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Directorate-General for Communication

Directorate for Media

Media Services Unit

## Press seminar

organised at the occasion of International Women's Day

### The long walk towards Gender Equality:

### What remains to be done?

Wednesday 4 March 2020<sup>1</sup>

#IWD2020

### Programme



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(number only valid during seminar days)*

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<sup>1</sup> Followed by Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting organised by the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality on Thursday 5 March



## Day 1 - Wednesday 4 March

9:00-10:20

**Accreditation - Badges to be picked up** at the Media accreditation, Press entrance, Paul-Henri SPAAK building, Rue Wiertz (facing the park).

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**Altiero Spinelli building, room 1 E 02**

10:15-10:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**

*Interpretation in FR, EN, DE, ES*

*Introduced by Jaume DUCH GUILLOT, European Parliament Spokesperson and Director-General for Communication, and by Raffaella DE MARTE, Head of Unit of Media Services*

10:30-10:45

**Gender equality and the Beijing Conference, the role of the European Parliament**

- Evelyn REGNER, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

*Panels moderated by Emma RAINEY from [Brusselsbinder.org](https://brusselsbinder.org)*

11:00-12:15 **Panel 1, followed by Q&A session**

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

**What about Beijing Declaration? Where we stand on?**

- Carlien SCHEELE, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) on *"Beyond Beijing Declaration: Assessment and main challenges"*

**Empowering Women: business, entrepreneurship, pay gap**

- Katharina MILLER, President of the [European Women Lawyers Association \(EWLA\)](https://www.ewla.eu)

- Irène TOLLERET, MEP (Renew Europe, FR) Member of FEMM Committee

**12:45-14:00 NETWORK COCKTAIL**

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## Place to be confirmed

14:00-14:15

### **Presentation of European Parliament online tools for journalists**

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

14:30 - 15:00 - Press Statement with Greta THUNBERG

- Pauline BRÜNGER, Climate activist, Fridays for Future

- Claudelice SILVA, Brazilian Climate activist and Sakharov Prize finalist in 2019

## **Altiero Spinelli building, room 1 E 02**

### **14:15 - 15:15 - Panel 2, followed by Q&A session**

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

#### **Women's role in Climate Change fight. Why women are more affected by Climate Change?**

- Pauline BRÜNGER, Climate activist, [Fridays for Future](#)

- Vanessa NAKATE, Climate activist (video from Africa - Ouganda)

- Claudelice SILVA, Brazilian Climate activist and Sakharov Prize finalist in 2019

- Benedikt ERLINGSSON, Film Director, Producer and Scriptwriter of LUX Prize 2018 awarded film [Woman at war](#)

- Hanna ZDANOWSKA (EPP, PL), European Committee of the Regions Member and Mayor of Lodz

- Ernest URTASUN, MEP (Greens/EFA, ES) Vice Chair of Greens/EFA Group and Member of FEMM Committee

*15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break - time for interviews*

### **16:00 - 17:00 - Panel 3, followed by Q&A session**

*Interpretation in FR, EN, DE, ES, HU*

#### **Violence against Women: the steps towards the accession of the EU to the Istanbul Convention (Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence)**

- Daniel HOLTGEN, Council of Europe - Director of Communications and Spokesperson for the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General

- Lucía AVILÉS, Spanish judge specialised in gender violence and founder of [Spanish Female Judges Association](#) (AMJE)

- József LICHY, Hungarian lawyer specialised on violence against family

- Satu HAAPANEN (FI/Greens), European Committee of the Regions Member and City Councilor of Oulu

- Arba KOKALARI, MEP (EPP, SE), Member of FEMM Committee and Rapporteur of the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention

### **17:00 - 17:30 - Press briefing**

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

- Věra JOUROVÁ, European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency

- Helena DALLI, European Commissioner for Equality

*Introduced by Jaume DUCH GUILLOT, European Parliament Spokesperson and Director-General for Communication*



## Day 2 - Thursday 5 March

*József Antall building, room 2Q2*

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

International Women's Day 2020: **The 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**, organised by the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments  
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09.00 - 10.00 Opening chaired by Evelyn REGNER, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

#### **Opening speeches by**

David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament

Věra JOUROVÁ, Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Values and Transparency

#### **Keynote speech by**

Natalia KANEM, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Executive Director

#### **10.00 - 11.00 Panel 1. Beijing +25: Next Steps towards Generation Equality**

Moderator: MEP Frances FITZGERALD, Member of the FEMM Committee

Presentation by Dr Bea CANTILLON, Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy at the University of Antwerp, Belgium

Presentation by Hervé NAVELLOU, Director General of L'Oréal France

Debate with participation of the Members of National Parliaments

Closing remarks: MEP Karen MELCHIOR, Member of the FEMM Committee

#### **11.00 - 12.00 Women Leadership in the Fight for Climate Justice**

Moderator: MEP Maria NOICHL, Member of the FEMM Committee

Presentation by Madeleine ALIZADEH, activist, podcaster & author

Presentation by Pauline BRÜNGER, climate activist member of Friday for Future

Debate with participation of the Members of National Parliaments

Closing remarks: MEP Gwendoline DELBOS-CORFIELD, Member of the FEMM Committee

#### **12:00 - 12.10 Presentation "Beyond Beijing +25 in the EU: Sustainable and inclusive growth through the lens of women's empowerment"**

Carlien SCHEELE, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality

#### **12:10 - 12:30 Closing remarks**

Speech by Helena DALLI, European Commissioner for Equality

#### **12:30 - 13:00 Press point**

Helena DALLI, European Commissioner for Equality presenting the EU Commission Strategy on Gender Equality

Evelyn REGNER, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament



**"Women and Politics: overcoming the gender gap"  
European Committee of the Regions**

**12:30–13:30: Lunch and Market Place**

During lunch, partner organisations would present their projects on enhancing gender equality in politics in an interactive way (list of partners tbc).

**13:30-14:20: Opening "Why gender balance in politics matters for democracy: are we moving forwards?"**

**Speakers**

- Apostolos TZITIKOSTAS, President of the European Committee of the Regions (tbc);
- Evelyn REGNER, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament (tbc);
- Q&A.

Moderator: Ms Claudia DE CASTRO CALDEIRINHA, Leadership Professor, Director of Redscope Consulting

**14:30-16:15 "Women in local politics: where we are now, where we go next"**

- Sirpa HERTELL, City Councillor of Espoo (FI), Member of the CEMR Standing Committee for Equality: CEMR study *"Women in Local Politics: Local and European Trends"*;

- Best practices from local level:

- Klara GEYWITZ, State of Brandenburg: "Act on Gender Parity in Politics";
- Nathalie SARRABEZOLLES, CoR Member, President of the Finistère Departmental Council: "Women in Cohesion Policy";
- Jasna GABRIĆ, CoR Member, Mayor of Trbovlje: "Gender quotas as a path to women empowerment"

- **Young Elected Politicians (YEPs): Presentations of the key results of the participatory workshops by the group of 30 "[Young Elected Politicians 4 More Women in Politics](#)"**

- Rapporteur of the CoR Opinion on gender equality (tbc);

- Q&A.

Moderator: Jaimie JUST, Policy Officer – Gender Equality and Diversity, CEMR;

Nathalie NOUPADJA, Head of Research and Studies, CEMR.

**16:30-17:30: "Social Media as a key tool to overcome the issue of women leaders' representation in traditional media"**

- Rick ZEDNÍK, Managing Director at Women Political Leaders (WPL) (tbc);

- Joanna MAYCOCK, Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby: cyber-violence against women politicians (tbc).

**17:30: Market Place and Networking cocktail**



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