

WPL SUMMIT 2018

“IT’S ABOUT TIME! 100 REASONS TO ACT!”

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE

17:00-18:30 EARLY REGISTRATION

Badges will be available in the official hotels. Registration and badge pick-up for participants accommodated in locations other than official hotels will be available at the Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square.

19:00-21:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

Hosted by Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas

Welcoming Remarks:

- Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE

Master of Ceremonies: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Chair of the WPL Executive Board

For Plenary Sessions, interpretation available in French, Russian, Lithuanian, Spanish

08:00-09:00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Building 2, the Seimas

09:00-09:30 OPENING SESSION: IT’S ABOUT TIME! 100 REASONS TO ACT!

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

Opening Remarks:

- Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

09:30-09:45 KEYNOTE: IT’S ABOUT TIME! WOMEN CHANGE THE WORLD! INTERVENTION: IL EST TEMPS! LES FEMMES CHANGENT LE MONDE! ОСНОВНОЙ ДОКЛАД: ВРЕМЯ ПРИШЛО! ЖЕНЩИНЫ МЕНЯЮТ МИР

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania

VIDEO MESSAGE: IT’S ABOUT TIME!

- António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

09:45-10:15

WPL AWARD CEREMONY
CÉRÉMONIE DE REMISE DU PRIX WPL
ЦЕРЕМОНИЯ НАГРАЖДЕНИЯ

With the participation of Girl2Leader delegates

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

Master of Ceremonies: Amanda Ellis, Director Strategic Partnerships,
ASU Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability

Setting the scene: Sandra Uwiringiyimana, author, co-founder of the Jimbere Fund

WPL AWARD RECIPIENTS 2018

- Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, President of Latvia (1999-2007)
- Maria das Neves, Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe (2002-2004)
- Maria do Carmo Silveira, Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe (2005-2006)
- Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of Latvia (2014-2016)

In the presence of the following WPL AWARD RECIPIENTS 2017

- Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania, Chair of CWWL
- Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta
- Atifete Jahjaga, President of Kosovo (2011-2016)
- Jennifer M. Smith, Premier of Bermuda (1998-2003)
- Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008)
- Paula Cox, Premier of Bermuda (2010-2012)

10:15-10:25

FAMILY PHOTO

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

10:25-11:00

COFFEE BREAK

Venue: Lobby, Floor 2, Building 2, the Seimas

10:25-11:00

PRESS CONFERENCE

(Accredited press only)

Venue: Press Conference Hall, Room 212, Floor 2, Building 2, the Seimas

- Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas
- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL

11:00-11:15

KEYNOTE: IT'S ABOUT TIME! INNOVATION FOR INCLUSION
INTERVENTION: IL EST TEMPS! L'INNOVATION POUR L'INCLUSION
ОСНОВНОЙ ДОКЛАД: ВРЕМЯ ПРИШЛО! ИННОВАЦИИ – ФАКТОР ВОВЛЕЧЕНИЯ

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Helen Clark, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (2009-2017)

VIDEO MESSAGE: IT'S ABOUT TIME!

- Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation of the United States of America

11:15-12:15 **PLENARY SESSION: EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE A SHARED FUTURE**
SESSION PLÉNIÈRE: ADOPTER LA TECHNOLOGIE POUR BÂTIR UN AVENIR COMMUN

ПЛЕНАРНАЯ СЕССИЯ: ОСВОЕНИЕ ТЕХНОЛОГИЙ СПОСОБСТВУЕТ СОЗДАНИЮ ОБЩЕГО БУДУЩЕГО

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

From artificial intelligence to blockchain to precision medicine, technologies are transforming societies at high speed. Leaders are confronted with new questions and the need to decide quickly. People's behaviors undergo fundamental change. Today's institutions were not designed for the digital age. Experts, authorities and regulators now are outscored in credibility by peers and fellow users, a trend facilitated by tech platforms. Artificial Intelligence systems (and the platforms and Internet of Things (IoT-sensors which feed data into them) are impacting governments, enterprises, individuals and institutions. The technology-driven change has massive consequences for the way we live, love, work, bank and consume. Innovative platforms seem to become the new institutions. However, their lack of legibility and transparency creates a fog of understanding over how AI and IoT are shaping society. The big questions in urgent need of answers are: How do we design efficient decision-making? How can we ensure that a digital environment is a driver of inclusion, economic development and social progress? How can we maximize the benefits of science and technology for society?

