

Curriculum Vitae of Mariya Gabriel



Mariya Gabriel is European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Education, Culture and Youth since 2019.

During this term, she is guiding all EU policies related to the Horizon Europe programme - the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation with a budget of €95.5 billion, innovation - youth and education, with the Erasmus+ programme and digital education, culture and sport.

Under her leadership as European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society from 2017 to 2019, the digital single market of the European Commission became reality. Among her main priorities were digital skills, cybersecurity, fight against fake news, supercomputers, ethical artificial intelligence, Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans. In her work, she enforced the principle of placing people at the heart of the digital policy.

For her productive work as Commissioner, Mariya Gabriel has been honoured with numerous awards. Among the most recent are the Startup Ole 'Best Global Impact' Prize, the 'Donna è Innovazione' Award and the Tech EU 'Leadership Award', acknowledging her commitment of enabling and empowering European innovation ecosystems.

Beyond her election as First EPP Vice-President in November 2019 and being Co-Chair of EPP Working Group on Economic Policy and Digital Europe and Chair of the EPP Expert Group on Innovation, Mariya Gabriel has been Vice-President of EPP Women since 2012. As Commissioner, she is working on the cause of women rights and their better representation in the digital economy, science, technology, research, innovation and sports.

In May 2009, she has been elected as Member of the European Parliament from the list GERB/EPP. She has been re-elected as Member of the European Parliament in 2014 and became head of the Bulgarian delegation of GERB in the EPP Group. From 2014 to 2017 she was Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament. She was responsible for the EU's external policy in the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean.

Mariya Gabriel has been two times elected Member of the European Parliament of the year: in 2016 in the category "Development" and in 2013 in the category "Gender equality".