



A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IN 2021

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THE NETWORK OF YOUNG MEPS

At EU40, we create a safe space where MEPs can network and thrive together, across party lines.

We bring together young MEPs from the four main political groups and empower them with a platform to bring to light topics on their agendas.

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Some highlights from this year

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NOTABLE FACTS



MORE OFFICIAL:
WE BECAME TWITTER VERIFIED!



MEDIA PARTNERS:
POLITICO - EURONEWS - EURACTIV
FINANCIAL TIMES - THE ECONOMIST
PARLIAMENT MAGAZINE - REUTERS



INTER-INSTITUTIONAL:
FIVE EUROPEAN COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATED IN OUR EVENTS

... AND FIGURES

850

NEW
SUPPORTERS

12k

SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

6k

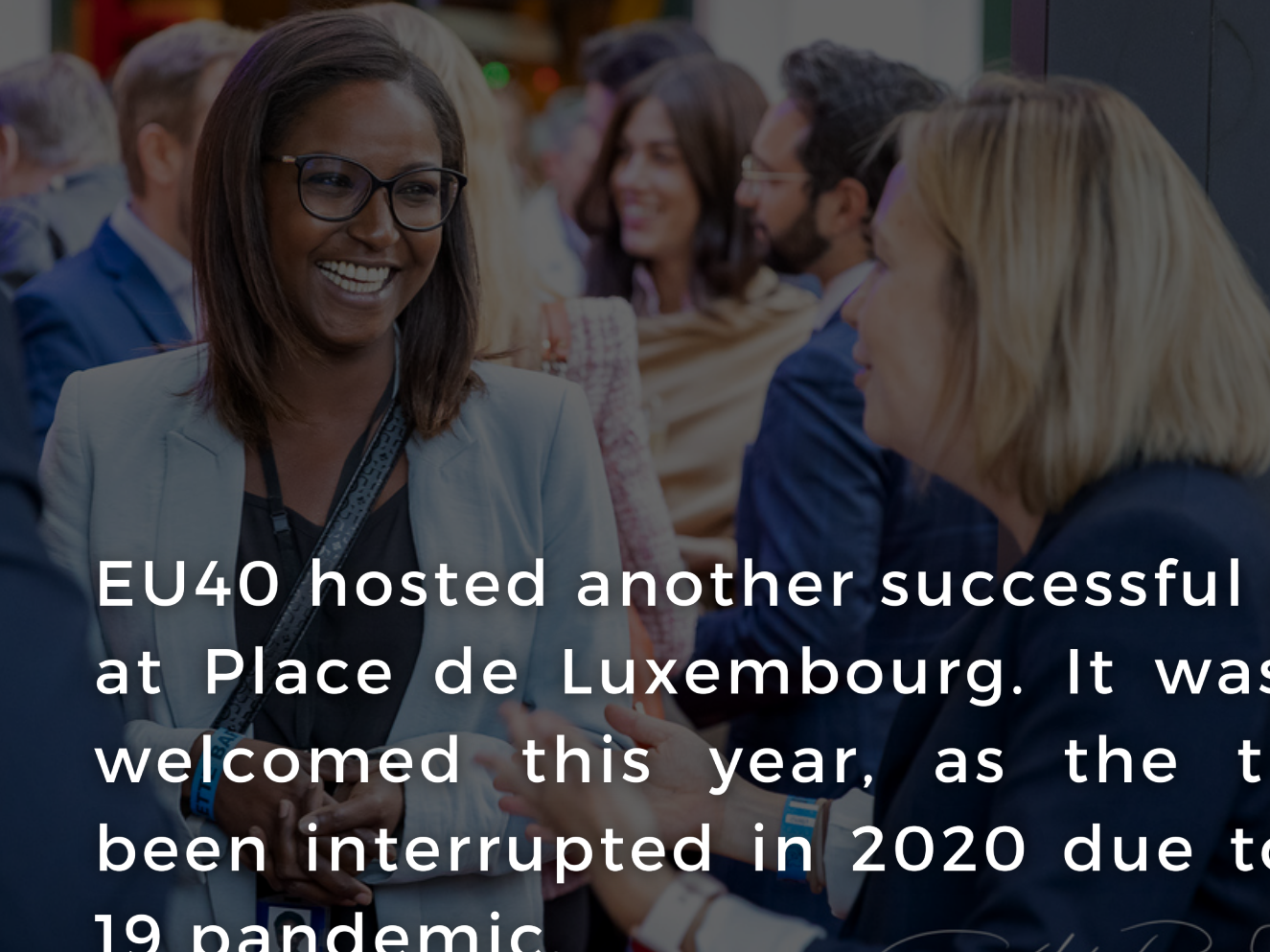
EVENT
PARTICIPANTS

500k

IMPRESSIONS




EU40 BBQ



EU40 hosted another successful summer BBQ at Place de Luxembourg. It was particularly welcomed this year, as the tradition had been interrupted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



September 2021



Around 150 young MEPs and EU professionals came together in a relaxed networking setting. Attendees were able to profit from the platform that can shape young, future-oriented policies for Europe.

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TRANSATLANTIC DIGITAL RELATIONSHIPS

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel
Minister Mark Boris Andrijanič

MEP Eva Kaili

MEP Franc Bogovič

Peter Harrell

Miglė Niauraitė

Karan Bhatia

A high-level virtual discussion organised under the auspices of the Slovenian presidency of the Council of the EU. Done on the occasion of the new US-EU Transatlantic Trade Council (TTC), inaugurated by global leaders who have agreed to put forward the innovative instrument after the June EU-US summit held in Brussels.

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EUROPEAN HEALTH PARLIAMENT

SIXTH EDITION

NUMBERS

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

TOPICS

- Telemedicine & Patient-Centred Care
- European Health Data Co-operation
- Health and the Green Transition
- Resilient Supply Chains
- Healthy Economies

COLLABORATION

EHP promotes strong cooperation between members and stakeholders. The last plenary even brought together a trilogue of EU institution representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Slovenian presidency of the Council of the EU.

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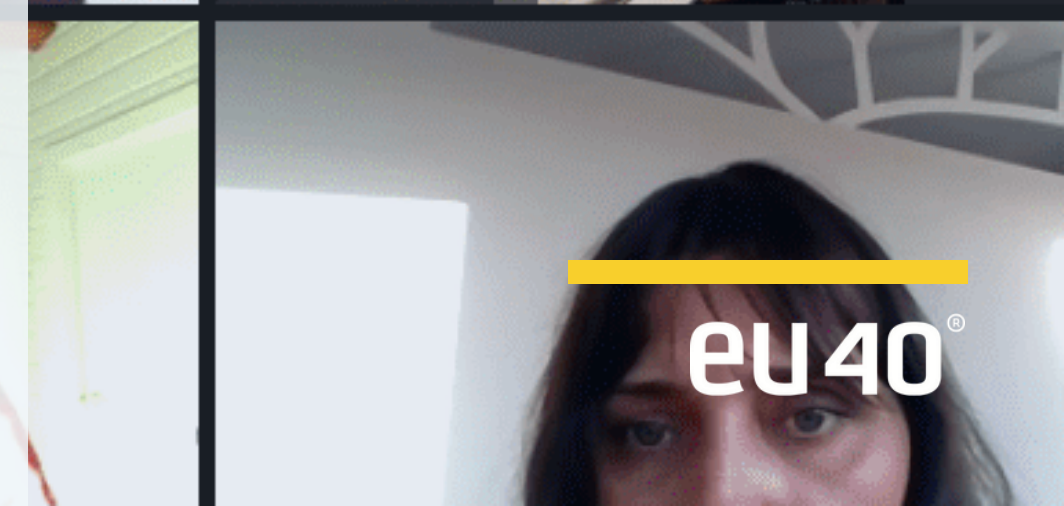
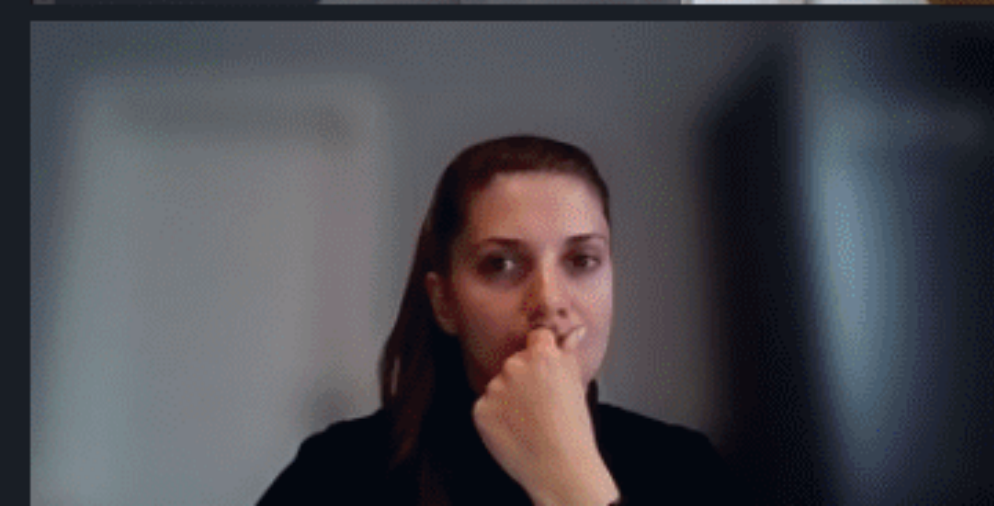
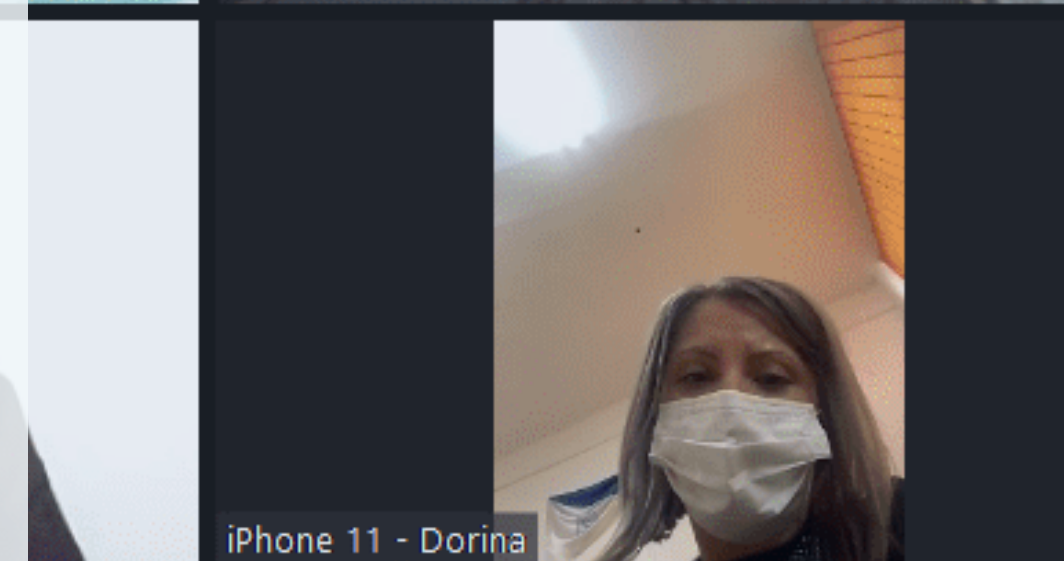
#EU40Talks



ALL THROUGHOUT 2021

WHAT STARTED AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WENT ON TO BECOME A STAPLE IN EU40 EVENTS. A SUCCESSFUL SERIES OF VIRTUAL CONVERSATIONS OVER ONLINE PLATFORMS, #EU40TALKS FEATURE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE SHAPING (OR HAVE SHAPED!) EUROPE.

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



YOUNG LEADERS ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

MEP Lena Düpont
MEP Alin Mituța
Céline Geissmann
Susanna Croci

EU40 – The Network of Young MEPs and the European Committee of the Regions – Young Elected Politicians Programme (YEP) came together once again during the highly anticipated #EURegionsWeek to have a conversation between young leaders on the future of Europe.

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Here's what else we did in 2021

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A discussion on youth, their voices
and future with:

Anna Masiello
Activist

Commissioner
Sinkevicius

Christian Kurz
ViacomCBS

Eva Kaili
MEP

Aminata Belli
Journalist

Beyond 2020: Global Youth Voices & Futures

2 February 2021

Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius
EU40 President MEP Eva Kaili
Anna Masiello
Christian Kurz
Aminata Belli

EU40 and ViacomCBS, in partnership with Euractiv, organised a digital event to present the findings of a research project on the perceptions of 2020, and to discuss these with young EU politicians, policymakers, and active citizens.

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BEYOND 2020

GLOBAL YOUTH - VOICES & FUTURES

#ICareForRare Campaign

February 2021

MEP Tomislav Sokol

MEP Cyrus Engerer

Paola Testori Coggi

Noemie Desquiotz-Sunnen

Jana Popova

Ahead of Rare Disease week 2021, EU40, together with Biogen and Reuters, launched the #icare4rare campaign to raise awareness on rare disease across Europe.

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CYRUS ENGERER

Member of the
European Parliament,
S&D, Malta



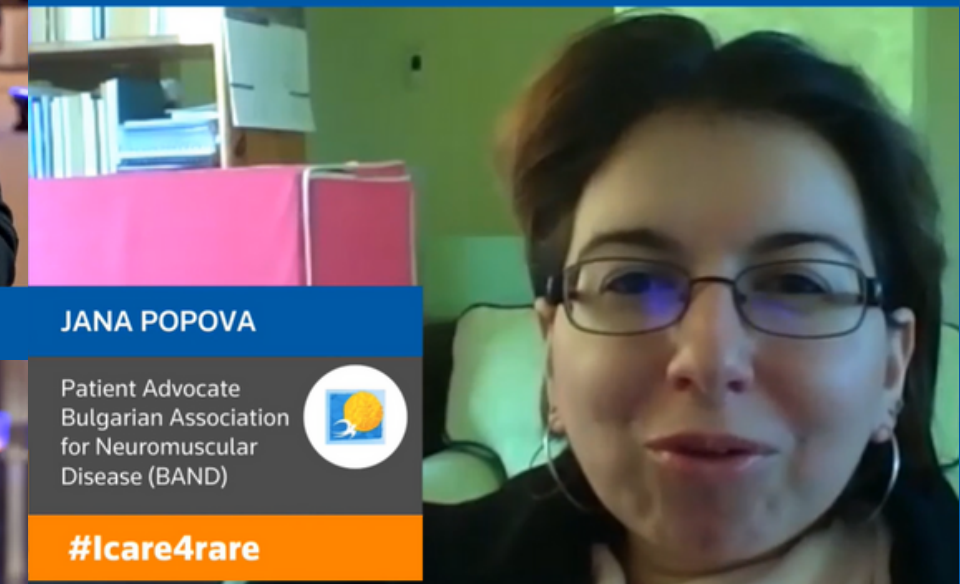
TOMISLAV SOKOL

Member of the
European Parliament,
EPP, Croatia



PAOLA TESTORI COGGI

Former Director General for Health
and Consumers, European
Commission, and Special Advisor,
National Technological Cluster on
Life Sciences ALISEI

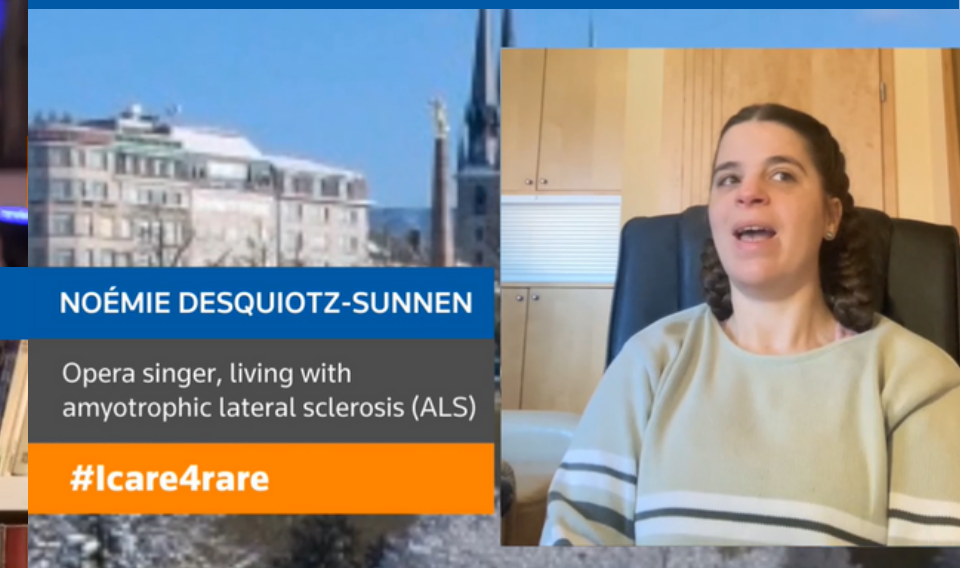


JANA POPOVA

Patient Advocate
Bulgarian Association
for Neuromuscular
Disease (BAND)



#icare4rare



NOÉMIE DESQUIOTZ-SUNNEN

Opera singer, living with
amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

#icare4rare

Unlocking innovation & access for rare disease patients in Europe

22 February 2021

Commissioner Stella Kyriakides

MEP Tomislav Sokol

MEP Josianne Cutajar

MEP Dolors Montserrat

MEP Stelios Kypourouopoulos

The virtual policy event brought together the European rare disease community to tackle this area of great unmet medical need, gain insights on the impact that policy decisions have on improving early diagnosis and the quality of lives of people affected by rare diseases.

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EU40 @ The Cortina Digital Forum

22-23 April 2021

MEP Eva Kaili

MEP Franc Bogovič

The Cortina Digital Forum - the upcoming "Davos of Digital" - kicked off its first edition virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. EU40 is a proud supporter of the forum, with Managing Director Alessandro Da Rold being a co-founder of the initiative. With over 60 high-level speakers, of which EU40 President Eva Kaili was also featured.

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Brain and Machine: Improving MS Care in a Digital Age

27 May 2021

MEP Eva Kaili

MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho

In the leadup to #WorldMSDay2021, organised by The Economist Events in collaboration with EU40, Biogen, and the European Brain Council. The topic was innovation in biotechnologies, examining how the digital revolution is transforming health-care delivery, with a special focus on Multiple Sclerosis.

