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| GFX:  -Digital Revolution  -Innovation Gap | CB off | How to get more Europeans to dream up and create new things for the digital revolution? How to close the innovation gap among Member States? |  |
| GFX:  -R&I funding | CB off | EPP Group MEPs having been working to close that gap by boosting funding for so-called R&I - research and innovation - and making it easier for start-ups and other businesses to bring their ideas to market. |  |
| GFX:  -+30% Funding  -Horizon Europe | CB off | Christian Ehler co-authored legislation to boost funding by about 30% for the innovation-supporting programme Horizon Europe in the next budget plan for 2021-2027. |  |
| Interview | Christian Ehler, German MEP on | :*00*  *We put an emphasis in terms of the budget on innovation, and it’s the biggest innovation programme in the world.* |  |
|  | Ehler on | *1:17*  *We’re going after the big things for the first time, So, cancer for example. We have a huge problem with child cancer, and the programme will have a mission. That means a big effort, a billion euros, where we try to cure child cancer.* |  |
| GFX:  R&I Fast Track | CB off | The legislation also called for a Fast-Track system for Research and Innovation, and for a European Innovation Council. Ehler is a member of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee. |  |
|  | Ehler on | :*40*  *Fast Track means simply, you go to the Commission, You have a consortium, you have a brilliant idea, you have an innovative idea, and they tell you within six months whether you get funded or not.* |  |
| GFX:  Internet Connectivity  -5G  -IoT | CB off | Michał Boni of the EPP Group is also on the Industry, Research and Energy Committee. He co-authored legislation to boost internet connectivity. He says a 5G mobile system will drive innovation in a Gigabyte society with the Internet of Things. |  |
|  | Michał Boni, Polish | *1:40*  *Could you imagine the self-driving cars without sending information in milliseconds? Could you imagine new health solutions as telemedicine platforms?* |  |
| GFX:  -EU Cloud Initiative | CB off | A former Polish minister for digitalisation, Boni was also shadow rapporteur on a European cloud initiative. He says it can help companies large and small. |  |
|  | Boni on | *3:44*  *We need to engage, to encourage SMEs to use all possible digital tools.*  *4:00*  *And there is one additional issue which is important when we are talking about the cloud, this is the initiative on the European Open Science Cloud, which will give the possibility to all European centres of research, to all universities, to exchange information, data and results of research.* |  |
| GFX:  - e-gov  - e-health | CB off | Innovation can do more in the public realm -- e-government and e-health, cybersecurity and urban planning, which the cloud and 5G will also help. |  |
|  | Boni on | *4:48*  *e-government can give you the possibility to participate in decision-making processes.*  *On e-health, I think it will be the game-changer.*  *6:10*  *If we use 5G and also all those new applications, new opportunities, giving us the personalised medicine, giving us better, deeper diagnosis, and after this, better therapies.* |  |
| GFX:  -Digital innovation | CB off | And why not a European Digital Library, a University for Innovation, a European start-up network? MEPs say innovation is limitless in a digital world. |  |
|  | Ehler on | *2:16*  *We have joint efforts in the big things. And I think that is an EPP idea, that we go on plastic in oceans, that we care about the next generation of IT - quantum computers - we want to have a quantum computer in 2030. So go after the big things, joint efforts and be competitive in an ever more competitive globalised world.* |  |
|  | Boni on | *1:09*  *We need as EPP to address our message on innovation as a message addressed to all people, to every citizen, to every patient, to every resident of the small city and the big city, to every worker and to every entrepreneur.* |  |
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| Headline |  | **Driving innovation through the digital revolution** |  |
| Description |  | EPP Group MEPs are helping drive innovation in Europe by boosting funding for Horizon Europe and promoting 5G connectivity and the cloud. The Group has also backed moves to improve access to finance and easing bureaucracy for start-ups and SMEs. |  |
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