

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (**FEMM**) and the Committee on Legal Affairs (**JURI**) of the European Parliament, I would like to inform you that both Committees will hold an exchange of views open to National Parliaments on the Commission proposal for a directive on improving **gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges** and related measures.

The European Parliament is currently examining and debating this legislative proposal, which will be a key instrument for achieving a more balanced representation of men and women on company boards.

Now that both branches of the EU legislature have started considering the Commission proposal, JURI and FEMM believe that an exchange of views between national Parliaments will be extremely valuable. The discussion will also help the rapporteurs in the two Committees which share the lead within Parliament to prepare their joint draft report, which is due to be presented in July 2013.

The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19 June 2013, from 09:30 to 12:30**, in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels, and will be followed by a sandwich lunch open to all participants.

I will soon communicate you the draft programme, invitation letters and other organisational aspects of the meeting.

With kind regards,

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