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Betting on Innovation to Save the Beautiful Game

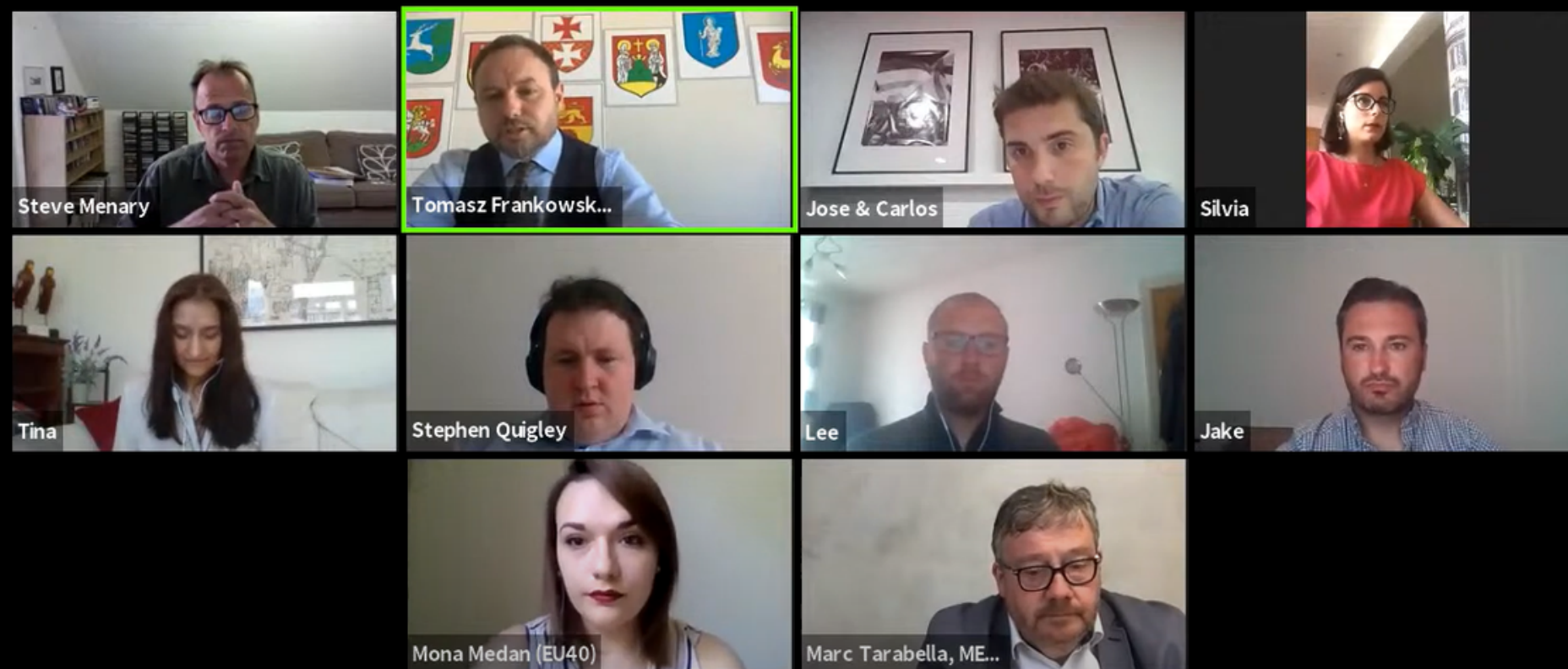
6 June 2021

MEP Tomasz Frankowski
Jose Ignacio Arbea Sarasa
Christina Thakor-Rankin
Jake Marsh

In the lead up to the #EURO2020 kickoff, IBIA, EGBA, the EP Sports Group and EU40 co-organised a virtual event on innovation in sports and betting integrity, looking at how bookies work and how predictions are made.

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Promoting Regional Funding

2 June 2021

MEP Niklas Nienab
Alina Cunk Perklič
Peter Toth
Radim Sršeň
Iwona Lisztwan
Eleftherios Stavropoulos
Marion Eckardt
Olaf Pommeranz

The European Parliament RUMRA Intergroup and EU40 organised an expert roundtable on the topics of regional funding and community development, focusing on the European Commission's CLLD strategy.

