



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting¹

Thursday, 5 March 2015 from 09.00 to 12.30

European Parliament - Hemicycle - Brussels

Chaired by:

Iratxe Garcia-Perez, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Co-Chair:

Silvia Costa, Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education

08.15 - 09.00 *Registration of participants (rue Wiertz entrance to the ASP building)*

09.00 **Opening by Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vice President of the European Parliament**

09.05 **Speech by Manon van Hoorebeke, European Digital Girl of the year 2014**

09.10 **Key-note speech by Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality**

09.20 **Video message by Hauwa Ibrahim, Sakharov Prize Laureate 2005**

09.25 - 10.00 **The importance of eliminating gender disparity in education and training**

Speakers:

- Eve Ensler, Playwright, author and activist, US
- Philippe Cori, Director of Brussels EU Office, UNICEF
- Anna Maria Corazza-Bildt, Member, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

10.00 **Debate**

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10.20 - 11.00 **Challenges for equal access to continuous and quality education**

Speakers:

- Ilze Viņķele, Member of the Education, Culture and Science Committee, Parliament of Latvia
- Dulce Rebelo, President of Movimento Democrático das Mulheres, Portugal
- Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Member, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament, and former Polish Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister

11.10 **Debate**

11.30 - 12.10 **Moving towards the empowerment of women and girls through education in the European Union**

Speakers:

- Stanimira Hadjimitova, Director and Founder, Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation, Bulgaria
- Irene Zeilinger, Executive Director and Self-defence teacher, Garance ASBL, Belgium
- Liliana Rodrigues, Rapporteur on "*Empowering Girls through Education in the European Union*", Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

12.10 **Debate**

12.30 *Cocktail reception for Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament (mezzanine Yehudi Menuhin, PHS, 2nd floor)*

