



Brussels, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

**Subject: Invitation to the National Parliaments to take part to the Women's European Council initiative -“WOMEN AT WORK 2030. A roadmap for employment, skills and social protection”**

Dear President,

The [Women's European Council](#) (WEUCO) is a high-level pre-summit ahead of the European Council, organized since 2018 by the no profit association [European Women Alliance](#) together with the Vice Presidents of the European Parliament. Since then, WEUCO has served as a forum where interinstitutional, transpartisan and transnational dialogue has turned into women leaders' commitment and policy proposals to bring gender equality at the top of the European political agenda.

Over the years, WEUCO has worked on a number of initiatives, centred on the elimination of the pay gap, increasing the participation of women in the labour market, affirming women's leadership in the European institutions and establishing a specific EU Council of Ministers for gender equality.

This new edition of WEUCO, **“WOMEN AT WORK 2030. A roadmap for employment, skills and social protection”** is a lasting civic process where national Parliaments, EU leaders, institutions, social partners, civil society and academia will exchange views and put forward policy proposals in a permanent forum starting on 18th November 2021 to relaunch labour and social policies with a gender perspective. WEUCO will be the center of a broad European network able to impact women's social and economic condition all over Europe to accelerate Union's economic recovery. The participation of all the national Parliaments is key to enrich the debate, exchange best practices and steer labour and social policies to shape jointly the future of the Union by meeting citizen's expectations.

**We are pleased to invite you and the Honourable Members of your Chamber to participate to the initiative, as your presence and support is crucial for its success.**

This new, enlarged WEUCO, that brings together all the main players at the European level and can count on the European Women Alliance as the secretariat, will play a strategic role to steer public policies with a view to increase female employment, improving skills and strengthening women social protection across the EU. Women at Work 2030 will be structured in three working groups, focused on the following priorities: employment, skills and social protection, the three key areas identified by the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan.

WEUCO will have its **first meeting on the 18th November from 14:00 to 16:00** during which the three working groups will be formed. They will meet three times a year, while the plenary will hold an annual Conference where a report will be presented, prepared by the EWA Secretariat on the basis the working groups' progress.

As long as COVID19 restrictions remain in place, the working group meetings and the plenaries will be held remotely and/or via a hybrid form of participation.

We hope you will support our initiative, and count on your cooperation to circulate this invitation to all the political groups of your Chamber. They should ideally designate up to three Members. Female participation is highly encouraged.

Names should be communicated as soon as possible to the EWA secretariat that is responsible for the organisation of the initiative via this [form](#). For any inquiry, please contact [ewa@europeanwomenalliance.eu](mailto:ewa@europeanwomenalliance.eu)

Remaining at your disposal for any further information and looking forward to cooperating with you.

Yours sincerely,

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