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From policy to practice: Zero-Pollution Brewing

4 June 2021

MEP Tsvetelina Penkova
MEP Nicolae Ștefănuță
Drahomira Mandikova
Erik Novaes

On the 4th day of the annual Brewers of Europe Forum and as part of #EUGreenWeek, EU40 and the EP Beer Club participated in a conversation on tackling zero-pollution policy goals related to the EU's green ambitions, as well as circularity innovations and advances in the sector.

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THE BREWERS
OF EUROPE FORUM

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NBTs: Challenges & Opportunities

9 June 2021

MEP Paolo de Castro
Dr. Michele Morgante
Garlich von Essen
Nikita Sajeev
Bruce Zanin

The conversation examined the challenges surrounding plant gene-editing technologies (New Breeding Techniques), as well as bringing forward all of the exciting opportunities these technologies have for the agricultural industry.

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Is 'innovation' just a buzzword?

14 June 2021

Nathalie Sauze-Vandevyver
Martijn Buijsse
Garlich von Essen
Alessandro Da Rold

The second #EU40Talk on the challenges and opportunities within the agricultural sector, this conversation brought together specialists who spoke on whether existing EU agricultural policies and funding mechanisms are enough to maintain a sustainable agri-food chain.

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BUILDING THE FUTURE FOR REMOTE AREAS

Commissioner Dubravka Šuica

Minister Jože Podgoršek

MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho

Isidro Laso Ballesteros

MEP Franc Bogovič

Sandra Isabel Novo

Emilio Corchado

Reinald Krüger

Enda Stenson

A two-part high level discussion, organised in line with the European Commission's publication of the future vision for EU rural areas. The first discussion held in July looked at the long term vision for rural areas, while the second one held in October discussed connectivity as the spark to rural innovation.

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THE 'SILENT EPIDEMIC' OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Miia Kivipelto
Alessandro Marcuzzi
Francesca Colombo
Dominik Isler
Donata Meroni

EU40, the Financial Times, and Biogen held a virtual webinar on the prevalent issues surrounding Alzheimer's Disease still in 2021. The speakers considered the fundamental changes needed to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease, improve diagnosis rates and enhance options for care.

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#EU40AMAs: Ask Me Anything Series

EU40 MEPs

Neal Mohan, CPO - YouTube

Prabhakar Raghavan, Senior VP - Google

Tony Jin Yong, CEO & Senior VP - Huawei Europe

Iskra Reic, Exec VP - AstraZeneca Europe & Canada

In 2021, EU40's popular #AskMeAnything series continued with high profile executives from major companies. In the spirit of honest and frank conversation, the sessions observed Chatham House Rules. These were often intimate sessions, reserved for the EU40 MEPs, offering them the possibility to engage with major industry players.

Susfin, AI & Climate

9 November 2021

Commissioner Mairead McGuinness

MEP Mikuláš Peksa

MEP Eva Kaili

George Skiadopoulos

Typhaine Beaupérin

Dr. Kirsten Dunlop

Dimitris Zafeiris

Speakers discussed how machine learning help markets identify and price climate risks, and what are the risks of delegating sustainable finance decisions to autonomous systems. The event featured various policymakers, civil society, and academia.

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Building Resilient Healthcare Systems

16 November 2021

MEP Nicolae Ștefănuță

MEP Tomislav Sokol

Antonella Cardone

Sir Peter Horby

Stefan Schreck

Rick R. Suarez

Sibilia Quilici

Elen Høeg

EU40 hosted an online debate with policymakers and top health experts on the lessons learned from COVID-19 and what Europe must do from policy, regulatory, patient and industry perspectives to address the ongoing pandemic – while also preparing for potential future crises.

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New trends in the European payments landscape

9 November 2021

MEP Ondřej Kovařík

Genevieve Marjoribanks

Hendrik Frank

Sandrell Sultana

EU40 hosted a virtual discussion with experts from European governments, civil society and interested organisations, where the speakers took the chance to look at what consumers want, what the industry requires and how policy is influencing it all.

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