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FMA ANNUAL EVENTS

6 - 7 DECEMBER 2023

Wednesday 6 December 2023

15.00 - 16.30

President José Maria Gil-Robles: A Historical Appraisal (EPRS event)

Venue: EP Library's Reading Room SPINELLI 5D

Remote participation possible via WebEx

18.30 - 19.30

Annual Cocktail Reception

Venue: Members' restaurant, SPINELLI 0G, European Parliament, Brussels

Interpretation available in English & French

19.30 - 21.30

Annual Members Dinner

Venue: Members' restaurant, SPINELLI 0G, European Parliament, Brussels

Interpretation available in English & French

Thursday 7 December 2023

10.00 - 13.00

Librorum & Annual Seminar: Participation and AI in Europe

Towards the 2024 European Elections

Venue: SPAAK 7C50, European Parliament, Brussels

Remote participation possible via Interactio

Interpretation available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish

■ 10.00 - 11.00

Librorum on the FMA Publication 'Participation in Europe'

■ 11.00 - 13.00

Annual Seminar 'New technological transition: opportunities and challenges'

13.00 - 14.30

Get-Together Lunch

Venue: Members' restaurant, SPINELLI 0G, European Parliament,

Brussels

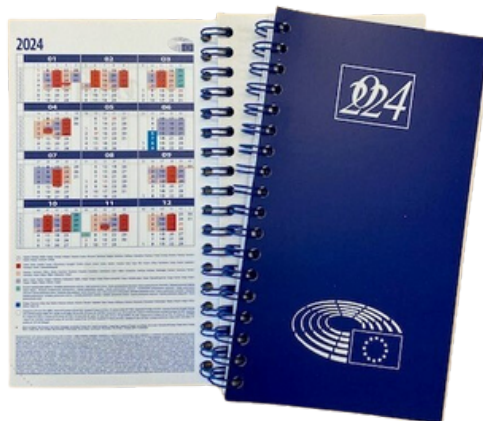
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Sending FMA documents by post in 2024

Dear Members,

This year the Association will continue to apply the paperless policy of the European Parliament whenever possible also with a view of limiting excessive postal expenses.



Only if you want to receive the **2024 Bulletins, Notices and dossier of the Annual General Assembly** and any subsequent meeting by post, you are kindly requested to fill in an online form, by clicking on the link below. Via this survey, you can also request to receive the **EP Bleu Diary 2024** that will then be sent to you by post in December 2023, together with the Christmas package.

In case of no answer **by 13 November 2023**, you will receive the above mentioned documents by email only.

We also kindly draw your attention to the fact that all documents are available in electronic version and in multiple languages either on the FMA website or the FMA Intranet Pages:

1. FMA Bulletins: <https://www.formermembers.eu/bulletin/>
(available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish)

2. Notices and Dossier of the General Assembly:
<https://intranet.formermembers.eu/en/governance/annual-general-assembly> (available in all 24 official EU languages)

Please click on the button below and fill in the online form, only if you want to receive the documents by post.

[Survey](#)



Librorum 'Tiempo De Paz' by Francisca Sauquillo

On **Thursday 14 September 2023 from 17.00 to 18.15** (Brussels time) the FMA organised its next **online Librorum event** in cooperation with the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) in Spain.

Francisca Sauquillo presented the newest publication **Tiempo De Paz** with the special coordination of FMA and EP former President **Enrique Barón Crespo** '*Europa: Construir el futuro o volver a pasado*', Europe: Building the future or going back to the past.

The response to these challenges requires the European Union to be strengthened for it to be a useful instrument for the progress of the peoples of Europe.

Enrique Barón Crespo, Tiempo De Paz N°148, page 8.

FMA Vice-President Monica Baldi welcomed the speakers and participants to the event and gave the floor to **Juergen Foecking**, Deputy Head of EPLO Spain, for the opening remarks.

The 148th publication of Tiempo De Paz was introduced by **FMA Honorary Secretary Teresa Riera Madurell**. This was followed by an intervention of the coordinator of the publication and **former EP and FMA President Enrique Barón Crespo** and of the **President of Tiempo De Paz, Francisca Sauquillo**.



