
International Women's Day 2019: women's power in politics

For this year's International Women's Day the European Parliament is highlighting the importance of women's participation in politics.

The Parliament is organising a series of events highlighting the importance of women taking part in politics. This is particularly important in view of the [European elections](#) taking place in May.

Events in the Parliament

On 7 March, Parliament's [gender equality committee](#) organises an [inter-parliamentary committee meeting](#), which will focus on young women in politics as well as women's real power in politics and how to boost it.

Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, chair of Parliament's gender equality committee, and Věra Jourová, the European commissioner for gender equality, will both be attending. Other speakers will include Parliament Vice-President Dimitrios Papadimoulis, chair of the high-level group on gender equality and diversity; and Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović; Federica Mogherini, the EU's foreign policy chief.

[Follow the debate online on 7 March from 9.00 CET.](#)

On 5-6 March, Parliament organises a [seminar for journalists](#) with a particular focus on the upcoming European elections. The panels will include discussions on:

- How imbalanced (still) is the gender balance in politics?
- What is still needed to break the glass ceiling in politics once and for all? Will the new generation trigger the change?
- European elections: what will women vote for?
- European elections: what do the political groups offer to women on gender balance and empowerment?

[Follow the seminar online on 5 March from 14.00 CET.](#)

Live chats on social media

[Angelika Mlinar](#), an Austrian member of the ALDE group, will be answering questions about the Parliament resolution she wrote on [gender mainstreaming in the European Parliament](#) on Facebook and Instagram on 7 March at 16.00 CET.

The importance of young women's involvement in politics will be discussed with [#thistimeiamvoting](#) volunteers on Facebook and Instagram on 8 March at 17.00 CET. These volunteers have been very active in raising awareness of the upcoming European elections in May.

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Parliament is highlighting the importance of women in politics as part of its activities for International Women's Day