



# **WE ARE STRONG: WOMEN LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19**

## **Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, 4 March 2021, from 9.00 to 12.00**

European Parliament in Brussels, room PHS 3C050 and online participation

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**Opening speeches by**

**David Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament

**Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission

**Keynote speeches by**

**Katerina Sakellaropoulou**, President of the Hellenic Republic

**Madeleine Albright**, politician, diplomat, author, 64th Secretary of State of the United States (tbc)

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**Panel discussion: "*Women on the frontlines: lessons learnt from the crisis management*"**

**Moderator: Frances Fitzgerald**, Member of the of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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**Panellists:**

- **Khadija Arib**, President of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands
- **Dr Isabelle Loeb**, Medical director at CHU St Pierre, Brussels
- **Kristel Krustuuk**, Founder and Chief Testing Officer, Testlio
- **Carlien Scheele**, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality
- **Concha Andreu**, Rapporteur of the European Committee of the Regions on the Gender Equality Strategy

**Debate with the participation of the Members of National Parliaments**

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**Closing words by**

**Helena Dalli**, European Commissioner for Equality

**Evelyn Regner**, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality