EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

*Interparliamentary Committee Meeting**

EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE

Thursday, 8 March 2012 from 9.00 to 12.30

European Parliament, Hemicycle, rue Wiertz, Brussels

Chair: Mikael Gustafsson

DRAFT PROGRAMME

8.00 - 9.00 *Registration of participants, Espace Simone Veil entrance on the Esplanade de la Solidarité (European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, Place du Luxembourg side)*

9.00 ***Opening by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament***

9.15-10.30 ***Segregation of the labour market as a factor of inequality***

Interventions by:

- Karin Enodd, President of the Women's Committee of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- Agneta Stark, Professor of economics, Sweden
- Agnes Parent Thirion, Representative from Eurofound

Debate

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10.30-11.30 ***Closing the gender pay gap - Experiences and best practices from national Parliaments***

Interventions by Members of National Parliaments

Debate

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11.30-12.30 ***How can the EU support Member States in tackling the gender pay gap?***

Interventions by:

- Viviane Reding, Vice-President responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission
- Egemen Bağış, Minister for European Union Affairs and Chief Negotiator, Turkey
- Edit Bauer, Member of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, rapporteur on "Application of the principle of equal pay for male and female workers for equal work or work of equal value", European Parliament

Debate

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

** Organised with the support of the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments*

Participants are also cordially invited to the screening of the movie:

"MADE IN DAGENHAM" ***(shown in the English original version with French subtitles)***

on the eve of the meeting, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012 from 19.00

in the European Parliament, Room JAN 4Q2, József Antall Building, Brussels

followed by a debate