

Keynoter Tony "G" to talk on Building a Digital Society

We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be The Honorable **Antanas Guoga** (Tony "G") who will share with us his important work on "Building a Digital Society in Europe".



Mr. Guoga is not only a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for Lithuania, but also an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and one of the leaders in preparing Europe for success in the 21st Century Digital Age. He is a member of EU40, a group of young members of European Parliament committed to advancing Europe in the 21st century.

Entrepreneurship. Mr. Guoga is famous for many things, among them as an enabler

of entrepreneurship, particularly as a venture capitalist who invests in digital start-up companies. For more than a decade he has been a successful entrepreneur in Lithuania, in Australia where he went at the age of 11, and in the United States. He started and owns several companies. He has invested in a number of projects related to the Internet, real estate, gambling, amusement, and sports. Mr. Guoga is among the most prominent opinion leaders of the EU in support of entrepreneurship. Last October, he started his own conference in Vilnius. His was a bit larger than ours, attracting over 6,300 participants, including 120 global experts from 16 countries on digital entrepreneurship and e-government topics. In his spare time, he has organized more than 30 programming clubs for youth in Lithuania.

Improving Europe. As an MEP Mr. Guoga focuses on promoting the Digital Single Market initiatives. He creates policy for the EU on cybersecurity, copyright, single member liability companies, Internal market strategy, among other concerns.

Philanthropy. MEP Antanas Guoga is a philanthropist. He donates his entire MEP salary to charity. In addition, Mr. Guoga donated half a million dollars Australian to the Melbourne Cancer Federation

Honors. His honors are many. For example, in 2011 he was named the World Lithuanian of the Year.

Sports. While he has retired as a professional poker player (where he was known as Tony "G"), he is heavily involved in other sports, notably the Lithuanian Rowing Federation (where he is vice-president), the Lithuanian Basketball Federation (where he also is vice-president), and the Lithuania Poker Federation (which he founded). He was Lithuania's attaché to the 2012 Olympics.

Mr. Guoga is married to the model Aistė Šlapokaitė.