Librorum ‘Tiempo De Paz’ by Francisca Sauquillo and Enrique Barón Crespo

Additionally, contributors to the publication **Mr Héctor Casenueva**, **Ms Cristina Gallach** and **Mr Alejandro Peinado** took the floor to elaborate more about the content of their articles.

The event included as well a Q&A session with the audience moderated by **FMA Board Member Paul Rübzig**. **FMA Vice-President Monica Baldi** concluded the online event.

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This magazine raises the question of whether the current problems which Europe faces should be addresses with more or less Europe. All the authors who write here argue that the response to these challenges requires the European Union to be strengthened for it to be a useful instrument for the progress of the peoples of Europe.

Enrique Barón Crespo, Tiempo De Paz N°148, page 8.

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FMA Study Visit to France: 27-29 September 2023

From 27 to 29 September 2023, a delegation of former members of the European Parliament from the Association of Former Members of the European Parliament (FMA), led by FMA President and former President of the European Parliament (1994 to 1997) [Dr. Klaus Hänsch](#), visited France.

The **Members of the Management Committee** that participated were: [BALDI Monica](#) (FMA Vice-President), [AUDY Jean-Pierre](#) (FMA Treasurer), [RIERA MADURELL Teresa](#) (FMA Honorary Secretary), [HINDLEY Michael](#), [PORTO Manuel](#), and [QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL Godelieve](#).

The other **FMA Delegation Members** were: [DE MARTINI Isabella](#), [DHAENE Jan](#), [DOYLE Avril](#), [EPITIDEIOS Georgios](#), [GADIOUX Colette](#), [GRIESBECK Nathalie](#), [GUTIERREZ-CORTINES Cristina](#), [MITCHELL Gabriel](#), [PAPARIZOV Atanas](#), [PLOOIJ VAN GORSEL Elly](#), [PINTON Michel](#), [PODIMATA Anny](#), [PRICE Peter](#), [RAINYTE-BODARD Ona](#), [SCARBONCHI Michel-Ange](#), [STARKEVIČIŪTĖ Margarita](#), [SUDRE Margie](#), [THOMSEN Britta](#), [VAN DEN BOS Bob](#) and [YANNAKOUDAKIS Marina](#).



FMA Study Visit to France: 27-29 September 2023



[Mrs Fabienne Keller](#), Quaestor at the European Parliament responsible for the FMA, invited the Members of the Management Committee to meet in Paris and combine this meeting with an FMA visit in person to France. Due to the Covid pandemic, this had not been possible in February 2022.

There had been insightful and passionate discussions about the European response to combat the health crisis, the rise of impetuous foreign powers, climate change, the energy crisis and the multiple challenges to be faced, amongst others.

The programme included meetings with representatives of the French Parliament and Government.



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FMA Study Visit to Paris: 27-29 September 2023



The delegation met the President of Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, [Mr Jean-François Rapin](#), the President of the French National Assembly's European Affairs Committee, [Mr Pieyre-Alexandre Anglade](#), and the President of the French National Assembly's European Affairs Committee, [Mr. Jean-Louis Boursanges](#) and [Mr. Emmanuel Puisais-Jauvin](#), the General Secretary for European Affairs in the Council of Ministers.

Afterwards, the delegation headed to the symbolic Jean Monnet House and participated in a Dinner Debate with guest speaker Deputy Secretary General of the OECD, [Ms Fabrizia Lapecorella](#).

The public event "[Towards the 2024 European Elections](#)" was chaired by President Hänsch and moderated by [Mr. Martí Grau Segú](#), Head of Department and Curator of the Maison Jean Monnet, [Ms. Elisabetta Fonck](#), Secretary General of the FMA, and [Ms. Debora Righetti](#), Public Relations Assistant at the Jean Monnet House. Students attending the event had the chance to ask questions to former Members of Parliament about the 2024 European elections and the future of Europe.

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A [report](#) of the Study Visit will be published in the [December Bulletin](#).

FMA September Bulletin: 2024 European Elections

FMA September Bulletin *European Elections 2024*



The [September Bulletin](#) is now available online!

This issue is dedicated to the **2024 European Elections** and keeps you up to date on the **FMA's activities**. You have received an electronic version only, unless you have requested to receive a printed copy by post.

