



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

*Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*

**International Women's Day 2011**  
*Interparliamentary Committee Meeting\**

**WOMEN IN POLITICS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Thursday, 3 March 2011 from 9.00 to 12.30  
European Parliament, Hemicycle, rue Wiertz, Brussels

**Chair: Eva-Britt Svensson**

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**9:00-10:30**

- **Opening by Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament** (*confirmed*)
- **Key-note speech by Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights** (*confirmed*)
- **Debate**

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**10.30-12:30: *How to enhance women's participation in politics - Experiences from national Parliaments and the European Parliament***

- **speaker from a national parliament (name tbc)**
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- **speaker from the European Parliament (name tbc)**
- **Debate**

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**12.45** **Cocktail reception for Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament**

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