



Speakers



Dimitrios Papadimoulis - Vice President, European Parliament

Mr. Papadimoulis is a Greek politician and Member of the European Parliament for the Greek Syriza party, part of the European United Left-Nordic Green Left. In July 2014, he was elected Vice President of the European Parliament and he is the Chair of the High-level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity.



Věra Jourová - Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Ms. Jourová is a businesswoman, lawyer and Czech politician who has served as a Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Regional Development (2003-2006), Member of the parliament of the Czech Republic (2013-2014) and Minister for Regional Development (2014). Since October 2014, she is the European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality.



Iratxe García-Pérez - Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

Ms. García Pérez is a Spanish politician and Member of the European Parliament for the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, part of the Party of European Socialists. In July 2014, she was elected Chair of the European's Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.



Silvia Costa - Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education, European Parliament

Ms. Costa is an Italian politician and Member of the European Parliament for the Italian Democratic Party, part of the Party of European Socialists. In July 2014, she was elected Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education.



Eve Ensler - Playwright, author and activist, US

Ms. Ensler is an American playwright, writer and activist - best known for her play "*The Vagina Monologues*" with other pieces including "*The Good Body*", "*Emotional Creature*" or "*Insecure at Last*". She is also the founder of V-Day, a global activist movement to stop violence against women through innovative gatherings, films and campaigns to educate and change social attitudes.



Philippe Cori - Director of Brussels EU Office, UNICEF

Mr. Cori has been working for UNICEF since 1989 serving different offices around the world (including Geneva, Bangkok and New York). He studied in France, Switzerland and Thailand and is an expert in international trade, international affairs, and political science as well as in management and marketing.



Anna Maria Corazza-Bildt - Member of Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

Ms. Corazza-Bildt is an Italian-Swedish politician and Member of the European Parliament for the Swedish Moderate Party, part of the European People's Party group. She is a Vice Chair of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection and a Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.



Ilze Vinkele - Member of the Education, Culture and Science Committee, Parliament of Latvia

Ms. Vinkele is a Latvian politician of the Seimas Committee on Education, Culture and Science. She is a former Minister of Welfare in Latvia and from January to October 2014, she was Deputy Chairperson of the Social and Employment matters Committee as well as of the Group for interparliamentary relations with Ukraine.



Dulce Rebelo, President of Movimento Democrático das Mulheres, Portugal

Ms. Rebelo is the President of the Movimento Democrático das Mulheres (MDM). For 10 years, she has been a member of the Portuguese National Council of Education as a representative for non-governmental women's organisations. Her publications include: "*Female literacy*", "*Education and the development of Women*" and "*Today's School - teaching and education for equality?*"



Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

Ms. Kozłowska-Rajewicz is a Polish politician and Member of the European Parliament for the Polish Civic Platform Party, part of the European People's Party group. She is a former Minister for Equal Treatment in Poland and a Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.



Stanimira Hadjimitova - Director and founder, Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation, Bulgaria

Ms Hadjimitova's career passed from Chief export specialist for Machinoexport Trade Co. through an 8-year partnership in two private companies for export of professional tools and instruments and agricultural products to founder, manager and expert in two NGOs working on gender equality issues. She has set up one of the first Bulgarian NGO that started to work on gender equality issues, Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation (GPF).



Irene Zeilinger - Executive Director and Self-defence teacher, Garance ASBL, Belgium

Ms. Zeilinger is a sociologist, an activist and a self-defence trainer who is committed to end violence against women. She has written a self-defence manual called "*No, means No*" and with 15 years of work experience, has worked with more than 3.000 women. Currently, Ms. Zeilinger is the Executive Director of Garance; an association founded aimed to help women by giving them the skills and the instruments to avoid violence.



Liliana Rodrigues, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

Ms. Rodrigues is a Portuguese politician and Member of the European Parliament for the Portuguese Socialist Party, part of the Party of European Socialists. She is a Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and Rapporteur of the Report on "Empowering Girls through Education in the European Union".