Hashtag reach:

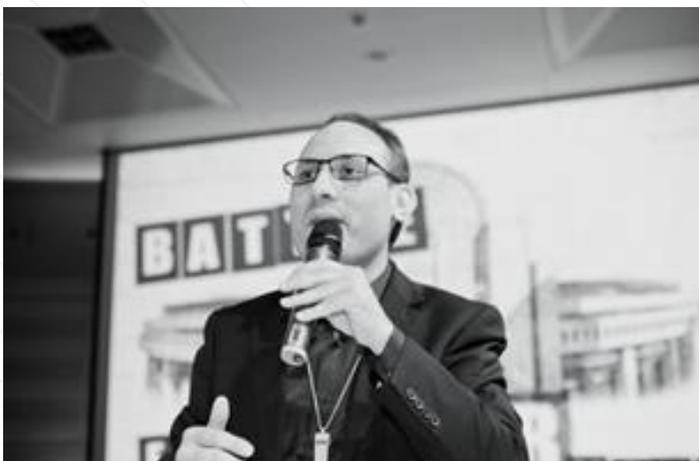
#BattleForYourVote: **29.6k**

#EUUnplugged: **35.6k**

#Battle4YourVote: **21k**

We used a Thunderclap to generate even more buzz before the event.





Training session for the newly elected young MEPs on the 12th of June 2014

After the European elections, our main concern was to guarantee a successful start into the 8th legislature of the European Parliament, in order to increase MEPs chances for re-election and thereby continuously strengthen our network of over 100 young MEPs in the EP from all the major political parties. EU40 together with the League of Young Voters of the European Youth Forum offered a training session on 12th of June inside the European Parliament, in which experienced EP and EU insiders provided new MEPs with their specialised knowledge on how to get a rapid grip of the complexity of the obstacles ahead of them.

The trainers were:

Andras Baneth, Public Affairs Council, European Office

Georgi Gotev, Senior editor of EurActiv

Cyril Chadé, Polydea CEO

Matteo Pederzoli, MCI-Logos

Adam Mouchtar, EU40 Managing Director

David Garrahy and Antoine Mertzeisen, European Youth Forum



*From left to right:
MEP Victor Negrescu, MEP Sorin Moisa
MEP Brando Benifei, MEP Eva Paunova*

The video produced by EuroParl TV can be watched here: <http://bit.ly/1EeMOFm>



Trilogy on energy: Facts and figures (part I)

on the 1st of July 2014

In the next five years, energy will continue to be one of the biggest topics of discussion on the agenda of the European Parliament. EU40 acknowledges the importance of the topic and organised a **Trilogy on Energy**, providing MEPs with valuable insights into different matters of this challenging and multifaceted field, which spans the works of many Committees in the European Parliament.

The first part of the Trilogy was entitled “Facts and Figures” and it was organised on the 1st of July, in the European Parliament, Strasbourg, together with our corporate partner, BP.

The seminar was hosted and moderated by **MEP Michael Theurer** and **EU40 MEP Jan Huitema**. **Emmanuel Haton**, Director BP European Government Affairs, gave a lecture with a focus on 3 topics that provided food for thought and generated further discussion: energy security, fossil fuels, and renewables.



From left to right: EU40 MEP Jan Huitema, MEP Michael Theurer, Emmanuel Haton

The video from the first part of the energy trilogy can be watched here: <http://bit.ly/1IUqdFA>



Summer BBQ 2014

on the 10th of September 2014

Like every year, EU40 welcomed all young MEPs and their assistants, Commission and Council officials to its long-awaited Summer BBQ, an annual friendly and cozy gathering to get to know each other while having a refreshing drink, taste delicious snacks and enjoy quality music on a late summer evening. Summer BBQ 2014 was sponsored by our corporate partner, DocMorris.

This year was special, however, as we welcomed our newly elected, young MEPs interested in networking with their peers in a relaxed atmosphere at a stones' throw from the European Parliament.

We are proud to have welcomed young MEPs from our network and about 150 young EU officials from the European Commission, European Parliament and Council. The Summer BBQ video is accessible here: <http://bit.ly/1BQ5DnR>

*From left to right:
EU40 Board
Member MEP
Brando Benifrei,
Adam Mouchtar,
EU40 Board
Member MEP Eva
Paunova*



*EU40 Board
Member, MEP
Victor Negrescu
and his team*



*EU40 Board
Member MEP
Philippe De
Backer*



*MEP Sofia
Ribeiro and her
team*



*EU40 Board Member MEP Emma
McClarkin*



Trilogy on energy: Global and European energy balances, sustainability and security towards 2040 (part II)

on the 16th of September 2014

The second part of the Trilogy on Energy took place on the 16th of September in the European Parliament, Strasbourg and it was organised with our corporate partner, Statoil. The seminar approached the energy topic on a long run; **Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger** highlighted the importance of having a strategy for energy in Europe, mentioning that “2020 for investors was yesterday evening. And 2030 is tomorrow morning.”

