

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting
on the occasion of International Women's Day 2026

Thursday, 5 March 2026, from 9.00 to 12.30
European Parliament, Brussels - Room 6Q2

Women's rights and democracy: combating stereotypes, disinformation and violence in the digital age

Draft programme

Welcoming remarks

Ms. Lina GÁLVEZ, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Video message

Ms. Roberta METSOLA, President of the European Parliament

Opening remarks

Ms. Hadja LAHBIB, Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management

Mr. Costas Fitiris, Cypriot Minister of Justice and Public Order, Cyprus Presidency (TBC)

Ms. Florence Raes, Director of the UN Women Brussels Liaison Office (TBC)

Interventions by guest speakers

Ms. Natalia Waloch, Journalist and Columnist of Gazeta Wyborcza and Wysokie Obcasy

Ms. Ana Natsvlishvili, Member of the 10th Convocation of the Parliament of Georgia (2020-2024), re-elected in the 11th convocation in 2025 (resigned her mandate in sign of protest to the falsified elections)

Dr. Silvia Semenzin, Adjunct Professor, Open University of Catalonia

Ms. Julie Guichard, Digital Safety Government Affairs Manager, Microsoft

Ms. Monica Barbovschi, Researcher - Gender-based violence, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Q&A with the participation of the Members of National Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament

Closing remarks

Ms. Lina GÁLVEZ, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality