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Digital transformation in the European way?

Thursday 10 December 2020 10.00-13.30

DRAFT 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"**

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 (Human involvement in digitised systems and accountability for the decisions guided by artificial intelligence systems).

Panellists:

- 1) Prof. Ulises Cortes** - Polytechnic University of Catalonia. Professor of Artificial Intelligence. BSC-HPAI Scientific Coordinator. Coordinator of the Ethics-HLG in the AI4EU platform
- 2) Žiga Turk**, Professor at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia and Member of the Martens Centre Academic Council
- 3) 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
- 4) Speaker proposed by the European Liberal Forum
- 5) Richard Wouters** - He works as a researcher for the think tank of the Dutch green party [Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks](#)

Moderator: Brian Maguire, journalist





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11.5-11.35 **Break**

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

Items: Free and independent media as watchdog of democracy, fact-checking, transparency and the concentration of media ownership (high concentration of digital intermediaries), media literacy and access for all (internet access and broadband availability), dialogue with society.

Panellists:

1) 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](#).

<https://cmpf.eui.eu/team/brogi-elda/>

2) Michał Boni, Senior Research Associate, Martens Centre. Former MEP and Polish Minister of Labour and Social Policy

3) Guillaume Klossa, Co-Founder CIVICO Europa / Europa Nova – Author of European Commission Report: "Towards European Media sovereignty, an industrial strategy to leverage data, algorithms and artificial intelligence"

4) Speaker proposed by the European Liberal Forum

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)

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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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