- Espérance Nyirasafari, Minister of Gender and Family Promotion of Rwanda
 - Yang Liu, Member of the Secretariat of the All-China Women's Federation, Member of Parliament of China
 - Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Member of the Dáil Éireann, Houses of the Oireachtas of Ireland
 - Lynn Taylor, Senior Vice President, Head of Healthcare Global Government and Public Affairs, Head of Corporate and Government Relations USA, Merck
 - Helen Hai, Goodwill Ambassador for UNIDO, Head of Binance Charity Foundation
- Chaired by: Žydrūnė Vitaitė, Co-Founder of Women Go Tech

12:15-12:20 **IT'S ABOUT TIME! – ICELAND STYLE**

- Kristín Árnadóttir, Ambassador of Gender Equality of Iceland

VIDEO MESSAGE: IT'S ABOUT TIME!

- Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland

12:20-13:40 **LUNCH**

Venue: Gallery of the Defenders of Freedom of Lithuania, Building 1, the Seimas

Hosted by: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Remarks:

- Linda Lanzillotta, Vice-President of the Italian Senate (2013-2018), WPL Executive Board Member and WPL Ambassador
- Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

13:40-13:50 **VIDEO MESSAGE: IT'S ABOUT TIME!**

- Margot Wallström, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

IN FOCUS: IMAGINE - ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING LIFE IN PEACE
MISE AU POINT: IMAGINE TOUS LES PEUPLES, VIVANT LEURS VIES EN PAIX

В ЦЕНТРЕ ВНИМАНИЯ – ПРЕДСТАВЬ СЕБЕ: ВСЕ ЛЮДИ ЖИВУТ МИРНО

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Ana María Menéndez Pérez, Senior Advisor of the U.N. Secretary-General on Policy

13:50-15:00

PLENARY SESSION: NEW THREATS DEMAND NEW LEADERSHIP
SESSION PLÉNIÈRE: NOUVEAUX LEADERS POUR FAIRE FACE AUX NOUVELLES MENACES

ПЛЕНАРНАЯ СЕССИЯ: ДЛЯ ОТРАЖЕНИЯ НОВЫХ УГРОЗ НУЖНЫ НОВЫЕ ЛИДЕРЫ

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

The lines between war and peace are blurred. The second decade of the 21st century has been characterized by lingering wars, mutating radicalized armed groups, reforms in historical alliances, and consolidation of a new sphere where cyber threats can shake societies. All these in a context of climate change. These challenges are complex and, in many cases, intertwined. Tackling these challenges and their root causes requires new thinking and acting. This panel will be an opportunity to discuss: what governmental policies have worked to bring more security to their countries? What have been the main obstacles? What can be done differently in order to work for more secure, stable and peaceful societies?

- Isabel De Saint Malo De Alvarado, Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panamá
- Linas Linkevičius, Foreign Affairs Minister of Lithuania
- Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration
- Mehar Taj Roghani, Senator of the Parliament of Pakistan
- Martha Martin, Member of Parliament of South Sudan
- Jennifer Morgan, Executive Director of Greenpeace International

Chaired by: Raimonda Murmokaite, Director Security and Transatlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

15:00-15:05

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: IT'S ABOUT TIME!

- Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice of Japan, WPL Ambassador

15:05-15:35

COFFEE BREAK

Venue: Lobby, Floor 2, Building 2, the Seimas

15:05-15:10

WPL AMBASSADORS FAMILY PHOTO

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

15:35-17:35

POLICY-FOCUSED SESSIONS

6 simultaneous policy-focused sessions

15:35-17:35

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A GENDER-SENSITIVE PARLIAMENT?

In cooperation with European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Venue: EU Affairs Committee Room, Room 218, Floor 2, Building 1, the Seimas

Parliaments are expected to be cross-sectional and to lead by example in their compositions, as well as in their internal policies and regulations. However, on average, less than one-third of the members of national parliaments in the European Union are women. This highlights a gender imbalance in political representation which is bound to have an impact on parliamentary decisions. That does not mean that a gender-sensitive parliament consists only on having a higher proportion of women. A gender-sensitive parliament is one that removes barriers to women's full participation in the parliament, in decision-making processes and society as a whole; and that strives to respond to the needs and interests of both women and men in its work and structures, across a wide range of portfolios.

To help national and regional parliaments to assess and monitor gender equality within their institutions, EIGE has developed a self-assessment tool that helps collect empirical data to measure the gender sensitivity of their legislative work, their organisational processes and symbolic structures.

In this session, the benefits of having a gender-sensitive parliament and how EIGE's tool can be used by parliaments to support advancing gender equality in the European Union and beyond will be discussed. Join the discussion to find out what it takes to become a leader in gender equality in the political sphere.

- Therese Murphy, Head of Operations, EIGE
- Barbara Limanowska, Gender Mainstreaming programme coordinator, EIGE
- An Capoen, Member of the House of Representatives of Belgium, WPL Ambassador
- Marianne Mikko, Member of Parliament of Estonia
- Nada Drobnjak, Member of Parliament of Montenegro
- Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah, Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit- Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE
- Tatyana Teplova, Senior Counsellor for Gender Equality and Inclusiveness, Public Governance, OECD

Chaired by: Maurizio Mosca, Stakeholder Relations Officer, EIGE

15:35-17:35

**HEALTHY WOMEN LEAD TO HEALTHY ECONOMIES:
IMPLEMENTATION ON A GLOBAL SCALE
UNE FEMME SAINE – UNE ÉCONOMIE SAINE: MISE EN ŒUVRE AU
NIVEAU MONDIAL**

**ЗДОРОВАЯ ЖЕНЩИНА – ЗДОРОВАЯ ЭКОНОМИКА: РЕАЛИЗАЦИЯ В ГЛОБАЛЬНОМ
МАСШТАБЕ**

In cooperation with Merck

Venue: Constitution Hall, Room 328, Floor 3, Building 1, the Seimas

Interpretation available in French, Russian, Lithuanian

"Healthy Women, Healthy Economies" (HWHE) is a public-private partnership created to advance women's health and, in turn, increase their economic participation. The panel will provide knowledge and best-practice examples, whilst also gathering suggestions from the WPL members present about implementing HWHE in their countries. The session will use the occasion to launch a call for "champions" of the

initiative who are willing to help implement HWHE's vision for women's health and success.

- Bryndís Haraldsdóttir, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Iceland
- Gifty Twum Ampofo, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection of Ghana, WPL Ambassador
- Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Member of the House of Representatives of Indonesia, WPL Ambassador
- Diah Saminarsih, Advisor on Gender and Youth, Office of the Director General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Lynn Taylor, Senior Vice President, Head of Healthcare Global Government and Public Affairs, Head of Corporate and Government Relations USA, Merck

Chaired by: Zita Gurmai, Member of Parliament of Hungary, WPL Founding Member

15:35-17:35

MONEY OR MENTORSHIP: HOW CAN POLITICIANS AND FINANCIERS TEAM UP FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT?
ARGENT OU MENTORAT: COMMENT LES POLITIQUES ET LES FINANCIERS PEUVENT S'ASSOCIER POUR UNE AUTONOMISATION ÉCONOMIQUE DES FEMMES?
ДЕНЬГИ ИЛИ НАСТАВНИЧЕСТВО: КАК ПУТЕМ СОТРУДНИЧЕСТВА ПОЛИТИКОВ И ФИНАНСИСТОВ ПРЕДОСТАВИТЬ БОЛЬШЕ ВОЗМОЖНОСТЕЙ ЖЕНЩИНАМ

Деньги или наставничество: как путем сотрудничества политиков и финансистов предоставить больше возможностей женщинам

In cooperation with the European Investment Bank (EIB)

Venue: Press Conference Room, Room 212, Floor 2, Building 2, the Seimas
Interpretation available in French, Russian, Lithuanian, Spanish

This session explores the policy and financial responses that are needed to support the economic empowerment of women, both in fragile regions and more "developed" regions of Europe. The session will focus on real and practical examples and hear from a range of women working in finance, policy and business. The session will showcase a number of examples from diverse parts of the world where different financing models combined with good policy interventions are enabling the empowerment of women economically.

- Dieudonne Luma Étienne, Member of the Senate of Haiti
- María Inés Zigarán, Minister of Environment of the Province of Jujuy of Argentina
- Désirée van Boxtel, Co-Founder and Partner, Karmijn Kapitaal, the Netherlands
- Abeba Tesfai, Director, Women Financial Services & Marketing, Enat Bank S.C., Ethiopia
- Maria Shaw Barragan, Head of Global Partners, European Investment Bank
- Chloe MacEwen, Head of Regulatory Affairs and Policy, Western Union EU

Chaired by: Shirin Wheeler, Principal Advisor International Media, European Investment Bank

15:35-17:35

BUILDING COALITIONS AND WOMEN'S CAUCUSES TO DEVELOP A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (Training)

In cooperation with the Women's Democracy Network

Venue: Hall of the Baltic Assembly, Room 106, Floor 1, Building 3, the Seimas

The training will focus on how building coalitions and caucuses can be valuable tools to amplify a gender perspective on issues and women politicians' voices in a legislative body. The training will provide perspective from women around the world who have utilized coalitions and caucuses to affect change in their communities and countries.

