

EU40 ANNUAL REPORT

A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IN 2020



What do we do?

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We bring together young MEPs from the 4 main political groups and empower them with a platform to further their agenda on topics of their interest.

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At EU40, we create a safe space where MEPs can thrive and bond with each other across party lines!

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Meet Our Board



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THE EU40 NETWORK'S PROJECTS IN 2020

KEY MOMENTS IN A NUTSHELL

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SOME KEY FIGURES

4,000+

TWITTER
FOLLOWERS

5,900+

FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS

518k

2020 TWITTER
IMPRESSIONS



Meeting with the Youngest Commissioner

23 January 2020

Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius
EU40 MEPs

EU40 organised a formative meeting between thirteen EU40 MEPs and the EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries. The conversation showed that there is a large middle ground for strong collaboration between the Commission and the Parliament in the implementation of the European Green Deal.

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The Future of AI for Europe

29 January 2020

Commissioner Margrethe Vestager
Eva Kaili MEP

The event took place in the European Parliament in collaboration with the STOA Panel. In attendance were more than **20 MEPs** who asked questions linked to IA, its future possible applications and potential challenges. The conversation helped us better understand the path taken by the Commission in terms of the challenges surrounding this key issue and its possible implementation in the European market.

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Phil L. Herold's Exhibition: Bigger Than Life



18 February 2020

Tomislav Sokol MEP

Loucas Furlas MEP

Stelios Kypouropoulos MEP

Commissioner Stella Kyriakides

In light of Rare Diseases Day 2020, EU40 co-organised Phil L. Herold's exhibition inside the European Parliament - An Exhibition of Artwork and Life. Rare diseases are chronic, highly complex, progressive and severely disabling, frequently affecting life expectancy and generating specific care needs.

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COVID-19

**The global pandemic and its effects
across Europe and the world**

IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF 2020, THE
WORLD WAS FORCED TO STAND STILL.

FOR AN ORGANISATION SUCH AS OURS
WHO RELY ON IN-PERSON MEETINGS TO
BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS,
WE WERE FORCED TO ADAPT TO NEW
WAYS OF NETWORKING.

AND SO, ADAPT WE DID - APART FROM
OUR FIRST EVENTS OF THE YEAR, WE
MOVED TO THE VIRTUAL WORLD IN
ORDER TO CONTINUE **CONNECTING THE
BEST.**

The Coronavirus and its Effects on Women

22 April 2020

Kira Marie Peter-Hansen MEP

Frances Fitzgerald MEP

Joanna Maycock

With women being 70% of the social and health workforce, they are at the heart of the care response to the COVID19 outbreak. This crisis has intensified the pre-existing inequalities and dangers that women and girls from different backgrounds face on a daily basis.

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The Era of Misinformation? Living a Dangerous Reality under COVID-19

27 May 2020

Eva Kaili MEP

Daniel Braun

Marisa Jimenez Martin

Milan Zubíček

Kate Brightwell

A coming together of political players and industry players, all with the same aim of tackling the spread of misinformation across digital platforms and empowering citizens to find trustworthy and legitimate sources of information.

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European Health Parliament

5th Edition

NUMBERS



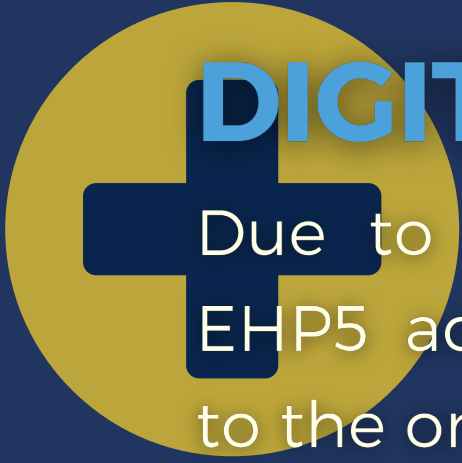
60 young experts;
20 EU member states;
40 Policy recommendations;
7+ Million impressions over social media

COMMITTEES



6 different Health Committees created
innovative policy recommendations,
endorsed by policymakers

DIGITAL



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the
EHP5 adapted their plenary sessions
to the online sphere.

