

Who Are the Next EU Digital Champions?

Angelika Niebler (Returning)



Country: Germany

Political Party: Christian Social Union

European Affiliation: EPP

Social media: [@ANiebler](#)

History: MEP, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Niebler has 20 years of experience in the European Parliament. She is the rapporteur for the completed Cybersecurity Act and shadow rapporteur for copyright and cross-border data portability. She provides legal counsel and support in matters of privacy and cybersecurity.

Massimiliano Salini (Returning)



Country: Italy

Political Party: Forza Italia

European Affiliation: EPP

Social media: [@MaxSalini](#)

History: MEP, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN)

Salini is a prominent figure in space policy. He acted as rapporteur for the European Union's space programme and engages with other policy issues including industrial strategy and competition.

Mariya Gabriel (Returning)



Country: Bulgaria

Political Party: Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria

European Affiliation: EPP

Social media: [@GabrielMariya](#)

History: European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society

If not reappointed as Bulgaria's Commissioner, Gabriel will certainly take the lead on digital policy files over the next five years, focusing on disinformation and innovation.

Katarina Barley (New)



Country: Germany

Political Party: Social Democratic Party

European Affiliation: S&D

Social media: [@katarinabarley](#)

History: Former Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection of Germany

As minister, Barley engaged with issues concerning data protection. As MEP, she will likely focus on transparency and competition issues relating to online platforms.

Birgit Sippel (Returning)



Country: Germany

Political Party: Social Democratic Party

European Affiliation: S&D

Social media: [@BirgitSippelMEP](#)

History: MEP, Committee on Civil liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

Sippel is the rapporteur for ePrivacy and e-Evidence files, which are yet to be finalised. She may continue work on these controversial pieces of legislation or could be given the lead on other digital policies in the European Parliament's pipeline.

Marina Kaljurand (New)



Country: Estonia

Political Party: Social Democratic Party

European Affiliation: S&D

Social Media: [@MarinaKaljurand](#)

History: Former Foreign Minister of Estonia

As a prominent cyber diplomat, from what is considered Europe's most digitally advanced society, Kaljurand chaired the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace. She is expected to take the lead on cybersecurity policy.

Nathalie Loiseau (New)



Country: France

Political Party: La Republique En Marche

European Affiliation: ALDE

Social media: [@NathalieLoiseau](#)

History: Former Minister for European Affairs

Loiseau supports reforming on policy areas such as competition, taxation and infrastructure (5G). Her experience in government and her party's commitment to digital innovation are likely to secure her a strong position in the newly formed European Parliament.

Sophie in 't Veld (Returning)



Country: Netherlands

Political Party: Democrats 66

European Affiliation: ALDE

Social media: [@SophieintVeld](#)

History: MEP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

In previous mandates Veld shifted her attention to digital policy by working on ePrivacy and electronic communications. Her transition into this policy area is likely to continue into her fourth term.

Andrus Ansip (Returning)



Country: Estonia

Political Party: Reform Party

European Affiliation: ALDE

Social media: [@Ansip_EU](#)

History: European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, Former Prime Minister of Estonia

If not reappointed as Estonia's Commissioner, Ansip will be a key figure in parliament from a digital policy perspective. Ansip is an expert in telecom regulation, copyright, data protection and e-commerce.

Paolo Borchia (New)



Country: Italy

Political Party: The League

European Affiliation: ex-ENF

Social media: [@PaoloBorchia](#)

History: Political Advisor to ENF on ITRE Committee

Borchia has more than nine years of experience in the European Parliament. He has served as a parliamentary assistant and a political advisor to the Industry, Research and Energy Committee for the Europe of Nations and Freedom political group and therefore familiar with digital policies.

Alexandra Geese (New)



Country: Germany

Political Party: Green Party

European Affiliation: Greens

Social media: [@AlexandraGeese](#)

History: Interpreter at the European Parliament

While she has mainly used her platform to focus on environmental policy, Geese's areas of interests also include data protection, digital ethics and regulated digitisation.

Filippo Nogarin (New)



Country: Italy

Political Party: Five Star Movement

European Affiliation: ex-EFDD

Social media: [@Nogarin](#)

History: Engineer Consultant

Nogarin is an advocate of smart cities and will likely contribute to digital innovation policies.

Manuel Bompard (New)



Country: France

Political Party: La France Insoumise

European Affiliation: GUE/NGL

Social media: [@mbompard](#)

History: Degree in Applied Mathematics, AI Engineer

Bompard works as an engineer for a neural network research start-up in southern France. His interests include digital inclusion and transparent innovation. He will presumably be involved in digital files.

Mazaly Aguilar (New)



Country: Spain

Political Party: VOX

European Affiliation: independent

Social media: [@Vox](#) ; [MazalyAguilar](#)

History: Executive at Vodafone

Aguilar holds a Degree in Business Economics and has served as board member for large companies in banking and telecommunications sectors. Notable experience includes a 12-year post at Vodafone Spain. She will likely prove to be a good point of access for the Telecommunications industry.

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