- Zahwa Mohammed Al-Kawari, Shura Council of the Kingdom of Bahrain
- Amel Deroua, Member of National People's Assembly of Algeria, WPL Ambassador
- Valerie Dowling, Director, Women's Democracy Network
- Jan Surotchak, Director, Europe Division, International Republican Institute
- Amila Karacic, Senior Program Officer, IRI BiH Office

15:35-17:35

GENDER BUDGETING

In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Venue: Homeland Union Room, Room 218 B, Floor 2, Building 3, the Seimas

Public budgets affect women and men differently. Modern budget auditing proves that gender perspective plays important role in resource allocation. Through gender budgeting it is possible to identify priority issues and specific women's needs to be addressed. Introduction of new modern tools in assessing a responsive policy-making can turn to good practices. They can also serve as an assessment of budget allocation and impact fiscal policies on women. The panel will address gender budgeting issues while making a link between theoretical aspects of the process and implementation mechanisms.

- Masoumeh Ebtekar, Vice President of Iran for Women and Family Affairs
- Ewa Thalén Finné, First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Sweden
- María Lucero Saldaña Pérez, Member of the Senate of México, WPL Ambassador
- Paula Cox, Premier of Bermuda (2010-2012)
- Mavic Cabrera Balleza, Chief Executive Officer, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
- Scherie Nicol, Policy Analyst, Budgeting and Public Expenditures, Directorate for Public Governance, OECD

Chaired by: Tamar Chugoshvili, First Deputy Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, WPL Ambassador

15:35-17:35

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING: LEVEL I

In cooperation with Facebook

Venue: Council of Lithuania Hall, Room 209, Floor 2, Building 1, the Seimas

Learn how to start using Facebook to engage with your constituents. This session will go over the difference between a profile and a page, how to get started, managing comments and some content best practices.

- Anika Geisel, Politics & Government Outreach Manager, Facebook

17:35-18:05 **GIRL2LEADER: IT'S TIME TO ACT!**

Invitation only

Venue: Kazimieras Antanavičius Hall, Floor 2, Building 3, the Seimas

- Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta

18:30-21:00 **CULTURAL DINNER**

Venue: Presidential Palace

Hosted by Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE

Master of Ceremonies: Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Chair of the WPL Executive Board

For Plenary Sessions, interpretation available in French, Russian, Lithuanian, Spanish

08:30-08:45 **VIDEO MESSAGES**

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Patricia De Lille, Executive Mayor of Cape Town
- Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland
- Tedros Adhanom, Director-General of the World Health Organization
- Věra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
- Samantha Power, United States of America Ambassador to the United Nations (2013-2017)
- Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America (2009-2013)

08:45-08:55 **KEYNOTE: IT'S ABOUT TIME! #GIRL2LEADER TO CHANGE THE WORLD**

INTERVENTION: IL EST TEMPS! #GIRL2LEADER POUR CHANGER LE MONDE

ОСНОВНОЙ ДОКЛАД: #GIRL2LEADER – ПРИШЛО ВРЕМЯ МЕНЯТЬ МИР!

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta

08:55-09:15 **GIRL2LEADER: LEAD LIKE A GIRL**

GIRL2LEADER: DIRIGE COMME UNE FILLE

ИЗ ДЕВОЧКИ – В ЛИДЕРЫ: БУДЬ ЛИДЕРОМ!

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

Informal interview with Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta, and pre-selected Girl2Leader delegates about the importance of leadership of young women.