COLLABORATION



Strong cooperation between the
members and MEPs, the European
Commission and various stakeholders

A YO(EU)TH THAT STRIVES FOR MORE

It is in times of crises that we are pushed - To act to preserve our societies and be active participants in the shaping of tomorrow. Traditional structures can break over extenuating circumstances. Reactive, engaging and proactive answers were and are still needed to fight off the dire present and consequences.

The Young generation has risen up to this challenge and have proven themselves to engage in essential activities to support those most affected by the crisis. Now is time to empower the Young generation by recognizing that their will is greater than their age.

[Further information here](#)

#AskMeAnything with Tony Blair

16 July 2020 - #EU40AMA

Eva Kailli MEP
Nicu Ștefănuță MEP
Alex Agius Saliba MEP
Eva Maydell MEP
Victor Negrescu MEP
Maria Walsh MEP
Josianne Cutajar MEP
Tsvetelina Penkova MEP
Ramona Strugariu MEP

EU40 MEPs met virtually with Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair. The frank discussion was on technology and the importance of leadership through crisis – especially relevant within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.



#EU40Talks

ALL THROUGHOUT 2020

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, EU40 ORGANISED A SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS OVER ONLINE PLATFORMS. THE SERIES FEATURED INTERESTING PERSONALITIES THAT ARE SHAPING (OR HAVE SHAPED!) EUROPE.

#EU40TALKS INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH CURRENT & FORMER EUROPEAN INSTITUTION MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES, FORMER HEADS OF STATE, HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS AND POLICYMAKERS.

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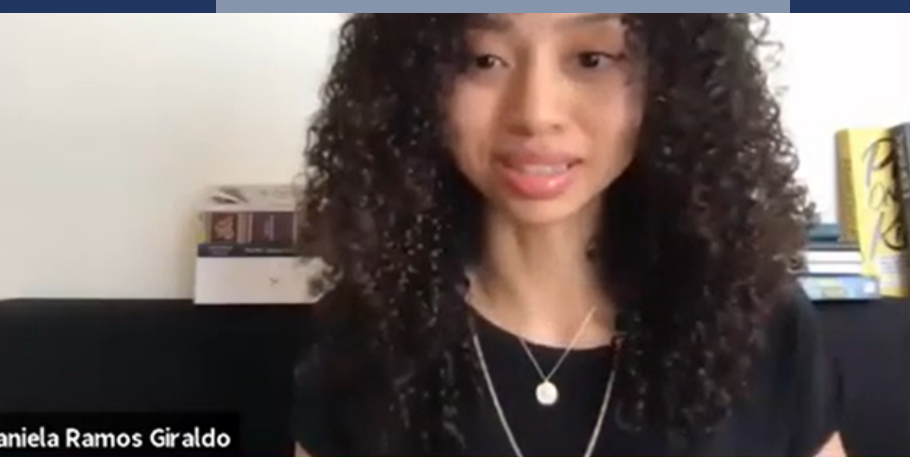


Keeping an Active Lifestyle in times of COVID-19

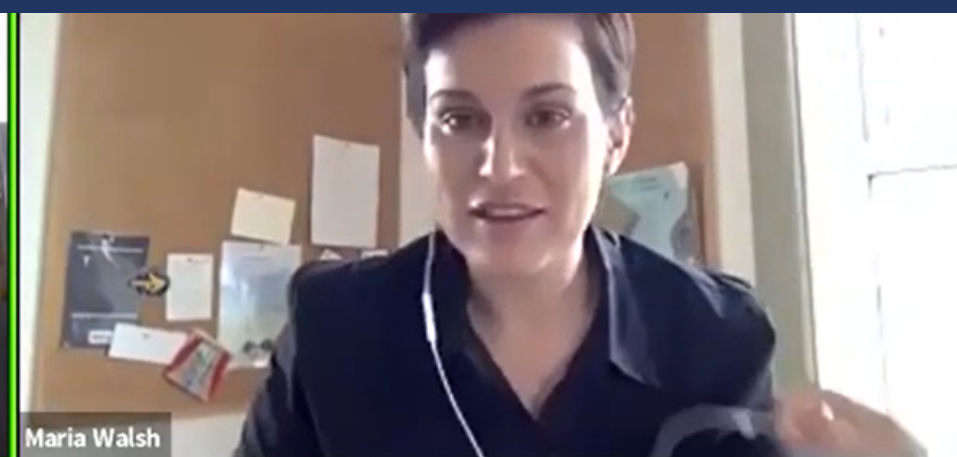
10 June 2020 - #EU40Talks

Maria Walsh MEP
Samantha Clayton
Yves Le Lostecque

What do a member of the European Parliament, a former Olympian, and the DG-EAC Head of Unit have in common? They're all strong advocates of mental and physical health! In this session of #EU40Talks, they spoke about how to best keep active and nurturing our mental wellbeing to stay focused and healthy during lockdown.



