



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 TBC

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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**09.00 - 10.00 Opening**

**Opening speeches by**

**Frans Timmermans**, First Vice-President of the European Commission (TBC)

**Dimitrios Papadimoulis**, Vice-President, Chair of the High-level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity (TBC)

**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

**Keynote speech by**

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

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The event will also benefit from the participation of valuable partners such as the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

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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, former Minister of Industry and Trade, founder and head of the Polish Confederation of Private Employers 'Lewiatan' and president for Central and Eastern Europe Region of Boeing International Co

**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, Former MEP from Portugal and former vice-chair of FEMM

**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 Terry Reintke, Member of FEMM Committee

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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

**Vilija Blinkevičiūtė**, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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