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Directorate-General for Communication  
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## Press seminar

organised at the occasion of International Women's Day

### Women's power in politics

Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 March 2019\*

#IWD2019

### Programme



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\* Followed by Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting organised by the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality on Thursday 7 March

European elections  
23-26 May 2019



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## Day 1 - Tuesday 5 March

12:30-13:45

### Accreditation desk

Visitors and press entrance, Paul-Henri Spaak building, rue Wiertz (facing the park)  
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**Altiero Spinelli building, room ASP 5E2**

**Interpretation in DE, EL, EN, ES, FR, IT**

14:00-14:15

### Welcome and opening remarks

Dimitrios PAPANICOLAOU, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Chair of the High-level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity (GUE/NGL, Greece)  
Introduced by Jaume DUCH GUILLOT, European Parliament Spokesperson and Director-General for Communication

14:15-15:00

Key note / inspirational speech, followed by Q&A session

### How imbalanced (still) is the gender balance in politics?

Virginija LANGBAKK, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

15:00-15:15 *Coffee break*

15:15-16:15

Panel 1, followed by Q&A session

### What is still needed to break the glass ceiling in politics once and for all? Will the new generation trigger the change?

Mila TURAJLIC, filmmaker, finalist of the LUX Film Prize 2018

Laura HIDALGO, President of Jeunes MR d'Anderlecht, Belgium

Martina PRPIC, Policy Analyst, Research Service of the European Parliament (EPRS)

Jane MORRICE, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, former Deputy Speaker of the NI Assembly and elected member representing the NI Women's Coalition

16:15-16:45

Presentation 1, followed by Q&A session

### European elections: what's in it for women?

Jesús CARMONA, Director for Media, European Parliament

*Moderated by Teresa KÜCHLER, Brussels-based correspondent of Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet*

17:30 Cocktail and Networking opportunity  
Brasserie at Józef Antall building, 3rd floor



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## Day 2 - Wednesday 6 March

*Altiero Spinelli building, room ASP 5E2*

*Interpretation in DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, PL, PT*

9:00-9:30

Presentation 2, followed by Q&A session

### **Parliament's European Elections 2019 press tool kit**

Raffaella DE MARTE, Head of the European Parliament Media Services Unit

9:30-10:30

Panel 2, followed by Q&A session

### **European elections: What will women vote for?**

Philipp SCHULMEISTER, Head of European Parliament Public Opinion Monitoring Unit

Joanna MAYCOCK, Secretary General at the European Women's Lobby

Niels SPIERINGS, Assistant Professor in Sociology at Radboud University, The Netherlands

Julia FERNÁNDEZ, Volunteer - [thistimeimvoting.eu](http://thistimeimvoting.eu)

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:45

Panel 3, followed by Q&A session

### **European elections: What do the political groups offer to women on gender balance and women empowerment?**

Debate with representatives from Parliament Political Groups

Agnieszka KOZŁOWSKA-RAJEWICZ (EPP, Poland), Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ (S&D, Spain), Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Arne GERICKE (ECR, Germany), Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Angelika MLINAR (ALDE, Austria), Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Ernest URTASUN (Greens/EFA, Spain), Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Marisa MATIAS (GUE/NGL, Portugal), Member of the Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance

*Moderated by Teresa KÜCHLER, Brussels-based correspondent of Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet*

*Optional: visit to the Parliamentarium, the European Parliament Visitors' Centre, and/or the House of European History (closing time - 18:00)*

Both the Parliamentarium and the House of European History have a gift shop and a café with a selection of refreshing drinks and tasty snacks



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### **Day 3 - Thursday 7 March**

*József Antall building, room JAN 4Q2*

#### **Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting**

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Women's Power in Politics

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in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments

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09.00 - 10.00 **Opening**

**Chaired by**

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

**Opening speech by**

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

**Keynote speech by**

H.E. Madam Kolinda GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ, President of the Republic of Croatia

**Welcome speech by**

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

**Women's presence in politics nowadays**

Presentation by Virginija LANGBAKK, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality

10.00 - 11.10 **Real power of women in politics and how to boost it**

Moderator: Agnieszka KOZŁOWSKA-RAJEWICZ, Member of FEMM Committee

Presentation by Henryka BOCHNIARZ, President of Polish Confederation Lewiatan, Vice-President of BusinessEurope, Founder of the Congress of Women (Poland)

Presentation Meryl KENNY, Senior Lecturer in Gender and Politics, University of Edinburgh  
Debate with participation of the Members of national Parliaments

Closing remarks: MEP Angelika MLINAR, Member of FEMM Committee

11.10 - 12.15 **Young women in politics**

Moderator: Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, Member of FEMM Committee

Presentation by Inês ZUBER, Member of the National Council of MDM (Democratic Movement of Women, Portugal) and former vice-chair of FEMM Committee

Presentation by Karima ZAHI, Campaign Manager, equal.brussels - Brussels Capital Regional Public Service

Debate with participation of the Members of national Parliaments

Closing remarks: Terry REINTKE, Member of FEMM Committee

12:15 - 12.30 **Closing remarks**

Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission

João PIMENTA LOPES, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality