



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting<sup>1</sup>  
International Women's Day 2021

**Women's empowerment and leadership in Covid times**

Thursday, 4 March 2021, from 9.00 to 12.00 (tbc)  
European Parliament in Brussels, room PHS 1A002 and online participation

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

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**Welcoming words by**

**Evelyn Regner**, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

**Opening speeches by**

**David Sassoli**, President of the European Parliament

**Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission

**Keynote speeches by**

**Ekaterini Sakellaropoulou**, President of Greece

**Jacinda Ardern**, Prime Minister of New-Zeland (tbc)

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**Panel discussion**

- **Mia Mottley**, Prime Minister of Barbados (tbc)
- **Khadija Arib**, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands
- **Isabel Loeb**, medical director at CHU St Pierre, Brussels
- **Kristel Krustuuk**, Founder and Chief Testing Officer, Testlio
- **Carlien Scheele**, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality
- **Concha Andreu**, Rapporteur of the European Committee of the Regions on the Gender Equality Strategy

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## Debate with the participation of the Members of National Parliaments

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Closing remarks by

**Evelyn Regner**, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality