

7th February 2023 : 18h30-20h30 : European Parliament : Brussels : Room A5E1

Europeans for Safe Connections : a call for actions

an European Parliament Workshop hosted by MEP Michele Rivasi (Greens/EFA)

An European Parliament workshop event for MEPs, Commission, Stakeholders, to meet the *Europeans for Safe Connections* coalition and others NGOs representatives, and to present their first actions to alert on the dark side of our modern wireless telecommunication technologies. An exchange of views with current member and former member of the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly on similar concerns is also included in this workshop.

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Europeans for Safe Connections (ESC) is a coalition of national and international organisations that are aware of adverse consequences of the modern communication technologies. ESC members develop proposals to arrive at a safer use of wireless telecommunication technologies, limiting radio frequency and microwave exposure as low as it is reasonable, at the level of individuals as well as the society, and the natural environment, flora and fauna.

For instance, in cooperation with Dr. Marc Arazi of Phonegate Alert, Europeans for Safe Connections has written a letter to local telecom regulators, asking if any test on specific absorption rate (SAR) of microwave radiation from mobile phones, tablets and connected objects on bodies has been carried out.

Europeans for Safe Connections is also the initiator on March 2022 of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) "Stop 5G – Stay Connected but Protected", that call on the EU notably to stronger regulation to protect the environment from all the impacts of 5G and digitalization, to protect all life from the harmful effects from wireless radiation and to ensure that exposure guidelines are drawn up by totally independent scientists with the right biomedical and medical expertise.

Humans, fauna and flora can be harmed by non-ionizing radiation. Current exposure limits provide insufficient protection — especially for vulnerable people (like children, pregnant women, patients, the elderly), animals, pollinating insects and plants. A roughly estimates concludes that 25 Millions people in Europe are suffering from electrohypersensitivity, a chronic neuroimpairment condition related to electrosmog exposure, they didn't even always know. With 5G, and 6G in some years, the amount of connected electronic devices, antennas and satellites will explode. Unsustainable energy consumption, radiation emissions, harmful mining and pollution will follow, which will endanger biodiversity and natural habitats.

Can we achieve a fair and sustainable connectivity ? How the EU can propose a regulation that will protect our health, nature, environment and privacy ? How can we improve inclusivity and quality of life of electro-hyper-sensitive people ? What kind of technical options are already available to preserve gigabit connection but limiting radiation and damage to our environment and ourselves ?



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PROGRAM & SPEAKERS

18:30 Opening and Context Introduction, MEP Michele RIVASI

18:35 European for Safe Connections, presentation by Rob VAN DER BOOM

18:50 Phonegate lessons and SAR compliance in EU, by MD Marc ARAZI

19:05 Being Electrohypersensitive in the EU, a public testimony

19:20 The European Citizen Initiative « Stop5G- Stay Connected but Protected », presentation by Pernille SCHRIVER

19:30 Q/A, Discussion and MEPs Comment, moderated by MEP Michele RIVASI

19:50 The 2011 Resolution of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly : "The potential dangers of electromagnetic fields and their effect on the environment", a perspective by Jean HUSS, rapporteur of the Resolution

19:55 The 2021 Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee : "The societal and ecological impact of the 5G ecosystem", a perspective by Dumitru FORNEA, rapporteur of the Opinion

20:00 The 2030 Hexa-X Flagship initiative of the European Commission (tbc)

20:05 Discussion and exchange of views, moderated by MEP Michele RIVASI

20:25 Conclusion and Next Steps, by MEP Michele RIVASI

20:30 End of the Workshop

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