Daniela Ramos Giraldo



Maria Walsh



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AI & Data Science: Aiding the Fight against the Coronavirus?

23 June 2020 - #EU40Talks

Alex Agius Saliba MEP

Kalina Bozhkova

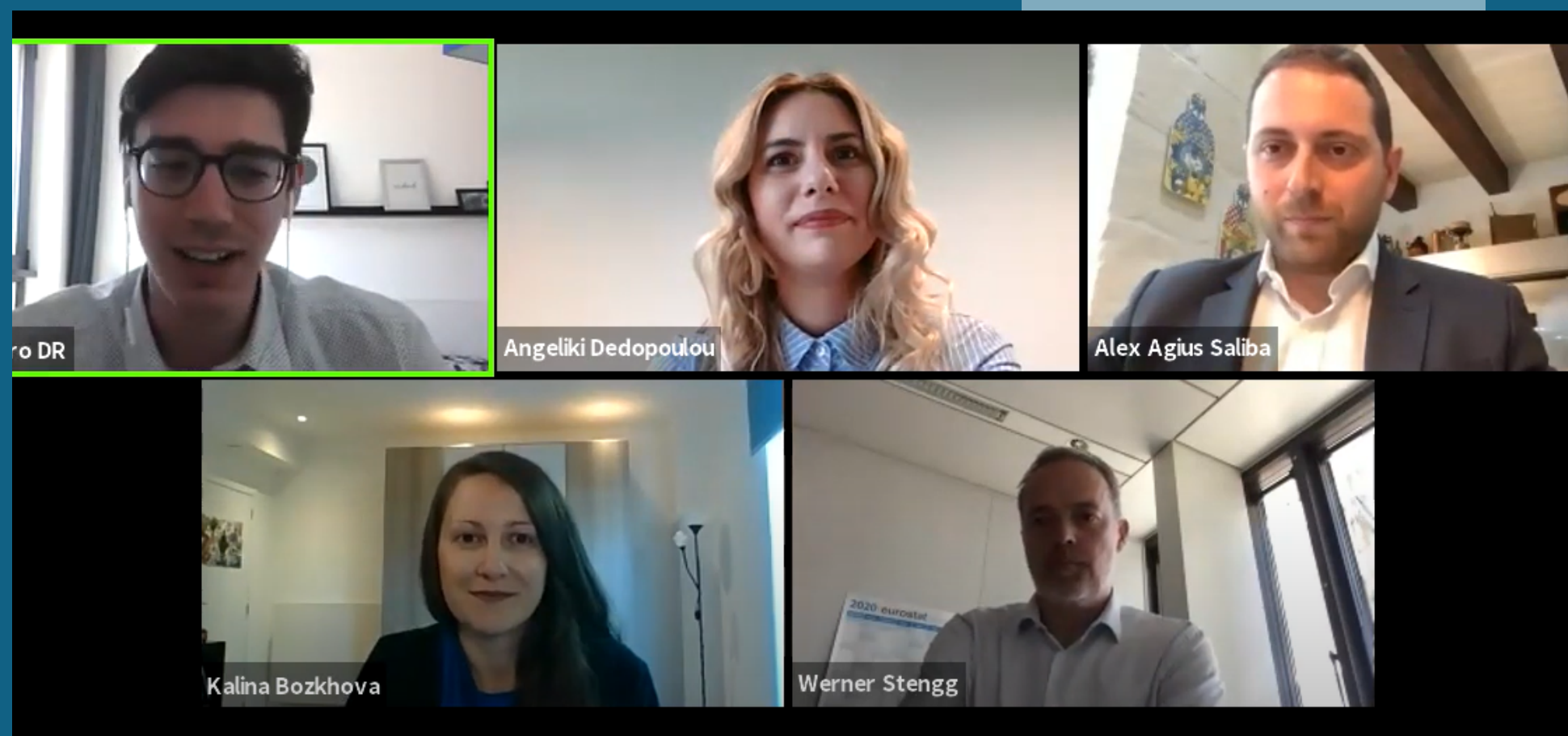
Angeliki Dedopoulou

