



EIA - Why Europe needs an Innovation Area!

The event is hosted by MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho

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Description

Why do we need a European Innovation Area?

Now more than ever, there is the need to have an innovation strategy at the European level to better connect among innovation ecosystems, create synergies to enhance scaling-up what is done at the local level, and connect talent, knowledge, and finance across Europe.

A European Innovation Area can contribute to encourage public support for innovation and increase the capacity of our companies, startups, SMEs to adopt new technologies and innovations. It could also help the economy recover from the Covid19 crisis, increase competitiveness, and translate European values into a coherent innovation strategy.

Talking Points

- Develop an EU framework (a coherent EU innovation strategy) for the numerous initiatives within the EU programs and Member States and Regions in relation to innovation. There are many great scattered initiatives without a common umbrella.
- Complete the knowledge triangle and develop a European space similar to what already exists in other strategic areas (e.g. research, education, pharma, etc.).
- Create strong synergies between the EIC and the EIT
- Help inventors in all European regions using structural funds
- Building pathways from education to innovation.
- Support startups/innovative companies to scale up at the EU level.
- Connect innovation ecosystems across Europe

Speakers

Host

Maria da Graça Carvalho, *MEP, Chair of the K4I Forum, EPP, Portugal*

Speakers

Mariya Gabriel, *EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth*

Victor Negrescu, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, S&D, Romania*

Lina Gálvez Muñoz, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, S&D, Spain*

Marian-Jean Marinescu, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, EPP, Romania*

Andrey Novakov, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, EPP, Bulgaria*

Tim van der Hagen, *Rector Magnificus/President of the Executive Board, TU Delft*

Bernd Schäfer, *CEO EIT RawMaterials*

Agenda

- Welcome MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho
- Presentation Commissioner Mariya Gabriel
- Contributions from Members of the European Parliament
 - **Lina Gálvez Muñoz**, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum*
 - **Victor Negrescu**, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum*
 - **Marian-Jean Marinescu**, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, EPP, Romania*
 - **Andrey Novakov**, *MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, EPP, Bulgaria*
- Views from the innovation community: TU Delft and EIT RawMaterials
- Questions and input from participating MEPs to Commissioner Gabriel
- Topics for further discussions at 12 European Innovation Summit

Event moderated by Roland Strauss

Speakers Details



Mariya Gabriel

EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth

Mariya Ivanova Gabriel is a Bulgarian politician and a member of the GERB party serving as European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth since 2019. She was previously a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from 2009 to 2017.

In the European Parliament, she served as Vice-President of the European People's Party (EPP) group, Vice-President of EPP Women, and head of the Bulgarian EPP delegation. She was first appointed to the European Commission in 2017 as European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society to fill a spot left vacant by the departure of Kristalina Georgieva.



Maria da Graça Carvalho

MEP, Chair of the K4I Forum

Maria da Graça Carvalho is currently a member of the European Parliament (2019-2024).

In the European Parliament, she is a full Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and a substitute Member on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and a substitute member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM).

She follows as well the parliamentary Delegations for relations with the United States, for relations with the countries of Central America and Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.

In the past, Maria da Graça Carvalho has also served as a member of the European Parliament in the EPP group from 2009-2014. She sat on the Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee as a full member and was a substitute member of the Committee on Budgets. In the Budget Committee, she acted during the 5 years as permanent EPP shadow rapporteur for the science and innovation budget and as rapporteur for the space budget.

As an MEP, she was appointed rapporteur of the Specific Programme Implementing HORIZON 2020 and of the report on the Simplification of the Rules of Participation in the European Programs for Research and Innovation. In 2011, she was awarded the Prize for the best MEP in the area of Research and Innovation.

Maria da Graça Carvalho has been a Member of the Scientific Advice Mechanism Unit of the Directorate-General Research and Innovation of the European Commission from 2016 until 2019. She was a senior advisor of Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation from November 2014 to December 2015. She was Principal Adviser of President of the European Commission in the areas of Science, Innovation, Energy, Environment, and Climate Change from 2006 to 2009. She was Minister of Science and Higher Education of the XV Constitutional Government and Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education of the XVI Constitutional Government of Portugal.

She is a Full Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico (University of Lisbon) and she has acquired 30 years of experience in research in the areas of energy, climate change, and science, technology, and innovation policy.



Lina Gálvez Muñoz

MEP, Member of the K4I Forum

Lina Gálvez Muñoz is a Member of the European Parliament since July 2019. In the EP, she is Vice-chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and member of the Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA). She also belongs to the committees on Employment and Social Affairs and Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

Lina Gálvez Muñoz PhD, European University Institute (Florence) is Economic History and Institutions Full Professor at the Economics Department at Pablo Olavide University (Seville).

She has also been professor at the Universities of Reading (Reading), Carlos III (Madrid), and as a visiting professor at Centre for time use research at Oxford University (Oxford). She has more than hundred scientific publications and she has also been Vice-Rector of her university from 2007 to 2012 and served as Regional Minister of Knowledge, Research and University of the Government of Andalusia from 2018 to 2019.