The panel was hosted by **MEP Michael Theurer** and **MEP Eva Kaili**. **Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger** also spoke on the panel and the seminar featured a lecture by **Eirik Wærness**, Chief Economist, Statoil. **Kristine Berzina**, who is responsible for shaping The German Marshall Fund of the United States’ energy programming in Europe and the United States, represented the NGO point of view.



From left to right: Kristine Berzina, Eirik Wærness, MEP Michael Theurer, Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger, MEP Eva Kaili



From left to right: MEP Michael Theurer, Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger, MEP Eva Kaili

Commissioner Oettinger stressed that "Europe is not out of surprises. What we need is a clear priority. Push Investments in digital infrastructure"; "Our sensitive sector is gas. We should continue to diversify. Our own sources are decreasing, 2/3 of import. Energy gas is not cheap", he continued.

Kristine Berzina representing the civil society point of view highlighted that "If the priorities are sustainability, security etc. that has to be an end goal". Eirik Wærness, Statoil’s Chief Economist, pointed out that “One of the risks of the current situation is that Europe is so concerned about avoiding gas that investments in gas are being jeopardized

The video of the second seminar of the energy trilogy is available at: <http://bit.ly/1KUbl2o>



My Europe” online chat with young MEPs

on the 7th of October 2014



My Europe **Live Chat with MEPs**
Approx. 10 % of the Members of the European Parliament are forty years of age or younger. "My Europe" and EU40 put you in contact with them:

Fabio de Masi (GUE/NGL, Germany)
Victor Negrescu (S&D, Romania)
Francesc Gambús (EPP, Spain)
Adam Mouchtar (Managing Director, EU40)

Tuesday, 7 October 2014
5 pm CEST

eu40® #MeetYoungMEPs

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EU40 organised together with the think tank Frankfurter Zukunftsrat an online chat with MEPs and students, as part of the “My Europe” initiative which connects young people with decision-makers from politics and business, mainly through workshops in the EU countries where they discuss their visions of Europe in 2030. Since the new MEPs took office recently, it was a good opportunity for students aged between 15 and 25 from all Member States to ask questions to a small group of young MEPs and get to know more about them and what the European Parliament means.

Three EU40 MEPs from three different political parties joined the online chat with students: **MEP Francesc Gambús** (EPP, Spain), **EU40 Board MEP Victor Negrescu** (S&D, Romania) and **MEP Fabio De Masi** (GUE, Germany). EU40 Managing Director, **Adam Mouchtar**, shared his experience gained from working with the European Parliament and the youngsters.

The results of the discussion were distributed in all Member States. The next “My Europe” Live Chat YOUth and the European Parliament will take place in the first part of 2015.

The MEPs who participated in the chat were also interviewed beforehand by the students who then took part in the initiative:

The interview of MEP Fabio de Masi is available at: <http://bit.ly/1tjR587>

The interview of MEP Victor Negrescu can be accessed from the following link: <http://bit.ly/1EnRW0h>

The interview of MEP Miriam Dalli can be read here: <http://bit.ly/1CpH7YG>

You can review the live chat at the link: <http://bit.ly/1ugAJ7a>



Towards integrated EU policy agenda for Logistics

on the 8th of October 2014

This transport event, organised by the Alliance for European Logistics in cooperation with EU40 for the new policy-term, allowed MEPs and interested stakeholders to learn about the priorities of the European Parliament's Transport Committee and the EU Logistics industry commitments for the coming five years. The event aimed at generating a rich discussion with the interested MEPs, policy advisors and industry stakeholders on the way forward in this sector for the new legislature. The event was hosted by **MEP Ismail Ertug**, S&D coordinator for EP Transport Committee and included insights from the logistics industry. The panel also included **Frank Appel**, CEO of Deutsche Post DHL, **Erich Staake**, CEO of Duisburger Hafen AG (duisport), **Anders Gustafsson**, CEO of Zebra Technologies and **Adam Mouchtar**, Managing Director EU40. The debate was followed by a reception in front of the room.



From left to right: Erich Staake, MEP Ismail Ertug, Frank Appel, Adam Mouchtar and Anders Gustafsson



A packed room with 100 participants

More pictures from the event are available at: <http://bit.ly/1Bq87KU>



Want to know how EU online betting industry fights match-fixing? on the 5th of November 2014

EU40 supported on the 5th of November 2014 the event organised by our corporate partner, MCI - Logos and the European Gaming and Betting Association (EGBA). The aim of the event was to increase the awareness on how the sports betting industry is fighting match-fixing.

MEP Emma McClarkin, ECR and Board Member of EU40, hosted the event, which was followed by a sports betting tutorial and a cocktail reception.

Speakers:

Yves Le Lostecque, Head of Sports Unit, European Commission;

Jeff Reymond, Secretary General, EU Athletes;

Eric Konings, Bookmaker representative, Unibet.



EU40 Board Member MEP Emma McClarkin



Eric Konings



Trilogy on energy: Improving Europe's energy resilience through an internal effective market (part III)

on the 12th of November 2014

Enel and EU40 jointly organised the third seminar of the energy trilogy for MEPs and assistants, titled "Improving Europe's energy resilience through an effective internal market". Co-hosted by **MEP Michael Theurer and EU40 MEP Jan Huitema**, the event consisted in a lecture given by Mr **Simone Mori, Executive Vice President – Enel**, while **Mr Dominique Ristori**, Director General DG Energy held a key-note speech on the Energy Outlook of the 8th Legislature. **Kristine Berzina**, Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States represented the civil society point of view.

