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Press release



CELEBRATION OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EP TO CAMPUS PROGRAMME

On **7 December 2021 from 16.00 to 17.40**, the **European Parliament Former Members Association** will celebrate the [15th Anniversary of its EP to Campus Programme](#) entitled **“Raising the visibility of the European Parliament’s work and impact on EU policies”**.

This event will be introduced by the FMA President and Former President of the European Parliament [Hans-Gert Pöttering](#) and moderated by [Michael Hindley](#), Coordinator of the EP to Campus Programme.

The event will be opened by **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth. It will be followed by a Keynote Speech by **Federica Mogherini**, Rector of the College of Europe.

The discussion panel named **“Challenges of teaching European topics”** will host panellists **Natalia Cugleşan**, Lecturer at the Faculty of History and Philosophy, BabeşBolyai University, Jean Monnet Module “Digital teaching and learning in the field of EU Integration Studies in the new member states/ D-skills, 2020-2023”; **Marc Arwed Rutke**, Coordinator & Supervisor EMJMD Programme “Euroculture – Society, Politics and Culture in a Global Context“, Institute of Political Science at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen; and **Vlad Vernygora**, Lecturer in International Relations at the Department of Law School of Business and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology - Estonia.

The event will include a Question and Answer session with conclusive remarks by **Michael Hindley**, coordinator of the FMA Programme EP to Campus.

*The Celebration of 15th Anniversary of the EP to Campus Programme will be web-streamed from the European Parliament in Brussels and it will be available on the [FMA web page](#) on the day of the event with **interpretation in EN, FR, ES, IT and DE.***

The full programme and registration form is accessible via the [FMA website](#). We encourage you submitting questions in writing prior the webinar, the moderator will consider them for the Q&A session.

[The EP to Campus programme](#) allows Universities to benefit from the expertise and experience of former Members of the European Parliament who will share their insights into how the EU institutions really work and what are the factors shaping EU decision-making. Through this initiative, former Members have devoted their time and experience pro bono, sharing their insights into how the European Union, and in particular the European Parliament, really work, with open debates on key issues and future challenges such as artificial intelligence, climate change and the economy. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the FMA has continued to contribute to academic activities with participation from university students all around the world organised by Jean Monnet professors.

You can find all the information about the EP to Campus [here](#).

CLOSING EVENT OF THE FMA 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On **7 December 2021 from 19.00 to 20.30**, the **European Parliament Former Members Association** will celebrate the Closing Ceremony of the FMA 20th Anniversary with a hybrid event, web-streamed from the prestigious [House of European History](#).

The event will be opened by [Hans-Gert Pöttering](#), President of the FMA and Former President of the European Parliament followed by a keynote speech of Guest Speaker [Roberta Metsola](#) MEP, First Vice-President of the European Parliament. It will be followed by a Question and Answer session and will be closed by **Constance Itzel**, Director of the House of European History. The 20th anniversary Celebrations will finalise with a Musical performance by **Philippe Graffin** and **Amy Norrington**. “Duo for violin and cello” by **Erwin Schulhoff** (Prague, 1894 - Wülzburg concentration camp, 1942).

*The Closing event of the FMA 20th Anniversary Celebrations will be web-streamed through Zoom from the House of European History with **interpretation in EN and FR.***

The full programme and registration form is accessible via the [FMA website](#). We encourage you submitting questions in writing prior the webinar, the moderator will consider them for the Q&A session.

We invite you to follow us on our [website](#) and on social media through [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About the FMA

The Former Members Association of the European Parliament aims to foster relationships between former Members of the European Parliament by publishing a [quarterly Bulletin](#) and newsletters, organising social and cultural events, information meetings, debates and study visits, and by keeping in contact with similar organisations in other countries. In addition to that, FMA members engage in democracy support and election observation missions as well as fostering the cooperation with universities by participating pro bono in the [EP to Campus](#) educational programme.

The [Management Committee of the FMA](#) is composed of ten elected former MEPs.

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