Victor Negrescu

MEP, Member of the K4I Forum

Victor Negrescu is the vice-chair of the Culture and Education Committee and rapporteur on the shaping of an European digital education policy. He is an emerging leader, active in the field of education, digital innovation, entrepreneurship, European financing, citizens' rights, and institutional affairs. His latest success was to promote in the European Parliament a resolution on education and to introduce in the Recovery and Resilience Facility a recommendation to Member States to allocate 10% for education and 2% for the culture and creative sector. Former Romanian Minister for EU Affairs in charge with the preparation of the EU Council Presidency, he was in the past a digital innovator and a professor before holding the position of MEP.

Victor Negrescu is an active promoter of EU values, chairing the PES activists Romania and European Movement Romania organizations. He won in 2015 the MEP of the Year Award for the digital agenda and got recently an award from the Romanian digital industry for his efforts in promoting digital skills and education. As a civic activist, he managed to promote several European petitions calling for citizens and social rights at EU level. MEP Victor Negrescu is a strong advocate for a fair social Europe, based on common policies in the field of education, innovation & digital sector, protection of the environment, healthcare and infrastructure.



Marian-Jean Marinescu

MEP, Member of the K4I Forum, EPP, Romania

Marian-Jean Marinescu is a Romanian, center-right politician, who's political career followed closely the democratic and European evolution of the Romanian political life.

Aircraft engineer by profession, Marinescu joined the Romanian Democratic Party in 1992 and has held offices both in local government bodies and in the national Parliament.

With Romania's accession to the European Union in 2007, Marinescu was elected to the European Parliament and has since sat on the Committees on Transport and Tourism, on Budgetary Control and on Industry, Research and Energy. Marinescu was Vice-Chair of the EPP Group from 2007 to 2019 and is currently the EPP Group Coordinator for Transport policies.

Member of the National Liberal Party, Marian-Jean Marinescu is one of the most active and influential Romanian MEPs.



Bernd Schäfer

CEO, EIT RawMaterials

Bernd Schäfer has extensive business experience. Prior to his recent role as CEO/Managing Director at apt Group, leading European supplier of extruded, anodised and processed aluminium products, he was the VP Commercial, Global Commercial Transportation and Industrial in Alcoa. His area of accountability included global market responsibility as well as execution of the innovation and technology roadmap in close cooperation with R&D.

Mr Schäfer was a Board Member with the Gesamtverband der Aluminiumindustrie (the trade association of the aluminium industry) and the Wirtschaftsvereinigung Metalle (the umbrella of metal producing companies in Germany) until 2020.



Tim van der Hagen

Rector Magnificus/President of the Executive Board, TU Delft

Tim van der Hagen (born 1959) has been President of Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) since May 2016 and also Rector Magnificus since January 2018. He studied Applied Physics at Eindhoven University of Technology. After taking his doctorate in 1989 at TU Delft, he stayed on at the Reactor Institute Delft, which conducts radiation-related research into energy, materials and health. He was director of the Institute between 2005 and 2012. In 1999 he was appointed professor of Reactor Physics.

Between September 2010 and May 2016 he was Dean of the Applied Sciences faculty at TU Delft. During this latter period Tim was one of the instigators of the Delft Plan, published in 2015, which set out TU Delft's vision on how the Netherlands could play a leading role in the European energy market. In 2015, he was also the co-author of an advisory report 'A prosperous nation without CO2: Towards a sustainable energy supply by 2050' produced by the Dutch Council for the Environment and Infrastructure (Rli). Van der Hagen has broad managerial experience in the field of energy, including as a former member of the Dutch Energy Council and the Top team of the Top Sector Energy in the Netherlands. Both bodies advise the government on the implementation of energy policy. In addition to this he is a member of the national Advisory Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (AWTI) which was established by the Dutch government to advise the government and parliament on policy in the areas of scientific research, technological development and innovation. Furthermore, Tim is a Board member of the Royal Netherlands Society of Engineers (KIVI), a member of the Board of the Netherlands Energy Research Alliance (NERA) and of GROW (Growth through Research, Development and Demonstration in Offshore Wind), member of the Supervisory Board of Central Organisation for Radioactive Waste (COVRA) and Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO) Strategic Advisory Board on Energy and the Supervisory Board of Advanced Dutch Energy Materials (ADEM). He also holds a chair in the General board of the 4TU Federation, the Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU) and the Steering Committee of Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Alliance (LDE).

Between May 2014 and May 2016 he was Chair of the Supervisory Board of HollandPTC (Holland Particle Therapy Centre) jointly built on the Delft campus by the Erasmus and Leiden University Medical Centres and the TU Delft. In May 2016, Tim van der Hagen was appointed a Knight of the Order of the Netherlands Lion. In his free time, he plays in a pop cover band and he enjoys going to jazz concerts, the theatre and museums.