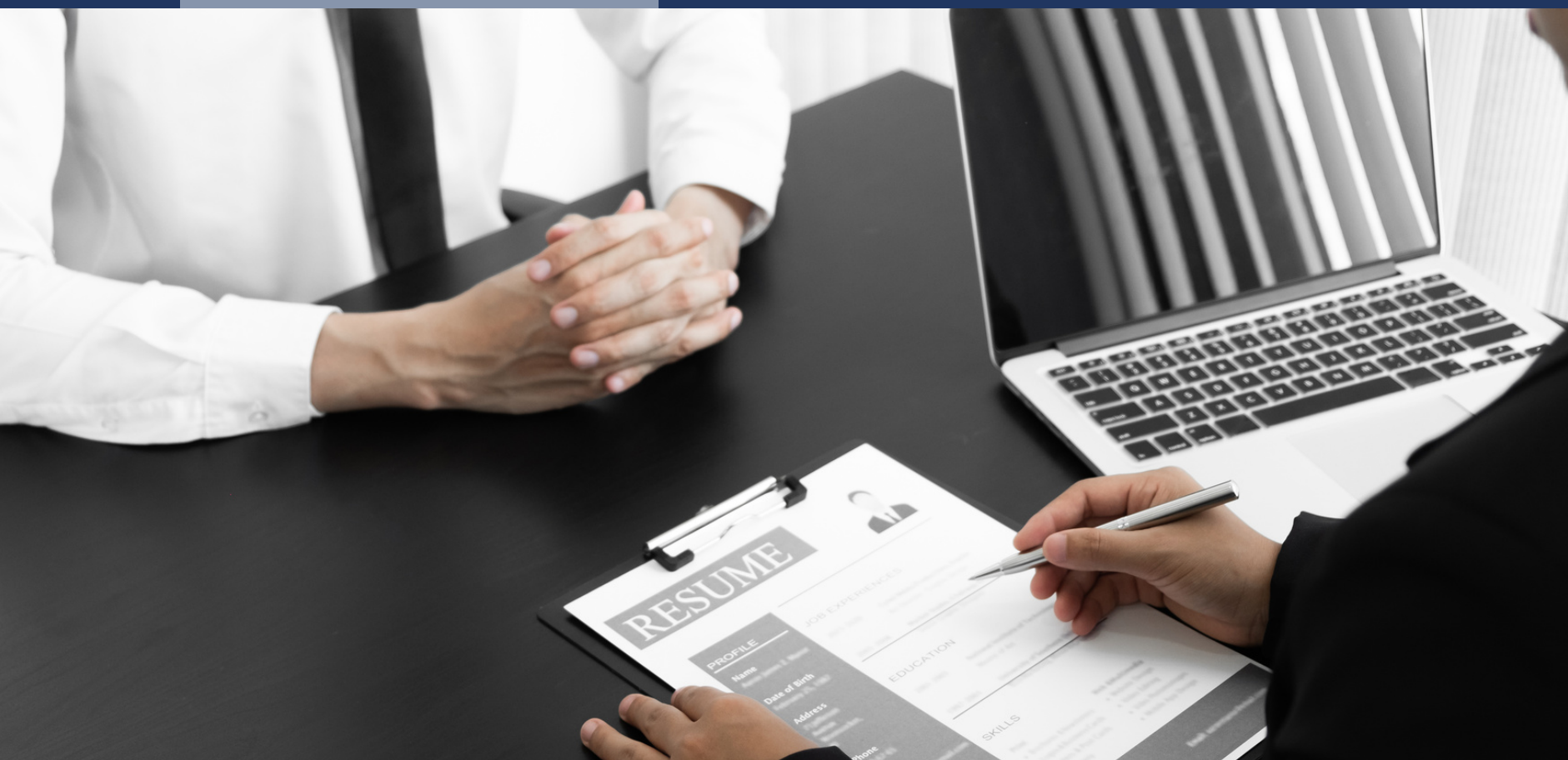
Werner Stengg

How can AI and data science be part of the solution to fight present and future pandemics? We brought together experts from the parliament, from Commissioner EVP Vestager's cabinet, from technology giant Huawei, and from MedTech Europe to debate the topic.