[Read the Bulletin](#) >

December Bulletin

The December Bulletin is currently in being prepared with focus on the **Advantages of the European Union**.

This edition will also include a report on the FMA Visit to Paris and Madrid among others and the upcoming events.



FP-AP Lugano Colloquy: 22 September 2023

[Teresa Riera Madurell](#) and [Miguel Ángel Martínez Martínez](#), FMA delegates to [European association of former members of parliament of the member states of the Council of Europe \(FP-AP\)](#), took part in the [Colloquy on 22 September 2023 in Lugano, Switzerland](#).

The Declaration was unanimously adopted by the delegation and is entitled **“INFLUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON MIGRATION AND SOCIAL POLICY: ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY”**

The Declaration is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), and [Spanish](#).



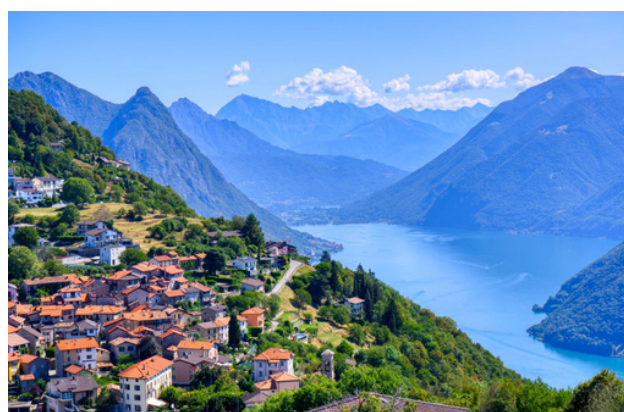
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OF PARLIAMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE

LUGANO COLLOQUY
22 September 2023

INFLUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON MIGRATION AND SOCIAL
POLICY: ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

LUGANO DECLARATION

*Adopted unanimously by the delegates representing the members of the
European Association of Former Members of Parliament of the
Member States of the Council of Europe*



FMA Visit to Spain: 18-20 October 2023



On 18 - 20 October 2023, a delegation of Former Members of the European Parliament from the Association of Former Members of the European Parliament (FMA), led by FMA President and Former President of the European Parliament (1994-1997) [Dr. Klaus Hänsch](#), visited Spain with meetings held in Madrid and Toledo.

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The **Members of the Management Committee** that participated were: [BALDI Monica](#) (FMA Vice-President), [RIERA MADURELL Teresa](#) (FMA Honorary Secretary), [MARTINEZ MARTINEZ Miguel Angel](#).



The remaining members of the delegation were: [AYUSO GONZÁLEZ Pilar](#), [BRU PURÓN Carlos María](#), [DOMINGO SEGARRA Teresa](#), [DUTHU Françoise](#), [GADIOUX Colette](#), [GARCÍA-HIERRO CARABALLO Dolores](#), [GOMES Ana](#), [GRIESBECK Nathalie](#), [GUERRERO SALOM Enrique](#), [MORELAND Robert John](#) and [STARKEVIČIŪTĖ Margarita](#).



FMA Visit to Spain: 18-20 October 2023

The programme included meetings with representatives of the Spanish Senate, the Congress of Deputies, the City Council of Madrid, the Spanish Government, and the Regional Government of Toledo. On 19 October, the delegation met the President of the Spanish Senate, [Mr Pedro Rollán Ojeda](#), the President of the Congress of Deputies, [Ms Francina Armengol](#), the President of the Plenary of the City Council of Madrid, [Mr Borja Fanjul](#) and [Ms María Dolores Lledó Laredo](#), the Secretary-General for the European Union at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. The meetings were joined by many other Spanish Former European Parliamentarians, among others [Carlos María Bru Purón](#), [Íñigo Méndez de Vigo](#), [Salvador Garriga Polledo](#), and [José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra](#).

In addition, the FMA delegation participated in a dinner with three guest speakers: [Mr Luis Planas Puchades](#), Minister for agriculture, fisheries, and food, [Mr Enrique Barón Crespo](#), former President of the European Parliament and former FMA President, and [Ms Cristina Gallach Figueras](#), Special Commissioner for the Alliance of the New Economy of the Language, Ministry of Economy.

