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### Eva Paunova

Eva Paunova is a Member of the European Parliament from the European People's Party (EPP) and the Bulgarian party Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (GERB). She is part of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China to the European Parliament and Ambassador for the "China Unlimited" creative contest.

With regards to her parliamentary work, Eva Paunova is member of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (IMCO), the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) and the special Committee on Tax Rulings (TAXE). Her priorities are devising effective economic and youth policies, providing support for the business and entrepreneurs, and building the Digital Single Market.

This year, Eva Paunova received the "Best Newcomer MEP" prize, part of the prestigious MEP Awards 2015.

Ms Paunova is also Vice-President of the largest organisation of associations and civil societies in Europe "European Movement International" (EMI), Chairwoman of the Youth Intergroup at the EP, board member of the EPP Young Members Network and the EU40. She is also part of the National Executive Council of Entrepreneurs-GERB and honorary member of the Council of Women in business in Bulgaria.

Prior to her election as a MEP, Ms Paunova has had 5 years of experience working in the European Parliament - initially as Policy Advisor to MEP Iliana Ivanova and later on as Executive Coordinator of the GERB-EPP Delegation.

Eva Paunova graduated in International Affairs and Business Administration at the American University John Cabot in Rome, Italy, where she served as President of the Student Government. She is an alumna of Harvard Kennedy School of Government.