We welcomed about 120 participants, including MEPs, EP and EC assistants, as well as other industry stakeholders who have had the opportunity to address their questions to the panel and hold a one-minute speech on the energy issue closest to their heart.

We filmed the one-minute interventions and produced a video, which was distributed via social media channels and which MEPs used for their own purposes, too: <http://bit.ly/1zfWrbI>



From left to right: Simone Mori, Dominique Ristori, MEP Michael Theurer, MEP Jan Huitema, Kristine Berzina



The debate took place in a packed room with more than 120 participants

We prepared a video introducing the main highlights of each seminar of the Trilogy on Energy available at the following link: <http://bit.ly/136KRIQ>



European Health Parliament – Kick-off session on the 21st of November 2014

On the 21st of November, the kick-off session of the European Health Parliament (EHP) took place at Google's offices, gathering 80 young professionals motivated to contribute to a healthier Europe. The project was initiated by Janssen and supported by Google, the European Voice, College of Europe and EU40.

The 80 young members of the European Health Parliament come from both EU and non-EU countries. They are graduates and professionals in the healthcare sector younger than 35 years of age and they all share a proactive attitude and leadership capabilities. They were divided into 7 sub-Committees related to the European healthcare system. In the next 8 months, they will be working on finding proposals for a healthier Europe. Their work will be concluded in one paper per each of the sub-Committees and presented in June 2015, at the European Parliament, in front of an audience consisting of a broad range of policy makers and stakeholders.

Several MEPs from our network are supporting the initiative. The 80 members of the European Health Parliament were addressed warm welcoming speeches from our MEPs: **Philippe De Backer** (Belgium, ALDE), **Victor Negrescu** (Romania, S&D), **Eva Kaili** (Greece, S&D) and **Soledad Cabezon Ruiz** (Spain, S&D). The upcoming sessions of the EHP will take place on the **27th of February at the European Parliament, 24th of April and 17th of June 2015 (Closing Session) at the European Parliament.**





The 80 selected participants at Google's offices

The EHP has a dedicated website: www.healthparliament.eu

Moreover, the MEPs offered their inputs regarding the main opportunities and challenges that will be faced by the young professionals in their future challenge. The welcoming speeches, opportunities and challenges that were addressed by the MEPs can be accessed below.

Opportunities for the Healthcare sector in Europe video:

<http://bit.ly/1CfeYaS>

Challenges for the Healthcare sector in Europe video: <http://bit.ly/11YSU3E>

Personal message from the MEPs to the participants video:

<http://bit.ly/1vMU0xe>

A summary of the MEPs' interviews video: <http://bit.ly/12ezpFd>

A video with the highlights of the first sessions of the EHP is made available as well: <http://bit.ly/1y8RvUU>

More pictures of the first session can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/1sSFdjm>



European Charlemagne Youth Prize: EU40 MEPs mentor the winners

on the 1st & 2nd of December 2014



From left to right: Anja Duchateau, Francis Gutmann, MEP Tom Vandenkendelaere with the Danish first prize winners, Peter Laugesen and Elena Asklof

EU40 was happy to support the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen for the first time by facilitating mentorships between the six winners who came to the European Parliament on 1st and 2nd of December 2014, as part of their prize.

The European Charlemagne Youth Prize aims to encourage the development of European consciousness among young people, as well as their participation in European integration projects.

The Prize is awarded to projects undertaken by young people who foster understanding, promote the development of a shared sense of European identity, and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community. The winners shadowed the MEPs on both days with the purpose of gaining insights into the life of Members of the European Parliament and exchange views on youth related topics and not only.

The MEPs mentoring the winners were **MEP and EU40 Board Member, Philippe de Backer (ALDE, Belgium)** and **MEP Miriam Dalli (S&D, Malta)**.

Moreover, **EU40 MEP Tom Vandenkendelaere (EPP, Belgium)** was part of the panel of speakers during the presentation of the winners' projects, together with **Anja Duchateau**, Directorate General for Communication, Events and Exhibitions Unit and **Francis Gutmann**, Head of Unit, Directorate "C" Relations with Citizens, DG Communication. The audience was composed of assistants of the European Parliament, youth organisations representatives and other interested stakeholders.

More information on the Prize can be found at the following link:

<http://www.charlemagneyouthprize.eu/>



Some stats - EU40 website

- **Total page views:** 68056 (186/day on average)
- **Unique page views:** 50906 (139/day on average)
- **Average time on page:** 1'20"
- **Most visited: the website itself (www.eu40.eu main page):** 9827 views
- **Most visited event: of course, the Battle for YOUR vote:** 9690 views (with 3'34" average time spent on the page!)
- **Most visited website category:** MEPs category: 4907 views
- **TV/video section:** 744 views
- **Partners:** 733 views