On **20 October**, the delegation was led by [FMA Vice-President Ms Monica Baldi](#) and headed Toledo where they will meet the President of the “Cortes de Castilla la Mancha”, [Mr Pablo Bellido](#). The delegation had a chance to discuss the cooperation between the European Union and regional authorities.



FMA Visit to Spain: 18-20 October 2023

A **report** of the visit will be published in the **December Bulletin**.



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FMA Publication ‘Participation in Europe’

Following the [hybrid conference “Can the EU learn from experience”](#), which took place on 16th June in Florence, an **FMA Publication ‘Participation in Europe’**, based on contributions of speakers and guests during this high-level conference will be published late 2023.

On **Thursday 7 December 2023** the book will be presented in the **European Parliament in Brussels** from 10.00 to 11.00. [FMA Vice-President Monica Baldi](#) and FMA Board Member and Coordinator of the EP to Campus programme [Mr Michael Hindley](#) have been particularly involved with this publication in their function of editors.

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Deposit of archives for MEPs and former Members of the European Parliament

TRANSFER OF DOCUMENTS TO THE ARCHIVES

[The Archives of the European Parliament](#) keep the fonds, or archival holdings, of current and former MEPs as a unique testimony to the work done by Members and their assistants, illustrating their contribution to European integration.

Under the Bureau Decisions of 10 March and 14 April 2014, Members or former Members can **transfer their physical and electronic archives to the Archives of the European Parliament**.

The fonds of an MEP (all the documents produced or received by an MEP in the course of one or more terms-of-office in the European Parliament) typically **document their activities** as a deputy, a committee member, or in other roles within Parliament, as well as their work as members of a political group or in their national constituencies, and their public engagements.

You may decide to entrust the European Parliament at any time with documents created during your term of office and deposit into the Archives. **The Archives Unit takes care of the deposits at all stages**, assuring the best storage conditions and provides support to Members and their assistants in transferring their archives at no financial cost to the Member.



Deposit of archives for MEPs and former Members of the European Parliament



The Unit takes care of the **processing and permanent storage of the archive**, while the responsible body is the European Parliament. The transfer and the processing of archives is assured by the European Parliament and after the processing and digitization of documents, the **Member can request the return of original or scanned documents**. Files normally become **publically accessible after 30 years**, depending on their content.

To make information on MEPs' fonds available to citizens, any MEP who has deposited their archives with us has a **profile on our website**. Each profile has with a short biography of the MEP, an overview of their time in Parliament, including important plenary speeches, and a summary description of what has been deposited.

Why should I transfer my documents to the Archives?

Your documents have **historical value and keep the memory of the institution**, and are therefore an important source of information for research in the field of the European integration.

What should I do with physical and electronic documents?

You can **deposit both physical and electronic documents to the Archives of the European Parliament** for processing, selection and long-term preservation.

For electronic documents, please be aware that you need to make a request to the IT Service Desk to retain access to your mailbox and shared drive for three months after your departure.

Deposit of archives for MEPs and former Members of the European Parliament

Where will my files be stored after my departure from the EP?

After the transfer, the documents will be **stored in the appropriate archive storage units belonging to the European Parliament** for processing and long-term preservation as well as on our digital database. After 30 years, the documents can be transferred to the Historical Archives of the European Union in Florence.

What is the first step to transferring my files to the Archives?

To ensure the smooth transfer of documents, and that you and your assistants receive all the necessary support, you are **advised to contact the Archives of the European Parliament before organizing the files.**



Deposit of archives for MEPs and former Members of the European Parliament

For more information concerning depositing your documents in the Archives, send an email to archives-acquisitions@europarl.europa.eu or carlaalexandra.dealbuquerquebarata@europarl.europa.eu

What if I have already transferred my files to another archive?

If you have already deposited any of your documents or papers with another archive, we kindly **ask you to send details of where they are deposited and a brief description of the content of the documents**. This helps academics, researchers and members of the public who contact us to have further information.

