

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union  
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs  
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting<sup>1</sup>  
International Women's Day 2018

**"EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MEDIA AND ICT:  
KEY FOR THE FUTURE"**

**Thursday, 8 March 2018, from 09.00 to 12.30**

European Parliament in Brussels - room József Antall 2Q2

**Chaired by:**

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

*08.15 - 08.30 Distribution of entrance badges for pre-registered participants at the European parliament's Ex INFO POINT at the Esplanade Solidarność*

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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09.00 - 09.45

**Opening speeches by**

**Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament (*via video statement*)

**Věra Jourová**, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

**Keynote speeches by**

**Sarah Gavron**, film director of "Les suffragettes"

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<sup>1</sup> Organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments.

The event will also benefit from the participation of valuable partners such as *the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)*

**Pilar Jurado**, singer, founder of MadwomenFest festival

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**09.45 - 10.35 “Women shaping media”**

**Moderator:** MEP Liliana Rodrigues (S&D, Portugal)

**Presentation by:** Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

**Debate**

**Closing remarks:** MEP Michaela Šojdrová (EPP, Czech Republic)

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**10.35 - 11.25 “Empowering women and girls through digital inclusion”**

**Moderator:** MEP Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz (EPP, Poland)

**Presentation by:** Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, European Commission

**Video announcement** by Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission

**Debate**

**Closing remarks:** MEP Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE, Spain)

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**11.25 - 12.15 “Women’s movements on the rise: advancing equality in the digital age”**

**Moderator:** MEP Terry Reintke (Greens/EFA, Germany)

**Presentation by:** Dagmar Schumacher, UN Women Brussels Office

**Debate**

**Closing remarks:** MEP Ángela Vallina (GUE/NGL, Spain)

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**12:20 Closing remarks:**

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

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

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