Pre-Accession Actions Unit

Inter-parliamentary Seminar

Organised in cooperation with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND TURKEY

with Members of the Pre-Accession Countries' Parliaments and the European Parliament

Brussels
4 March 2015

European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Room 5 G-2

PROGRAMME
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14.00-14.45  Arrival and registration of the participants

Co-chaired by Ms Ulrike Lunacek, MEP, Vice-President for the Western Balkans, and Ms Gordana Čomić, MP, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia

14.45-15.00  Opening of the inter-parliamentary conference: Welcome addresses

Mr. Dimitris Papadimoulis, MEP, Vice-President for Gender Equality and Diversity

Ms Iratxe García Pérez, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

Ms Liljana Popovska, MP, Chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men, Assembly of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

15.00-15.45  The importance of the media and education in promoting the participation of women in politics

Ms Marijana Petir, MEP, Member of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

Ms Maja Gasal-Vražalica, MP, Member of the Gender Equality Committee, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Debate

15.45-16.45  The under-representation of women in political positions: the situation in the enlargement countries

Ms Norica Nicolai, MEP, Shadow rapporteur (2013) on “Women’s rights in the Balkan accession countries"

Members of Parliament from the enlargement countries (one speaker per Parliament; 5 minutes per speaker)

Debate
16.45-17.00  Break

17.00-17.30  Improving the number of women in decision-making in the enlargement countries: Best practices from the region

Ms Zvezdana Budimovic Savkovic, Sandglass, Serbia

Ms Igo Rogova, Women's Network of Kosovo

Debate

17.30-18.00  The contribution of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) to advancing the role of women in decision-making in the Western Balkans and Turkey

Ms Viginija Langbakk, EIGE Director

Debate

18.00-18.15  Closing remarks by the Chairs

19.00  Dinner offered by the European Parliament, Salon nr 5 (Members Restaurant)

(attendance only upon special invitation)

End of the conference