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Recovery & Change: The Breakdown of Traditional Structures?

2 July 2020 - #EU40Talks

Tsvetelina Penkova MEP
Sukti Dasgupta
Casper Klygne
Thanos Moysiadis



Unemployment has risen dramatically in 2020 and various parts of the population are struggling to make ends meet. In this discussion, the speakers tackled the topic of conventional structures of work and income, and how the COVID-19 crisis has shown that these structures must expand and evolve with the times.

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Bringing Rural Areas into the 21st Century

3 July 2020 - #EU40Talks

Isabel Benjumea MEP

Jorge Pinto Antunes

Geraldine Kutas

Simon Wancke

How can we bring rural areas into the 21st century? What role does technology play in transforming agriculture? Policymakers from the REGI committee, Commissioner Wojciechowski's cabinet, the European Crop Protection Association, and the European Council of Young Farmers came together to discuss.

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BUILDING GENDER EQUAL AND INCLUSIVE WORKFORCES

14 July 2020

Promoting Gender Equality is a fundamental EU value deeply rooted in the EU treaties, and recognising equality is essential in all political areas in order for the EU to be able to utilise its talent and diversity and reach its full potential. The Coronavirus outbreak has exacerbated existing inequalities, and women have been especially hit by the negative consequences of the crisis. The roundtable discussion tackled this reality by questioning what companies are doing to address issues of inequality in their working structures.

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Frances Fitzgerald MEP
Josianne Cutajar MEP
Dr. Audrey-Flore Ngomsik
Lesia Radelicki
Louise Prashad

A background image showing two large wind turbines in the foreground, with a hazy, mountainous landscape in the background under a warm, orange and yellow sunset sky. The turbines are dark blue or black, and their blades are spread out. The overall mood is serene and hopeful, representing clean energy.

A sustainable energy future?

16 July 2020

A key conversation on the clean energy revolution, taking place across the world. In the fight for a greener future, how we produce and use our energy plays a very important role and determines how effective we can be in greening our future.

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Sandor Ronai MEP

Kitti Nyitrai

Diego Pavia

Constantine Levoyannis



#AskMeAnything with big players Google & Uber

17 November & 1 December 2020

#EU40AMA

Alex Agius Saliba MEP
Simon Hania

Eva Kaili MEP
Dan Taylor

Two #EU40AMA sessions took place in November and December and brought EU40 and senior executives from Google & Uber to speak about data and privacy. The stimulating conversations looked at how data is used in targeted ads and ridesharing respectively.

EU & CHINA: RESEARCH & INNOVATION

With China being a key partner of the EU, the area of research and innovation is a crucial driver for economic and social development. Collaboration between the two countries can offer challenges and opportunities, naturally. What are they? Not to mention, which are the areas where cooperation is most needed, in order to solve the global challenges we are facing? These questions were raised at the roundtable discussion organised in collaboration with the College of Europe.

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18 November 2020

Ivo Hristov MEP
Jean-Pierre Bourguignon
Davide Cucino
Dr Bernhard Müller
David Harmon
Martina De Sole

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#IAMREMARKABLE WORKSHOP

19 November 2020

Understanding the importance of self-promotion in one's personal and professional life can be essential. Developing the tools and skill sets to challenge social perceptions surrounding self-promotion. Google's #IAmRemarkable initiative began in 2016 and strives to empower everyone, particularly women and underrepresented groups, to celebrate their achievements in the workplace and beyond. To date, #IamRemarkable has reached 130,000 participants and 800 companies across 130+ countries, with the help of 6000+ facilitators.