09:15-09:25 **KEYNOTE: IT'S ABOUT TIME! GLOBALISATION AND IDENTITY**

INTERVENTION: IL EST TEMPS! MONDIALISATION ET IDENTITÉ

ОСНОВНОЙ ДОКЛАД: ВРЕМЯ ПРИШЛО! ГЛОБАЛИЗАЦИЯ И ИДЕНТИЧНОСТЬ

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Ana Birchall, Vice Prime Minister for Romania's Strategic Partnerships' Implementation

09:25-10:25

PLENARY SESSION: FREEDOM IS A WOMAN'S BIRTHRIGHT
SESSION PLÉNIÈRE: LA LIBERTÉ EST UN DROIT INNÉ DE LA FEMME
ПЛЕНАРНАЯ СЕССИЯ: СВОБОДА – ИСКОННОЕ ПРАВО ЖЕНЩИН

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

Freedom is the pre-requisite for a self-determined life. Female leaders have the ability and responsibility of being the freedom fighters for all women. Currently around the world, there are regulations, policies and socially accepted behaviours that block or detriment women's socio-economic and political opportunities. Others endanger women's personal integrity and safety. However, women fight back and their achievements, bravery and potential shed light beyond these barriers. This session will explore: how can female leaders concretely transform societies for greater personal, economic and political freedom of women? What are the main challenges? What are the lessons drawn from where these have been surpassed?

- Maria Leander, Secretary General of the European Investment Fund
- Eunide Innocent, Minister of Women and Women's Rights of Haiti
- Michal Rozin, Member of the Knesset of Israel, WPL Ambassador
- Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Member of Parliament and Chair of the Committee on the Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament, WPL Ambassador

Chaired by: Dalia Leinarte, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

10:25-11:00

COFFEE BREAK

Venue: Lobby, Floor 2, Building 2, the Seimas

11:00-11:30

**A CONVERSATION ABOUT WOMEN AND THE RE-BIRTH OF
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP**
**LA CONVERSATION SUR LES FEMMES ET LA RENAISSANCE DU
LEADERSHIP POLITIQUE**

О ВОЗРОЖДЕНИИ ЖЕНЩИН И ПОЛИТИЧЕСКОГО ЛИДЕРСТВА

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

In 1980 the first ever elected female President took office in Iceland. Still today, 93% of the world's Head of States and Governments are men. In 2018, political leadership seems to remain in the hands of men. Through the life journeys of the speakers, the conversation aims at answering questions such as: how can women politicians represent the rebirth of leadership? How did the panellists become leaders? How can a woman's leadership challenge the status quo?

- Jennifer M. Smith, Premier of Bermuda (1998-2003)
- Maria do Carmo Silveira, Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe (2005-2006), Executive Secretary of CPLP (Portuguese Speaking Countries Community)
- Atifete Jahjaga, President of Kosovo (2011-2016)

Chaired by: Rick Zedník, Chief Executive Officer of WPL

11:30-12:30

PLENARY SESSION: TRUST AND LEADERSHIP
SESSION PLÉNIÈRE: CONFIANCE ET LEADERSHIP
ПЛЕНАРНАЯ СЕССИЯ: ДОВЕРИЕ И ЛИДЕРСТВО

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

Democratic representation is being challenged in developing and developed democracies around the world. Political parties and legislatures are questioned whether they adequately represent the people - or not. Some argue that there has been a de-politicization of the mainstream parties. Populists try to be perceived as a non-corrupted other, eager to break "cooperation and/or collusion" between mainstream parties. Moreover, simplified messages of "good and bad," "us and the other," "honest and corrupt" and its pickup in media has been crucial to help the rise of populism. People are organising themselves not only in political parties, but in movements and protests. Can the challenges brought by populism represent an opportunity to adapt to the new forms of connecting with the population? How can public campaigns address grievances and reflect the complexity of policy making? How can politicians ensure that power-sharing arrangements remain in places such as courts, legislatures and free independent media when democratic representation is challenged?

- Vaira Vīķe -Freiberga, President of Latvia (1999-2007)
- Delphine O, Member of Parliament of France
- Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, WPL Ambassador
- Ovgal Cecilia Barbara Atim, Member of Parliament of Uganda
- Asli Ay, Managing Partner at US Policy Metrics, United States of America

Chaired by: Laura Liswood, Secretary General of the Council of Women World Leaders

12:30-14:00

LUNCH

Venue: Gallery of the Defenders of Freedom of Lithuania, Building 1, the Seimas

Hosted by: Western Union

Remarks:

- Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL
- Aušrinė Armonaitė, Member of Seimas of Lithuania, Head of Seimas Provisional Group of Women
- Chloe MacEwen, Head of Regulatory Affairs and Policy, Western Union EU

