



09 November 2016

8:00 - 9:30

BREAKFAST DEBATE IN COLLABORATION WITH EU40

Start-ups and scale-ups: Europe's challenges and take-aways from Silicon Valley

Following the EIF-EU40 Study Visit to Silicon Valley that brought 15 MEPs on a tour last July ([highlight videos are available here](#)), on 9 November all EIF and EU40's members and friends will have the opportunity to discuss with prominent speakers what Europe has been doing to help start-ups and scale-ups overcome their biggest challenges and what take-aways are still relevant from Silicon Valley's famous ecosystem.

A scene-setting and thought-provoking presentation will be offered by the CEO of Orange Silicon Valley, while the Head of Unit for Start-ups and Innovation, European Commission (DG CONNECT) will present the '[Startup Europe Club](#)' and '[Scaleup Europe Manifesto](#)' initiatives. Finally the VP Global Public Affairs of FacilityLive will share his views as part of this year's [Startup Europe Comes to Silicon Valley](#) delegation, and - on the day of the first [EU Tech Day](#) to celebrate its first year of life - he will introduce the [European Tech Alliance](#) and explain why major European scale-ups have come together to give birth to it.

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Welcome and introduction:

Lambert van Nistelrooij MEP and EIF Steering Committee Member

Sorin Moisa MEP and EIF/EU40 Member

Speakers:

Georges Nahon, CEO, Orange Silicon Valley

Peteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit, Start-ups and Innovation, DG CONNECT, European Commission

Fabrizio Porrino, VP Global Public Affairs, FacilityLive and Launch Spokesperson, European Tech Alliance

Exchange of views with participants

[\(under the Chatham House rule\)](#)

Speakers



Mr Lambert van Nistelrooij

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European Parliament



Mr Sorin Moisa

MEP and EIF Member



Mr Georges Nahon

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Mr Peteris Zilgalvis

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