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Sent: vendredi 5 juin 2020 17:00
To: VON SCHNURBEIN Katharina (JUST)
Cc: [redacted] (JUST); [redacted]
Subject: Re: Invitation to deliver keynote on webinar: COVID19 and
Conspiracies | June 10, 2020
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Hi Katharina,

I return to you with information about content and technical aspects, as well as an update regarding speakers.

Speakers:
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[redacted]

So the final composition is:

Welcome:
[redacted], Member of the European Parliament

Panel:
Yourself:)
[redacted], ISD
[redacted], Google
[redacted], CST

Content:
Please see a script attached, we may still fine-tune it a bit. At the risk of taking away from some of the spontaneity, I share it in full with you, so you have a better sense of the flow and everyone's role. You will see that there Please do let me know if there are additional points you'd like for me to try to include in questions towards you.

Technical points:

- **Speaker link for the webinar:** You must have received a panelist zoom link. This is unique to you, so please do not share it.
- **Test:** That's the link to use when we speak on Monday at 14:30
- **Connecting on the day:** We would like to connect a few minutes early on the day. Could you please join us at 15:45 CET on the day of the webinar just to make sure everything is in order?

Dissemination:

- **Please see the registration link for participants,** that can be shared with whoever you'd like: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NpcKF2sDQP23M_AXdDHZqA
- **I attach a poster:** Along with the link to the registration, you are welcome to share.
- **Crossposting:** We would love to crosspost the livestream to the speaker pages. Is there a Commission page that would be relevant in this sense?

I hope I haven't missed anything and please let me know if this sounds alright and if you have any questions!

Best,

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To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Invitation to deliver keynote on webinar: COVID19 and Conspiracies | June 10, 2020

Ok. That's fine.
Katharina

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 1:22 PM
To: VON SCHNURBEIN Katharina (JUST)
Cc: [REDACTED] (JUST); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Invitation to deliver keynote on webinar: COVID19 and Conspiracies | June 10, 2020

Dear Katharina,

Thanks a lot for the quick reply! Unfortunately these options don't work out either, so we decided to stick to

4pm CET, on June 10th, OUT OF SCOPE
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Apologies again for the back and forth!

Regarding Monday, at 14:30 is perfect. You will receive a webinar invite later today and you can use the same link Monday.

Take care and many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

I have a meeting on 10th at 15:00 ... But 14:00 on 11th would be fine.

For the test, Monday between 14:30 and 16:00 would be good.

Best regards,

Katharina

From: [REDACTED]@bnaibrith.org>

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Dear Katharina,

Perfect - noted about the panel!

I come to you with a scheduling question:

OUT OF SCOPE [REDACTED]

Alternatively **June 11th, from 14:00?** I am now checking with everyone, so I apologize in advance but there will be a bit of back and forth on this!!

Regarding speaking Monday about the DSA, as well as some details about the webinar, that's perfect - do you have a preferred time? We could set it up as a **test also for the webinar** - **OUT OF SCOPE** [REDACTED]
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Many thanks,

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Conspiracies | June 10, 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you! I believe the second option is probably better. I like interaction 😊!

And indeed the 10 June is only next week!

On DSA let's discuss. I believe a joint contribution by those Jewish organisation that published the 10 point plan on Antisemitism in 2019 would be very welcome.

Let's discuss Monday next week if you like.

Regards,

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On 3 Jun 2020, at 17:49, [REDACTED]
<[\[REDACTED\]@bnaibrith.org](mailto: [REDACTED]@bnaibrith.org)> wrote:

Dear Katharina,

I am really glad that VP Schinas reached out to you and it will be wonderful to have you!! Also, especially since he "delegated" you, you can make the point of speaking on his behalf a bit, I'm sure. In fact I think it would be a best practice for me to include you in any future invitations/communications with commissioners/vps

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Regarding moves in the Commission, there's certainly plenty to speak about indeed - I understood that the communication was actually coming on the day of the event, the 10th of June - but if it's this week, even better, we'll have some time to digest it.

Format

Regarding the format there are two options and you can tell me what you prefer - I am very, very happy with both.

1. One is that you would speak in the beginning, together with [REDACTED] (tbc) and [REDACTED] who are just giving welcome remarks and maybe reflecting at the end. They will probably say broad things mostly focused on conspiracies, and more on the emotional side (I suspect). So you would be the one saying the more substantial specific things. The framing here would be that the 3 of view speak from the policy making side and the 3 panelists from the civil society side
2. The second is that you'd have a more interactive role, as part of the panel - bringing the perspective of the Commission to the actual discussion - we would start with you so you could give an overview and then each panelist would have an opening question that allows them to elaborate on their own field of expertise. Then we would have a few back and forths. The framing here would be more that the 2 MEPs are the hosts, just giving the welcome remarks and then there is the actual panel.