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Bridging the Gap: The Recovery of Hospitality

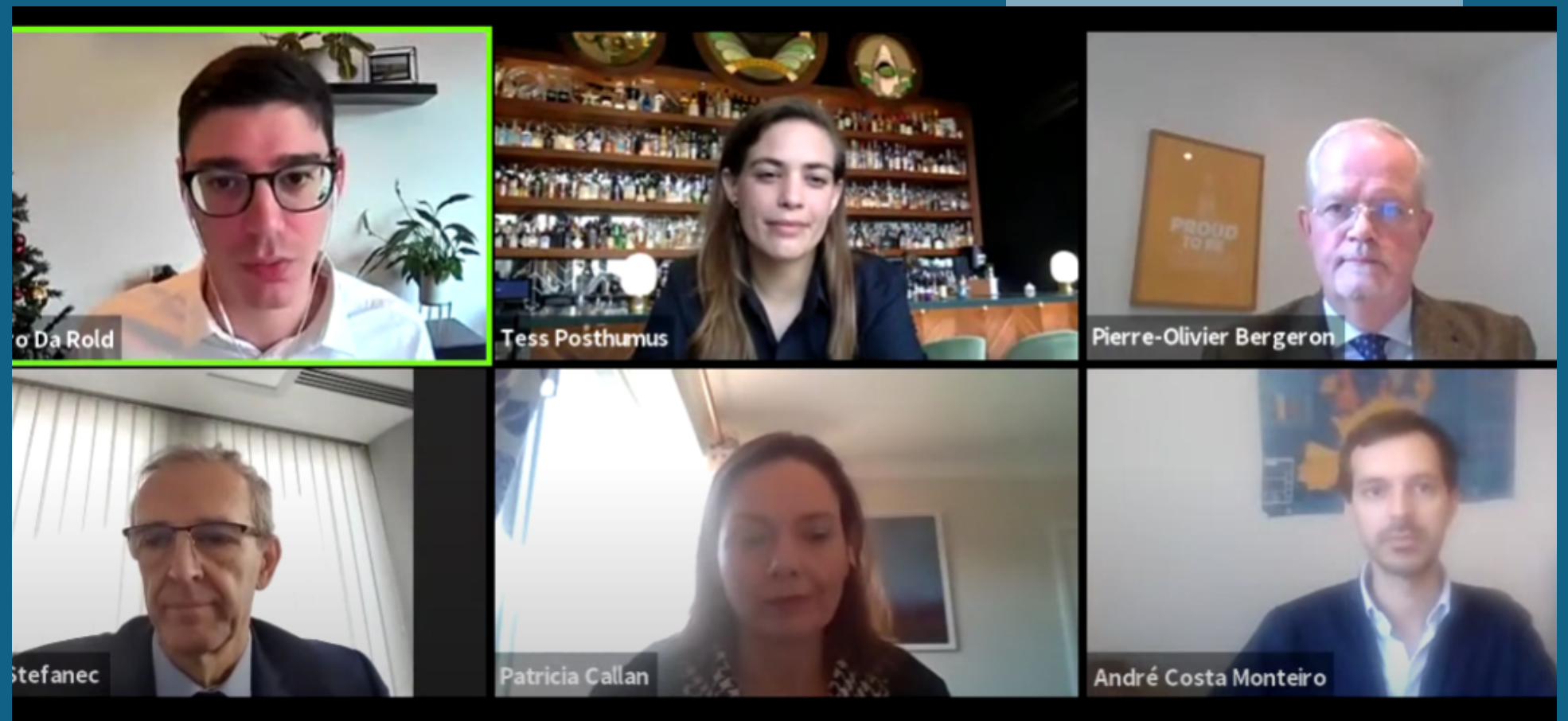
17 December 2020 - #EU40Talks

Ivan Stefanec MEP
Tess Posthumus
Pierre-Olivier Bergeron
Patricia Callan
André Costa Monteiro

Closing the doors to the hospitality sector impacted the entire value chain – from product production to shipment, from marketing to service. This last edition of the 2020 #EU40Talks focused on the importance of building a fast recovery for the sector, with policymakers and stakeholders from the industry and civil society.

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MEP Awards 2020

ONCE AGAIN WE PARTNERED UP WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY MAGAZINE FOR THEIR ANNUAL MEP AWARDS CEREMONY. THIS YEAR'S EDITION WAS DIGITAL, SO WE CELEBRATED FROM BEHIND OUR SCREENS. NONETHELESS, WE WERE PROUD OF OUR EU40 NETWORK MEPS FOR BEING SHORTLISTED IN THE 2020 EDITION!



OUR COLLABORATIONS