14:00-16:00

POLICY-FOCUSED SESSIONS

5 simultaneous policy-focused sessions

14:00-16:00

DIGITALISATION: OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

NUMÉRISATION: LES OPPORTUNITÉS ET LES RISQUES POUR LES FILLES ET LES GARÇONS

ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ ЦИФРОВОГО МИРА И УГРОЗЫ ДЛЯ ДЕВОЧЕК И МАЛЬЧИКОВ

In cooperation with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Venue: Press Conference Room, Room 212, Floor 2, Building 2, the Seimas

Interpretation available in French, Russian, Lithuanian

Recent exposures of how citizens' data can 'land' on online platforms has put the ethics of digitalisation under the spotlight. The complex online world brings new opportunities for women and men but also many new challenges. It is important to better understand these dynamics. The current trio of the Presidencies of the Council of the European Union (Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria) have decided to focus on digitalisation and its various aspects. According to EIGE's research, currently only 17% out of the 8 million ICT specialists in the European Union are women. The relative absence of women is strongly connected to the perception of the ICT sector as a playground for men. At the same time, there is strong and constantly growing demand for ICT specialists. Forecasts predict a shortage of more than 700, thousand ICT specialists by 2020 in the EU.

This session looks at digitalisation from two angles:

- digital skills as a key component in the future of work
- the online world as a channel to participate in political and social life

Join to discuss how to avoid the ICT skills shortage, how to tap into women's potential, and how to encourage girls to take an interest in ICT early on. The session will also look at the main challenges and opportunities for girls and boys in the online world and how these could be addressed.

- Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- Linda Lanzillotta, Vice President of the Italian Senate (2013-2018), WPL Executive Board Member and WPL Ambassador
- Zorana Mihajlović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia
- Marina Kaljurand, Chair of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace
- Madi Sharma, European Economic and Social Committee

Chaired by: Christian Veske, Stakeholder Relations Officer, EIGE

14:00-16:00

EQUAL ACCESS TO MATERNAL HEALTHCARE IN THE E.U: A REACHABLE GOAL – LET'S PUSH FOR ACTION NOW! ACCÈS ÉGAL AUX SOINS MATERNELS DANS L'UE. OBJECTIF RÉALISTE: PASSONS À L'ACTION DÈS MAINTENANT! ОДИНАКОВАЯ ДОСТУПНОСТЬ УСЛУГ ЗДРАВООХРАНЕНИЯ ДЛЯ РОЖЕНИЦ – ДОСЯГАЕМАЯ ЦЕЛЬ. НАЧНЕМ ДЕЙСТВОВАТЬ СЕЙЧАС!

In cooperation with MSD for Mothers

Venue: Constitution Hall, Room 328, Floor 3, Building 1, the Seimas

Interpretation available in French, Russian, Lithuanian

This session aims to present the findings of a 2018 WPL research study on access to maternal healthcare in the EU28. It will also debate with experts and decision-makers at national, EU and international levels and private sector on where the real issues lie and exchange views on what can be done to improve access for vulnerable women. The research study is under the patronage of H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta. Hosted by MSD for Mothers, this session will be an opportunity to build upon previous events and activities, such as the Outcome Declaration from the first Maternal Health Meeting (held in Malta in March 2017), the policy recommendations of the European Parliament's stakeholder workshop (in June 2017),

and the interactive session at the WPL Global Annual Summit (held in Iceland in November 2017). The discussions will be based on scientific data and more qualitative insights collected as part of the WPL research project, with the goal to translate observations and recommendations into concrete actions. Let's now PUSH all together to ensure that all mothers and mothers-to-be get access to the care they need!

Welcome Remarks: Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta

Introductory Remarks: Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

- Marian Knight, Professor of Maternal and Child Population Health, University of Oxford
- Linas Kukuraišis, Minister of Social Security and Labour of Lithuania
- Rita Oduchi Orji, Member of Parliament of Nigeria
- Oana Mioara Bizgan Gayral, Member of Parliament of Romania
- Diah Saminarsih, Advisor on Gender and Youth, Office of the Director General, World Health Organization

Chaired by: Gabi Grom, MSD for Mothers

14:00-16:00

WOMEN: A POWERFUL FORCE FOR PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

In cooperation with Community of Democracies

Venue: Homeland Union Room, Room 218 B, Floor 2, Building 3, the Seimas

With the increasing number of attacks carried out by radicalized violent extremists, there has been a growing awareness of how women and girls uniquely suffer from the impact. However, there is much to be learned about the important role that women can, and should, play in countering and preventing it. Viewing women's strengths solely through their traditional roles as wives and mothers significantly undervalues their potential contributions. UNSCR 2242 (2015) has urged states "to ensure the leadership of women in developing strategies to prevent and counter violent extremism," yet women's participation remains elusive. This session will address both the question of why gender matters in PVE and CVE methods, as well as good practices for improving women's political participation in this regard.