Audience:

It will indeed be a bit different than the other talk, and really also the content is different. First of all, my colleague [REDACTED] and I will be moderating. The audience is both the BBI contact list and our Brussels office "baby" database. We would be really glad of course if you circulated it as well - we'll have a poster by Friday.

Separate from all this, a thought on the DSA: I went through it and even just understanding the structure took me a million years. Some parts seem very relevant, others less. I wonder if there is any concerted effort that we could do as the Jewish orgs? I was thinking to invite "everyone" for a call, to flush this out. Maybe once we make submissions we could put out a joint letter saying "we submitted and these were our main requests" - to have something more public and underlining that we all agree on certain crucial points. If you have any thoughts on this, let me know:)

Many thanks again Katharina, really looking forward, and sorry about this enormous email!!

Take care,

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Dear [Redacted],

Great. The CAB asked me to replace the VP, but I did not want to impose myself. I assume the audience will be different from the conversation with Dan?

There is indeed a lot going on – a communication on disinformation coming out this week, the recent launch of the EU observatory on disinformation ect... The consultation on the DSA is indeed launched – we'll send the link for contributions around. So, we'll have enough to talk about.

I understand, you would like a short intro (how long?) and then we'll jump into the discussions.

Best regards,

Katharina

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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for coming back to me. I am sorry VP Schinas won't be able to join the webinar - hopefully there will be another occasion soon. I can go on speaking directly with Katharina - with whom of course I've been working for many years already. Let me know if you'd like me to keep everyone still in copy.

Dear Katharina,

I really appreciate you agreeing to represent the Vice-President. I know dealing with conspiracies has been something high on your agenda lately, so I hope it will be an interesting discussion. Have you received the information from the VPs office already?

Basically, there will be a discussion among:

- Representative of the Brussels office of Facebook (to speak about online manifestations)
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] - Institute for Strategic Dialogue (to speak about general trends)
- [REDACTED] - Community Security Trust UK (to speak about antisemitic conspiracies)

Additionally, we have reached out to a few MEPs from WGAS and the Digital Intergroup [REDACTED] confirmed, [REDACTED] is pending and the two from the

Digital Intergroup haven't yet made contact) - to get an additional institutional perspective.

I imagine having the panel start with the institutional perspective: you and the MEPs and then move to the civil society, and we'd love to then create a bit of interaction.

What would be particularly relevant to touch on is maybe what can be constructive input into the Digital Strategy (I saw that there are now open consultations).

If you'd like to simply have a call to speak through everything, I would be glad to!

Many thanks again for being part and looking forward to it!!

All the best,

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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you very much for the kind invitation to Vice-President Schinas and for your follow-up email below. Unfortunately due to a particularly busy schedule over the next weeks the Vice-President will not be able to attend the webinar personally. He has asked our Coordinator on combating antisemitism, Katharina von Schnurbein (in copy of this email), to represent him. Katharina has kindly made herself available, but will follow up with you directly to further clarify the focus and expected audience for this webinar – as I understand she also took part in another one of your online events recently.

With many thanks again and kind regards,

[Redacted]

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Member of Cabinet

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Dear [Redacted],

I am writing to follow-up on my previous email, and I understood from [REDACTED] that you were the person they were in touch with regarding Jewish matters and with whom they previously arranged participations of VP Schinas in various events.

As per my prior email, we would be thrilled if the to deliver keynote remarks in a webinar the Brussels office of B'nai B'rith is organizing - **Conspiracies and the COVID19 Crisis**, tentatively scheduled for **June 10th, at 4pm**. The date is flexible to your schedule.

The webinar plans to explore *general conspirational trends* and those specific to *antisemitism*, as well as their specific manifestations *online*.

Especially since on the 10th of June the Commission is issuing a new Coronavirus communication, we see this as a great opportunity to reinforce part of that message.

Following the Keynote, there will be a panel discussion among:

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There may also be a welcome from one or two MEPs.

Hoping that VP Schinas would be able to participate, please do reach out with any further questions.

As background - we have recently organized a webinar on Threats to Democracy amid COVID19

with the participation of VP Jourova and one on COVID19 and Racism with Commissioner Dalli and FRA Director O'Flaherty.

Many thanks for your consideration,

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Cc: [Redacted]@bnaibrith.org>

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COVID19 and Conspiracies | June 10, 2020

Dear Vice-President Schinas,

My name is [Redacted] - I am [Redacted]
[Redacted] at the Jewish advocacy organization
B'nai B'rith International. I had the pleasure to meet
you briefly at the Holocaust Remembrance Day
Event that we co-organized with the American

Jewish Committee, the KAS institute and the Israeli Mission to the EU and NATO.

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We have additionally invited (pending) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] - to share remarks at the start of the event.

With great appreciation for your consideration - I am at your disposal for additional information and look forward to hearing from you!

All the best,

[REDACTED]

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