

EUROPEAN IDEAS NETWORK SEMINAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE EPP GROUP STUDY DAYS

7TH NOVEMBER 2018

THE FUTURE OF EUROPE:

“TOWARDS AN INNOVATION UNION IN THE DIGITAL AGE”

“THE FUTURE OF THE WELFARE STATE”

PROGRAM

CONFERENCE VENUE:

MESSUKESKUS HALL 4
MESSUKESKUS CONGRESS CENTRE
HELSINKI, FINLAND

WORKING LANGUAGE: EN/FR/DE/FI

WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER

15:00

OPENING REMARKS:

Paulo RANGEL MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP, EIN Chairman

15:15 - 16:45

ROUND TABLE 1: "TOWARDS AN INNOVATION UNION IN THE DIGITAL AGE"

CHAIR: **Pilar DEL CASTILLO MEP**, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy in the EP and Chair of the European Internet Forum

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

- **Mariya GABRIEL**, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

SPEAKERS:

- **Luís VIEGAS CARDOSO**, Policy Adviser to the Head of the 'European Political Strategy Centre', European Commission
- **Christian EHLER**, EPP Group Vice-Coordinator and Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy in the EP
- **Erja TURUNEN**, Executive Vice-President, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd.

17:00 - 18:30

ROUND TABLE 2: "THE FUTURE OF THE WELFARE STATE"

CHAIR: **Sofia RIBEIRO MEP**, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs in the EP

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

- **Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS**, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (TBC)

SPEAKERS:

- **J Scott MARCUS**, Senior Fellow, Bruegel
- **Lothar FUNK**, Professor, Faculty of Business Studies, Hochschule Düsseldorf
- **Jon KVIST**, Institute of Social Science and Business, Roskilde University, Denmark