



**5TH PROGRESSIVE YOUTH FORUM
FOR GENDER EQUALITY
“STEP IT UP FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND
GENDER EQUALITY – NO TO ANY BACKLASH!”**

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3 MARCH 2020

Individual arrival of participants to PES Women at Rue Guimard 10, 1000 Brussels
Meeting in front of the building

13:40 ***Welcome and Introduction***

Introduction of the program followed by introductions of PES Women, FEPS and YES with a lunch hosted by PES Women

At PES Women at Rue Guimard 10, 1000 Brussels

14:30 ***EWL #HerNetHerRights workshop: Breaking the silence on gender-based online violence***

The internet is an incredible tool and has empowered women to speak up, react and organize themselves to face patriarchy and oppression. However, the internet is not a neutral place – sexist, racist, homophobic and other violent types of behaviour and content are disproportionately affecting women.

The rise of online violence against women and girls (VAWG) has denied women autonomy over their own bodies and voices in cyberspaces, causing not only severe social implications on their online and offline lives but also has lifelong consequences in terms of mental and physical health and wellbeing. While people of all genders report being targets of violence, compared to men, women suffer the most violent forms of aggression and are the most affected by their consequences. Women are targeted because of their sex/gender and encounter diverse forms of violence by different types of perpetrators. Impunity prevails mostly due to the root causes of gender inequalities, such as unequal power relations between women and men, the structure of the tech industry and the nature of online spaces. With this workshop, PES Women wants to continue the cooperation with the European Women's Lobby (EWL) to inform and raise awareness about the phenomenon and provide the participants with tools, mechanisms and laws to combat such violence and formulate a set of concrete policy proposals. The workshop will be facilitated by Aslihan Tekin.

16:00 ***Coffee break***

16:30 ***YES and FEPS workshop: Empowering women and girls for climate justice***

Women and girls face higher risks and greater burdens from the impacts of climate change.

As climate change effects are becoming more acute, empowering women and girls is key. Young female activists have been at the forefront in the climate marches and actions but the truth is that environmental decision-making bodies and leadership positions continue to be heavily male dominated at all levels.

This constitutes a major barrier preventing women from fully contributing to climate-related planning, policy-making and implementation. Therefore, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and the Young European Socialists (YES) join forces in this interactive workshop to focus on the major impact of climate change for women and girls and the necessary climate justice to be set up to empower women and girls in the relationship with the achievement of the 2030 agenda and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted exactly 25 years ago.

18:00 ***Closing of the day***

Appointment of the presenters for the S&D Group meeting followed by an end discussion and a free evening in Brussels.

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Meeting in front of Parliamentarium at Place du Luxembourg 100, 1050 Ixelles

9:30 ***Visit to the Parliamentarium***

Meeting in front of Parliamentarium entrance at 11:30

12:20-13:00 ***Presentation in a S&D Group meeting - room JAN 4Q2***

Presentation of workshop's results and debate with MEPs in the S&D Group's session in room JAN 4Q2

13:15-14:00 ***Lunch***

Lunch and meetings hosted by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies at Rue Montoyer 40, 1000 Brussels

14:00-15:15 ***Presentation of European Commission's work on gender equality followed by a Q&A***

Elisabeth White, a policy officer at the EC, will give an overview of the work that European Commission does on gender equality, including an overview of the main achievements, challenges, priorities and upcoming initiatives.

15:15 ***Coffee break***

15:30-16:30 ***Meeting with CARE International followed by a Q&A***

CARE International is a leading humanitarian organisation working in over 100 countries around the globe to save lives, defeat poverty, and achieve social justice: "We put women and girls in the centre of everything we do because we know that we cannot overcome poverty until all people have equal rights and opportunities."

Céline Mias is EU Representative and Director of CARE International's office in Belgium and will present an overview of CARE International's programmes and EU advocacy on gender equality.

16:45-17:45 ***Meeting with European Women's Lobby followed by a Q&A***

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) is the largest umbrella organisation of women's civil society in Europe, representing over 2000 member organisations in 31 European countries, that brings together the women's movement in Europe, to influence the general public and European Institutions in support of women's human rights and equality between women and men.

"We believe in a Feminist Europe. We want a holistic, transformational socioeconomic vision, based on well-being, equality, social justice, and a powerful voice against women's poverty. We envisage a culture in which women enjoy equal rights and participation in reimagined power and decision-making structures, in which all forms of violence against women has been eliminated, and women have been liberated from all forms of oppression. We envision a society in which women's contribution to all aspects of life is recognised, rewarded and celebrated - in leadership, in care and in production; all women have freedom of choice, self-confidence, and freedom from exploitation; and no woman has been left behind."

Asha Allen and Manon Deshayes from the Policy and Campaigns Hub will present EWL's Herstory and ongoing advocacy priorities, specifically presenting our strategy around the EU institutions and the upcoming Gender Equality Strategy.

19:00 ***Dinner at restaurant "Les Filles" in the EP***

Meeting in front of the EP Altiero Spinelli (ASP) entrance at 18:45
Dinner with S&D Group's President Iratxe García Pérez, S&D FEMM coordinator Maria Noichl, MEPs and partners.

5 MARCH 2020

Meeting in front of Parliamentarium at Place du Luxembourg 100, 1050 Ixelles

9:00-12:30 ***Inter-Parliamentary Committee Meeting of FEMM***

EP Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of the Committee for Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) on the occasion of the International Women's Day on "The 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action".
See separate programme

12:30-13:00 ***Press meeting on Gender Equality Strategy with Commissioner Helena Dalli***

Commissioner Helena Dalli will hold a press meeting with journalists from member states on the release of European Commission's Gender Equality Strategy in a press point outside the conference room JAN 2Q2.

13:15 ***Lunch in Cafe Luxembourg***

Lunch in Café Luxembourg at Place du Luxembourg 10, 1050 Ixelles



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