



1911 WOMEN'S DAY 2011

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

*Interparliamentary Committee Meeting**

WOMEN IN POLITICS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Thursday, 3 March 2011 from 9.00 to 12.30

European Parliament, Hemicycle, rue Wiertz, Brussels

Chair: Eva-Britt Svensson

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:00-10:30

- **Opening by Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament**
- **Key-note speech by Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice**
- **Intervention by Nicole Fontaine, former President of the European Parliament**
- **Debate**

10.30-12:30: *How to enhance women's participation in politics - Experiences from national Parliaments and the European Parliament*

- **Intervention by Nele Lijnen, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men, Senate, Belgium**
- **Intervention by Alena Gajdůšková, Vice-President, Senate, Czech Republic**
- **Intervention by Marlene Rupperecht, Member of the Committee on Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Bundestag, Germany**
- **Intervention by Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, rapporteur on "Women in politics", European Parliament**
- **Debate**

12.30 Cocktail reception for Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament

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