- Cheryl Frank, head of the Transnational Threats and International Crime Division at the Institute for Security Studies Institute for Strategic Studies
- Clare Hutchinson, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security
- Mara Marinaki, Principal Gender Advisor, European External Action Service
- Fauziya Abdi Ali, Founder and President of WIIS, Kenya
- Amarsanaa Darisuren, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
- Audra Čiapienė, Minister Counsellor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Chaired by: Thomas Garrett, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies

14:00-16:00 **A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN POLITICS**

Venue: EU Affairs Committee Room, Room 218, Floor 2, Building 1, the Seimas

This panel will feature a shared conversation among leaders on the tangible steps toward increasing women's electoral representation in political systems through both structural interventions and candidate training models. It will be an opportunity to hear expert global perspectives as well as personal reflections from their careers.

- Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of Latvia (2014-2016)
- Nayé Anna Bathily, Head Global Parliamentary Unit, World Bank
- Esther Mcheka Chilenje, Deputy Speaker, Member of the Malawi National Assembly, WPL Ambassador
- Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission

Chaired by: Amanda Ellis, Director Strategic Partnerships, ASU Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability

14:00-16:00 **SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING: LEVEL II**

In cooperation with Facebook

Venue: Council of Lithuania Hall, Room 209, Floor 2, Building 1, the Seimas

For those already regularly updating a Facebook page, this session will focus on the types of content that work well on Facebook, how to use tools such as Facebook Live, and how to think about measuring results on your page. It will also address important issues of online safety.

- Anika Geisel, Politics & Government Outreach Manager, Facebook

16:00-16:20 **IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR PARITY**
IL EST TEMPS POUR LA PARITÉ
ПРИШЛО ВРЕМЯ ДЛЯ РАВЕНСТВА!

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

According to the 2017 World Economic Forum report, at the rate that the world is currently progressing, the equality gap between men and women would take 100 years to close (WEF, 2017). Even though there have been improvements in gender parity concerning education and health. The greatest gaps are in women's economic and political participation. Moreover, according to the EIGE's Gender Equality Index (2017) it shows that we are moving forward, but the progress in the European Union (EU) is still very slow. The EU's score is just four points higher than ten years ago, now 66.2 out of 100. Neither women nor the rest of the population can wait 100 years more. This conversation aims at exploring: what can be done to accelerate change? How shall women leaders #PushforProgress?

- Masoumeh Ebtekar, Vice President of Iran for Women and Family Affairs
- Jurgita Petrauskienė, Minister of Education of Lithuania
- Virginija Langbakk, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality

Chaired by: Jane Dudman, Editor of the Guardian's public leaders, housing and voluntary sector networks

16:20-16:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Chair of the WPL Executive Board

**16:30-18:30 STATEMENTS BY NATIONAL DELEGATION LEADERS
DÉCLARATIONS DES CHEFS DES DÉLÉGATIONS NATIONALES
ЗАЯВЛЕНИЯ ЛИДЕРОВ НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫХ ДЕЛЕГАЦИЙ**

Venue: the Seimas Chamber

- Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of Seimas

18:30-19:30 FAREWELL RECEPTION

Hosted and remarks by Linas Kukuraitis, Minister of Social Security and Labour of Lithuania

Venue: Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania

SATURDAY, 9 JUNE

09:00-14:00 GUIDED EXCURSION TO TRAKAI CASTLE

The old town of Trakai, famous for its lakeside landscape and the legendary Trakai Castle, was a cradle of Lithuanian statehood. It was an important military and political centre, headquarters of the Lithuanian Grand Dukes and the capital of Lithuania. Today, Trakai offers local and foreign visitors a refuge from city life. The Queen of Denmark, the King and Queen of Sweden and the presidents of China, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Ukraine and Uzbekistan have been among its distinguished visitors. Buses will collect participants from WPL Summit 2018 official hotels at 09:00 and drive 27 kilometers west to Trakai. After a guided tour of the castle, a light lunch will be served. Buses will return participants to the hotels at 14:00.