

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 2019

**“WOMEN'S POWER  
in Politics”**

Thursday, 7 March 2019, from 9.00 to 12.30  
European Parliament in Brussels, room JAN 4Q2

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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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

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**Keynote speech by**

**H.E. Madam Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović**, President of the Republic of Croatia

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**Welcome speech by**

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

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## **Women's presence in politics nowadays**

**Presentation by** Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality

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

**Moderator:** MEP Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Member of FEMM Committee

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

**Presentation by** Dr 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

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## **11.10 - 12.15 "Young women in politics"**

**Moderator:** MEP 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:** MEP, Member of FEMM Committee - TBC

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## **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

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