

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 Benifei, Adam Mouchtar, EU40 Board Member MEP Eva Paunova



EU40 Board Member MEP Philippe De Backer



EU40 Board Member MEP Emma McClarkin



EU40 Board Member, MEP Victor Negrescu and his team



MEP Sofia Ribeiro and her team

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, H. Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger, MEP Eva Kaili



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

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

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."



My Europe” online chat with young MEPs on the 7th of October 2014

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/1tiR587>

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 packet 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, (third part) 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 hits
- **Most visited event: of course, the Battle for YOUR vote:** 9690 hits (with 3'34" average time spent on the page!)
- **Most visited website category:** MEPs category: 4907 hits
- **TV/video section:** 744 views
- **Partners:** 733 views