organised at the occasion of International Women’s Day

**Women’s power in politics**

Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 March 2019[[1]](#footnote-1)[\*]

**Draft Programme**

**Day 1 - Tuesday 5 March**

***Altiero Spinelli Building, room ASP 5E2***

14:00-14:15

**Welcome and opening remarks**

Dimitrios Papadimoulis, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Chair of the High-level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity (GUE/NGL, Greece)

Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (S&D, Lithuania) (tbc)

Moderated by Jaume Duch Guillot, European Parliament Spokesperson and Director-General for Communication

14:15-15:00

Key note / inspirational speech, followed by Q&A session

**How imbalanced (still) is the gender balance in politics?**

Dr. Franziska Giffey, German Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (tbc)

15:00-15:15 *Coffee break*

15:15-16:15

Panel 1, followed by Q&A session

**What is still needed to break the glass ceiling in politics once and for all? Will the new generation trigger the change?**

Mairead McGuinness, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament (EPP, Ireland)

Mila Turajlic, filmmaker, finalist of the LUX Film Prize 2018 (tbc)

Laura Hidalgo, President of Jeunes MR d’Anderlecht, Belgium

Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Martina PRPIC, Policy Analyst, Research Service of the European Parliament (EPRS)

16:15-16:45  
Presentation 1, followed by Q&A session

**European elections: what's in it for women?**

Jesús CARMONA, Director for Media, European Parliament

*Moderated by Teresa KÜCHLER, Brussels-based correspondent of Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet*

17:30 Cocktail and Networking opportunity

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**Day 2 - Wednesday 6 March**

***Altiero Spinelli Building, room ASP 5E2***

9:00-9:30

Presentation 2, followed by Q&A session

**Parliament’s European Elections 2019 press tool kit**

Raffaella DE MARTE, Head of the European Parliament Media Services Unit

9:30-10:30

Panel 2, followed by Q&A session

**European elections: What will women vote for?**

Philipp Schulmeister, Head of European Parliament Public Opinion Monitoring Unit

Joanna Maycock, Secretary General at the European Women’s Lobby

Eelco Harteveld,  Assistant Professor for Behavioural Sciences at at Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam (tbc)

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:45

Panel 3, followed by Q&A session

**European elections: What do the political groups offer to women on gender balance and women empowerment?**

Debate with representatives from Parliament Political Groups

Agnieszka KOZŁOWSKA-RAJEWICZ (EPP, Poland), Member of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

Jana ŽITŇANSKÁ (ECR, Slovakia), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (tbc)

Ernest URTASUN (Greens/EFA, Spain), Member of the  Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (tbc)

Marisa MATIAS (GUE/NGL, Portugal), Member of the Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance  (tbc)

+ representatives of the other political groups in the European Parliament (names tbc)

*Moderated by Teresa KÜCHLER, Brussels-based correspondent of Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet*

*Optional:*

visit to the Parlamentarium, the European Parliament Visitors’ Centre, and/or

the House of European History (closing time - 18:00)

Both the Parlamentarium and the House of European History have a gift shop and a café with a selection of refreshing drinks and tasty snacks

1. [\*] Followed by Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting organised by the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality on Thursday 7 March [↑](#footnote-ref-1)