



1911 WOMEN'S DAY 2011

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

*Interparliamentary Committee Meeting**

WOMEN IN POLITICS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Thursday, 3 March 2011 from 9.00 to 12.30

European Parliament, Hemicycle, rue Wiertz, Brussels

Chair: Eva-Britt Svensson

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:00-10:30

- Opening by *Jerzy Buzek*, President of the European Parliament
- Key-note speech by *Mary Robinson*, former President of Ireland, President of the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice
- Intervention by *Nicole Fontaine*, former President of the European Parliament
- Debate

10.30-12:30: *How to enhance women's participation in politics - Experiences from national Parliaments and the European Parliament*

- Intervention by *Nele Lijnen*, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men, Senate, Belgium
- Intervention by *Alena Gajdůšková*, Vice-President, Senate, Czech Republic
- Intervention by *Marlene Rupprecht*, Member of the Committee on Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Bundestag, Germany
- Intervention by *Sirpa Pietikäinen*, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, rapporteur on "Women in politics", European Parliament
- Debate

12.30 Cocktail reception for Members of national Parliaments and of the European Parliament

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