This brief description should **include the following details**:

- Your name and surname
- Your nationality, political group, and period(s) of mandate
- The exact name of the archive where you have deposited your personal papers
- The website of the archive (if available)
- Title and code of the papers deposited (if available)
- Volume of material (in linear metres if known)
- Description of your papers (main subjects, e.g. budgetary, regional, transport etc.)

EP to Campus programme



EP TO CAMPUS



The FMA continues to **support education in EU affairs** by contributing the experience and expertise of its members to webinars in Europe and beyond.

Thanks to all participants, universities and the coordinators of the [EP to Campus programme](#) [Michael Hindley](#), [Manuel Porto](#), and [Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl](#).

Webinar

SPAIN - University of Oviedo - Monica Frassoni



On 11 October 2023 at 12.00 (CEST) the FMA organised an EP to Campus programme at the University of Oviedo in Spain with [former MEP Monica Frassoni](#).

The subject of the conference was **'Effects of the Ukrainian war on foreign trade'**.

The webinar was very successful with active participation from the students of the University of Oviedo. Please find here [an article from the local news](#) (available only in Spanish) about the EP to Campus webinar with former MEP Monica Frassoni. A **report** will be available in the **December Bulletin**.

Upcoming FMA events 2023



WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023

From **15.00 to 16.30**, the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) will organise a hybrid event with the title **“President José Maria Gil-Robles: A Historical Appraisal”** in the EP Library’s Reading Room.

FMA Members are invited to attend the **Annual Cocktail Reception** starting at **18.30**.

The FMA Cocktail Reception will be offered by the Former Members Association and will also represent an opportunity to meet current MEPs, who will be invited to this networking event.

The reception will be followed by the **Annual Dinner Debate** from **19.30 to 21.30** in the Members’ Restaurant in the European Parliament.



Annual Events



THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023



From **10.00 to 11.00**, the FMA is organising a **hybrid Librorum event** about its latest publication ‘**Participation in Europe**’, edited by FMA Vice-President Monica Baldi and Board Member responsible for the EP to Campus programme Michael Hindley.

The **FMA Annual Seminar** on ‘**New technological transition: opportunities and challenges**’ will follow from 11.00 to 13.00.

The Get-Together Lunch starts at 13.00 in the Members’ Restaurant.



Annual Events



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Upcoming FMA events 2024



8-9 APRIL 2024 - FMA VISIT TO BELGIUM

On the occasion of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the FMA will organise a visit to Belgium from 8-9 April 2024 to discuss the most important items on the EU agenda.

9 APRIL 2024 - ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial Service organised by the FMA will take place on 9th April 2024 from 17.45 to 18.15 in room SPAAK 3C50 in the European Parliament in Brussels.



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9 APRIL 2024 - COCKTAIL & DINNER DEBATE

The Dinner Debate will take place on 9th April 2024 in the Member's Restaurant at 19.30, preceded by a Cocktail Reception from 18.30 to 19.30.

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10 APRIL 2024 - ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The FMA Annual General Assembly will take place on 10th April 2024 in room SPAAK 7C50, European Parliament, Brussels from 10.00-13.00.



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10 APRIL 2024 - ANNUAL LUNCH

After the Annual General Assembly, all FMA Members are welcome to participate to the FMA Annual Lunch in the Member's Restaurant from 13.00 to 14.30.



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Upcoming EP to Campus programmes



2023



NOVEMBER 2023

Former Finnish Prime Minister and former MEP [Anneli Jäätteenmäki](#) will hold a webinar at the **Manipal Academy for Higher Education** on the topic “The 2024 EU elections and the EU-India relationship”.

NOVEMBER 2023

Former MEP [Carlos Carnero](#) will hold a webinar at the **University of Oviedo** on the topic “Impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on migration”.



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13 NOVEMBER 2023

On 13 November, an online lecture will be held at the **University of Macau** with the title “EU climate policy”. The speaker will soon be confirmed via the FMA website and social media channels.

11 DECEMBER 2023

On 11 December, former MEP [Edit Herczog](#) will hold an online lecture at the **University of Setsuan** on the topic “The best energy mix in the EU”.

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***On the occasion of the All Saint's holiday,
the FMA Secretariat as well as the Bureau
de Passage will be closed on the 1st
November and 2nd November 2023***

