Seminar for journalists
4-5 March 2014
Room 04B001, Paul Henri Spaak building
European Parliament, Brussels

Women and the elections: Will this time be different?

Draft programme

Tuesday 4 March 2014

13:15  Transfer to the European Parliament
       Pick-up in hotel lobby

14:00  Arrival and registration

14:30  Opening
       Paula Fernández Hervás, European Parliament press service
       Cristina Romero, European Journalism Centre, Maastricht

14:45  What do women expect from European politics?
       Presentation of study based on Eurobarometer results followed by a Q&A session

15:00  Combating violence against women
       Antonyia Parvanova (ALDE), Rapporteur on "Combating violence against women"

15:30  Setting the European agenda ahead of the elections
       Round table of political groups followed by a Q&A session
       Ria Oomen-Ruijten (PPE), Rapporteur on "Towards adequate, sustainable and safe European pension systems"
       Iratxe García Pérez (S&D), Member of the EP Women’s Rights and Gender Equality Committee (tbc)
       Antonyia Parvanova (ALDE), Coordinator of the EP Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee
       Marije Cornelissen (Greens/ALE), Coordinator of the EP Women’s Rights and Gender Equality Committee
       Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL), Coordinator of the EP Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee
       Marina Yannakoudakis (ECR), Coordinator of the EP Women’s Rights and Gender Equality Committee
       Niki Tzavela (EFD), Vice-Chair of the Europe of Freedom and Democracy Group

       Moderator: Daniela Vincenti, Euractiv

17:30  Press briefing: embargo results of EU-wide survey on gender-based violence against women
       Presentation of the Fundamental Rights Agency’s survey that collected more data than any previous study in this field
       Joanna Goodey, Head of Department Freedoms and Justice, Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna
       Blanca Tapia, Spokesperson, Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna

18:15  End day one
       Reception with possibility to network
Wednesday 5 March 2014

08:30 Transfer to the European Parliament  
*Pick-up in hotel lobby*

09:00 Arrival at EP  
Room 041B001, Paul Henri Spaak building, European Parliament

09:30 Media aspects of the European election campaign  
State of play by Jaume Duch, EP Spokesman and Director for the Media

10:00 Women in European politics: will the trend be reversed?  
*Testimonial from*  
Maria Chiara Carrozza, former Minister for Education, Italy  
*Followed by a panel discussion with Q&A session*  
MEP Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP), Rapporteur on "Women in political decision-making – quality and equality"  
MEP Zita Gurmai (S&D), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs  
Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality, Lithuania  
Sibylle Bassler, Editor in chief, ML Mona Lisa, ARD Germany  
Karima Zahir, Responsible for 50/50 campaign, European Women’s Lobby  
Nathalie Labourdette, Women Executive in the Media, European Broadcasting Union  
*Moderator: Daniela Vincenti, Euractiv*

12:30 Closing remarks  
*End of seminar*

13:00 Networking lunch  
*Participants will be guided to the restaurant*

15:00 Interparliamentary Committee Meeting "Preventing violence against women - A challenge for all"  
Meeting with representatives from the National Parliaments  
Room 02Q002, Joszef Antall building, European Parliament, Brussels

19:30 Screening of the film "Die Fremde" (Lux Prize 2010) followed by a debate  
*Film will be screened in its original version (German) with French/Dutch subtitles*  
Cinéma Galeries, Galerie de la Reine 26, 1000 Brussels