

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union
Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs
Secretariat of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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

Dear Colleague,

For many years now, the European Parliament (EP) 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 the 2019 IWD, the EP 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:

"Women's power in politics"

While the EP has on several occasions called for the support and commitment to recognise the value and importance of female representation in political decision-making, and with the 2019 European elections approaching, this event will serve as a good platform for discussion with women on their involvement in the political sphere. The debate will take place in two panels respectively devoted to real power of women in politics and how to boost it, and to the participation of young women in politics.

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, 7 March 2019 from 9.00 to 12.30 in the European Parliament in Brussels.**

In the presence of the European Commission and other distinguished guests, the meeting will provide a global forum for an exchange of experiences and best practices to advance women's representation in the political field.

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

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the EP on 7 March 2019.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Blinkevičiūtė', with a stylized, cursive script.

Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ
Chair of the FEMM Committee