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## AWARD CEREMONY DEDICATED TO WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS, WOMEN INVESTORS AND WOMEN LED VCS

Wednesday 9th December, from 16:30 to 18:00

### Description

We want to recognize efforts and contributions to equal investment opportunities for women led innovative business and women led VCs. Also, we want to recognize the efforts to reduce the women investment equality gap, and change the status-quo as a woman investor and as a Venture Capital, and create a different decision making process. At the same time, we want to recognize woman entrepreneurs in the innovation arena who are driving change with their technologies and innovative solutions in the area of sustainability, deep tech and digitization.

We are happy to announce that Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, confirmed her participation for the Award Ceremony on 9th December, 16:30h.

#### EUTOP50 Awards

- Women Entrepreneur Award for a Sustainable Innovation
- Women Entrepreneur Award for Deep Tech Innovation
- Women Entrepreneur Award for Digitalization Innovation
- Women Investor Award for Supporting Women Entrepreneurs
- Venture Capital Award for Being Inclusive and Investing in Women

### Speakers

#### Host

**Lina Gálvez Muñoz**, MEP, Member of the K4I Forum  
**Susana Solís Pérez**, MEP, Member of the K4I Forum  
**Maria Graça Carvalho**, MEP, Chair of the K4I Forum  
**Karen Melchior**, MEP

#### Moderator

**Roland Strauss**, Founder and Managing Director, K4I  
**Jara Pascual**, Founder and CEO, knowco by collabwith



## Keynote Speakers

**Mariya Gabriel**, *EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth*

**Alain Godard**, Chief Executive, European Investment Fund

## Agenda

### Opening and moderation

- **Roland Strauss**, *Founder and Managing Director, Knowledge4Innovation*

### Welcome

- **Maria da Graça Carvalho**, *MEP, Chair of the K4I Forum, EPP, Portugal*

### Keynote intervention

- **Mariya Gabriel**, *EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth*
- **Alain Godard**, Chief Executive, European Investment Fund

### Award Ceremony

- **Announcement of winners**
- **Women Entrepreneur Award for Sustainable Innovation – Given by Lina Gálvez Muñoz**
  - SABINE STUIVER, Co-founder and CMO Hydraloop
- **Women Entrepreneur Award for Deep Tech Innovation – Given by Susana Solís Pérez**
  - MARIA MATEO, Co-founder and CEO Ibis Network
- **Women Entrepreneur Award for Digitalization Innovation – Given by Maria Graça Carvalho**
  - BARBARA BUADES, Co-founder and CEO MEETOptics
- **Women Investor Award for Supporting Women Entrepreneurs – Given by Karen Melchior**
  - HELENA TORRAS, Co-founder PAO CAPITAL and WEROCKCapital
- **Venture Capital Award for Being Inclusive and Investing in Women – Given by Mariya Gabriel**
  - KINGA STANISLAWSKA, Co-founder VC Experior and European Women in VC

## Speakers Details



### **Lina Galvez Muñoz**, *MEP*

Lina Gálvez Muñoz is a Member of the European Parliament since July 2019. In the EP, she is Vice-chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and member of the Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA). She also belongs to the committees on Employment and Social Affairs and Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

Lina Gálvez Muñoz PhD, European University Institute (Florence) is Economic History and Institutions Full Professor at the Economics Department at Pablo Olavide University (Seville).

She has also been professor at the Universities of Reading (Reading), Carlos III (Madrid), and as a visiting professor at Centre for time use research at Oxford University (Oxford). She has more than hundred scientific publications and she has also been Vice-Rector of her university from 2007 to 2012 and served as Regional Minister of Knowledge, Research and University of the Government of Andalusia from 2018 to 2019.



**Susana Solís Pérez**

*MEP, Member of the K4I Forum*

Born in Avilés, Spain, 1971. Susana Solís is an Industrial Engineer from the University of Oviedo, Machine Engineer from the Fachhochschule de Osnabrück (Germany), and holds an MBA from the Business Institute and a Master's Degree in Marketing Management from the Instituto de Empresa (Madrid).

She has over 18 years of professional experience in several multinationals in Germany (Mercedes Benz, Robert Bosch) and in Spain (Rexel, Essilor and Johnson & Johnson).

In May 2015, she was elected Deputy in the Parliament of Madrid, being the spokeswoman for Ciudadanos in the Committee on Budgets, Economy, Finance and Employment. Since May 2019 she is MEP in the European Parliament in the Renew Europe Group and a member of the ITRE, REGI, ENVI, and FEMM Committees.



**Maria da Graça Carvalho**

*MEP, Chair of the K4I Forum*

Maria da Graça Carvalho is currently member of the European Parliament (2019-2024).

In the European Parliament she is a full Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and a substitute Member on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and substitute member on Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM).

She follows as well the parliamentary Delegations for relations with the United States, for relations with the countries of Central America and Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.

In the past, Maria da Graça Carvalho has also served as member of the European Parliament in the EPP group from 2009-2014. She sat on the Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee as a full member and was a substitute member of the Committee on Budgets. In the Budget Committee, she acted during the 5 years as permanent EPP shadow rapporteur for the science and innovation budget and as rapporteur for the space budget.

As a MEP, she was appointed rapporteur of the Specific Programme Implementing HORIZON 2020 and of the report on Simplification of the Rules of Participation in the European Programs for Research and Innovation. In 2011, she was awarded the Prize for the best MEP in the area of Research and Innovation.

Maria da Graça Carvalho has been a Member of the Scientific Advice Mechanism Unit of the Directorate-General Research and Innovation of the European Commission from 2016 until 2019. She was a senior advisor of Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation from November 2014 to December 2015. She was Principal Adviser of President of the European Commission in the areas of Science, Innovation, Energy, Environment and Climate Change from 2006 to 2009. She was Minister of Science and Higher Education of the XV Constitutional Government and Minister of Science, Innovation and Higher Education of the XVI Constitutional Government of Portugal.

She is a Full Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico (University of Lisbon) and she has acquired 30 years of experience in research in the areas of energy, climate change and science, technology and innovation policy.



**Mariya Gabriel**

*EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research,  
Culture, Education, and Youth*



Mariya Ivanova Gabriel is a Bulgarian politician and a member of the GERB party serving as European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth since 2019. She was previously a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from 2009 to 2017.

In the European Parliament, she served as Vice-President of the European People's Party (EPP) group, Vice-President of EPP Women, and head of the Bulgarian EPP delegation. She was first appointed to the European Commission in 2017 as European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society to fill a spot left vacant by the departure of Kristalina Georgieva.



**Jara Pascual**

*Founder and CEO, knowco by collabwith*

Jara Pascual is an author and entrepreneur centered on Innovation. She is CEO and founder of Knowco Collabwith, an online platform bringing people together and encouraging collaborations online and offline. She is also the host of the Innovation Podcast "Business of Collaboration" and Book author of "Innovation & Collaboration in the Digital Era" from publisher @DeGruyter (coming in fall of 2020).

Jara has a degree on Telecom Engineering and a MBA and she is writing about innovation management for different online magazines.

She has worked for 15 years in Innovation Management doing transformational innovation culture and projects in a number of Fortune 500 Companies and R&D Labs.