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## PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

# Digital transformation in the European way?

Thursday 10 December 2020 10.00-13.30

*Digital transformation is affecting the economic, political and social life in the European Union and globally. Can we create clear guiding principles for tech development? Is a data-driven society risking a new form of inequality? Should Digital Health be a compulsory education element for all citizens? To open the debate on these fundamental issues, the EP Former Members Association organises a roundtable jointly with [Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies](#), [European Progressive Studies Foundation](#), [European Liberal Forum](#), [Green European Foundation](#) and [European University Institute](#).*

### PROGRAMME

10.00-10.10 **Opening remarks by Hans-Gert PÖTTERING** - President of the EP Former Members' Association.

10.10-11.15 **Panel I - "Democracy and Digital Transformation"**

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*Items: New digital ethics and human dignity, Data control and security and privacy, freedom and non-discrimination, citizen's participation in new digital political arena and representative democracy, transparency.*

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#### Panellists:

**1) Francesca BRIA** - President of the Italian National Innovation Fund, Honorary Professor in the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose at UCL in London and Senior Adviser on Digital Cities and Digital Rights for the United Nations.

**2) Prof. Ulises CORTÉS** - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya. Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Coordinator of the Ethics-WP in the AI4EU platform.

**3) Svenja HAHN MEP** - Member of the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age.

**4) Žiga TURK** - Professor, University of Ljubljana, Academic Council Member, Martens Centre.



**5) Richard WOUTERS** - Researcher for the think tank of the Dutch green party [Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks](#).

**Moderator: Brian MAGUIRE**, journalist.

11.15-11.35 **Break**

11.35-12.40 **Panel II - "European media"**

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*Items: Free and independent media as watchdog of democracy, fact-checking, transparency and the concentration of media ownership, media literacy and access for all.*

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**Panellists:**

**1) Michał BONI** - Former MEP, EPP Group, Senior Research Associate, Martens Centre.

**2) Dr. Elda BROGI** - Scientific Coordinator of the [Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom](#) at the European University Institute (EUI) and Member of the Executive Board of EDMO, [European Digital Media Observatory](#).

**3) Guillaume KLOSSA** - Co-Founder CIVICO Europa / Europa Nova – author of EC report "Towards European Media Sovereignty, an industrial strategy to leverage data, algorithms and artificial intelligence", former professor Sciences Po and EBU director.

**4) Dr. Peter KREKO** - Director of the Political Capital Institute.

**5) Maryia SADOUSKAYA-KOMLACH** - Team Lead Eurasia at Free Press Unlimited in the Netherlands and is a non-resident fellow of Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA).

**Moderator: Brian MAGUIRE**, journalist.

12.40-13.20 **Q&A with the audience**

13.20-13.30 **Conclusions**

*Background information: Very relevant proposals will be made by the European Commission on these topics until this date, i.e. the Democracy Action Plan, the Digital Services Act and the Media & Audiovisual Action Plan*

**Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English and French**

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