



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
The Chair

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To the Chairperson(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Dear Colleague,

For many years now, the European Parliament has been celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) with a special event bringing together Members of the EP and National Parliamentarians from across the European Union.

Hence, on the occasion of IWD 2022, the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) would like to invite Members of the National Parliaments of the EU to attend an Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the theme:

An ambitious future for Europe's women after COVID-19: mental load, gender equality in teleworking and unpaid care work after the pandemic

The COVID pandemic has demonstrated the essential nature of care work overwhelmingly carried out by women, pointing out to gender inequalities linked to women's position in the context of globalised care economy but also in society in general. Despite this critical role, the care work is undervalued and mental load and the state of play of gender equality in teleworking represent new challenges to address. Gender inequalities are thus at the heart of the care economy and directly linked to women's position, not only on the frontline of unpaid and low-paid work in the globalised social and care economy but also at all stages of the design, adoption and implementation of the recovery plans.

On the International Women's Day, the hearing will provide a platform for the Committee and the European Parliament together with National Parliamentarians to mark this day, and offer a global forum for an exchange of experiences and best practices in advancing women's empowerment during and after crises such as the one triggered by COVID-19.

We are therefore very pleased to invite up to four Members of the corresponding committee(s) of each National Parliament (two from each chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this event on **Thursday, 3 March 2022, from 9.00 to 12.00 online**.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's representatives/services responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you remotely in the European Parliament on 3 March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Biedroń', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Biedroń

Chair

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