The latest Newsletter from EKTG for eTechnology

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|   Welcome to our 22nd Newsletter – March 2021We are continuing our Spring Webinars Season - please book early and join us for: ****Technology and Climate Change********Date: Wednesday, 3rd March 2021 – Now booking!********Time: 13.20 - 14.25 BST (14.20-15-25 CET)********Registration here:****[westsqas@mac.com](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=786a92f6d3&e=a638b64548)****The Webinar Team includes:***** Craig White – EKTG Chaired by
* Michael Mainelli, Senior Sheriff, City of London, UK
* Katharina Rogenhofer, Austrian climate activist, co-founder of the Austrian branch of Fridays for Future. Vienna
* Steve Martineau, COP26 High Level Climate Action Champions Lead - Mobile & ICT, UK
* Shreyas Vangala, West Monroe, New York, USA

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* Brigitte Buhrlen, International Ambassador, Germany
* Owen Farag, Technology Engagement Officer, ALONE, Ireland.
* Jože Gričar, International Ambassador, Slovenia.  Professor Emeritus, University of Maribor,Slovenia

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* Rait Kuuse, Social Policy Ministry, Estonia
* Lisa Cameron, MP UK Parliament.
* Third speaker will be announced shortly

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 ----------------------**International Ambassadors**------------------------------We would like to welcome a new International Ambassadors  * Joze Gricar, Proffessor Emeritus, University of Maribor.

--------------------------------------**News**------------------------------------------ **NHS once the Covid 19 is under control**On 18 February, the Guardian published an opinion piece from Bruce Keogh in which he discusses the NHS once the Covid 19 is under control. He anticipates that there will be significant advances as a result of lessons learnt during the pandemic relating to the use of technology to enhance NHS services. For instance, he points out that within two weeks of the first lockdown, 50% of GP consultations were carried out virtually. He also mentions that artificial intelligence will prove to be essential for the diagnosis of illness resulting in quicker more accurate results.Read more **Corporate America vs China Inc: what the Biden years will mean for telecoms**  With the Biden administration keen to turn back the clock on many policy fronts, it is worth examining what this may mean for the next episode of the USA China rivalry, especially in the technology domains.Read more **Computational Medicine - Moving from Uncertainty to Precision**Individual choices in medicine carry a certain amount of uncertainty.An innovative partnership at The University of Texas at Austin takes aim at medicine down to the individual level by applying state-of-the-art computation to medical care.Read more **Wearable Devices can Detect COVID-19 Symptoms and Predict Diagnosis**Wearable devices can identify COVID-19 cases earlier than traditional diagnostic methods and can help track and improve management of the disease, Mount Sinai researchers report in one of the first studies on the topic. The findings were published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research on January 29.Read more **Six out of 10 people who have died from COVID-19 are disabled**Six out of 10 people who have died from COVID-19 are disabled, according to new statistics.Read more **European Commission launches debate on responding to the impact of an ageing population**The European Commission has presented a green paper to launch a broad policy debate on the challenges and opportunities of Europe's ageing society. It sets out the impact of this pronounced demographic trend across our economy and society and invites the public to express their views on how to respond to this in a public consultation which will run until 21 April 2021. The Green Paper on Ageing also signals some territorial dimensions of the issue, including for rural areas. It is the first outcome from the Commission's June 2020 report on the impact of demographic change, and will be followed by the long-term vision for rural areas, that will also look into the question of demography. Read more **Rural Innovation: Developing real solutions for smart and resilient rural areas in Europe**Almost one third of Europeans live in rural areas that make up over three quarters of the EU’s total land area. These areas contribute an enormous amount to European societies and culture and are also a key arena in the fight against climate change and for better resource management. The European Commission published a Results Pack featuring 9 EU-funded research projects that have been working hard to nurture rural innovation potential and positively contribute to the EU’s long-term vision for rural areas. Rural innovation potential is actually high and powered by a strong natural resource-base and community spirit, a smart utilisation of tacit knowledge and the use of cooperation and social innovation to overcome barriers, such as weaker infrastructures and services.Read more **Experiences of rural areas with EU's COVID-19 response measures**This report, commissioned by the European Committee of the Regions, provides a ‘policy fitness check’ on the specific measures introduced by the European Union to alleviate the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in rural areas.The report analyses the use of these measures by regional authorities and identifies some of the challenges linked to their implementation on the ground.Read more  The Next EKTG Newsletter will include similar material. If you would like to suggest materialplease email Maggie Ellis at *EKTG.eTechnology@gmail.com* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_If you want to know more about us you can download a document that outlinesthe [*background and history of EKTG*](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=4a3793f1dc&e=a638b64548)[*.*](https://innovateuk.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=67744b2cb64423c16bf1d1207&id=ed32b16a65&e=a638b64548) Please Note: The EKTG for eTechnology is not responsible for content from third-party documents and web-sites.    |

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