

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting¹
International Women's Day 2018

**"EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MEDIA AND ICT:
KEY FOR THE FUTURE"**

Thursday, 8 March 2018, from 09.00 to 12.30

European Parliament in Brussels - room József Antall 2Q2

08.15 - 08.45 Distribution of entrance badges for pre-registered participants at the European parliament's Ex INFO POINT at the Esplanade Solidarność

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.00 - 09.45

Opening speeches by

Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Keynote speeches by

¹ Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments.

The event will also benefit from the participation of valuable partners such as *the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)* and *the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union*.

Sarah Gavron, film director of “Les suffragettes”

Pilar Jurado, singer, founder of MadwomenFest festival

09.45 - 10.35 ***“Women shaping media”***

Moderator: MEP Liliana Rodrigues (S&D, Portugal)

Presentation by: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Debate

Concluding remarks: MEP Michaela Šojdřová (EPP, Czech Republic)

10.35 - 11.25 ***“Empowering women and girls through digital inclusion”***

Moderator: MEP Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz (EPP, Poland)

Presentation by: Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission

Debate

Concluding remarks: MEP Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE, Spain)

11.25 - 12.15 ***“Women’s movements on the rise: advancing equality in the digital age”***

Moderator: MEP Terry Reintke (Greens/EFA, Germany)

Presentation by: (tbc)

Debate

Concluding remarks: MEP Ángela Vallina (GUE/NGL, Spain)

12:20 Closing remarks:

Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vice-President, Chair of the High-level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity

Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
