Wednesay 4 March 

Location: European Committee of the Regions, Jacques Delors building 

8:30-9:30 Accreditation

9:45 - 10:00 Presentation of the European Committee of the Regions
Klaus Hullmann, Visitors programme, CoR
Language: English
Room: JDE 60

10:00 -10:15 Welcoming by the CoR President Apostolos Tzitzikostas
Room: JDE 60

10:15 – 10:30 Introduction to the day
Andrea Bodova, acting head of the Event management unit, CoR
Room JDE 60

10:30 – 12:30 Participatory workshop on measures that should be put in place to eliminate individual, organisational and social obstacles that dissuade women from entering politics.
Introduction by: Una Power, CoR Member, Tanya Hristova, CoR Member and by Jaimie Just, policy officer at CEMR;
Facilitator: Florence Ranson, Founder at REDComms
Room: JDE 60
Language: English

12:30-13:30 Lunch
Salon Ledra Street

13:30-15:00 Continuation of the participatory workshop
Welcoming remarks by Petr Bližkovský, Secretary General, CoR
Language: English
Room: JDE 3253
15:00-16:00 **Presentation of the "European Equality Strategy 2020-2025"**
Margherita Logrillo, Policy Assistant, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers
Unit D2 - Gender Equality, EC
*Language: English*
*Room: JDE 60*

15:00-16:00 **Drafting recommendations**
*(small group of YEPs with the facilitators)*
*Language: English*
*Room: JDE 3253*

16:00-16:30 **Break**

16:30-17:30 **Finalisation of the recommendations**
*(all YEPs)*
*Language: English*
*Room: JDE 60*
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9:00 – 12:30  The 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

*Location: European Parliament, room JAN 2Q2*

*Language: tbd*

12:30–13:30  Lunch and Market Place

*Location: CoR, Atrium 5*

13:20 – 13:30  Handover of the recommendations by the YEPs to Mr Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions

*Location: JDE 51*

13:30-14:20  Opening "Why gender balance in politics matters for democracy: are we moving forwards?"

*Language: EN, FR, DE, IT, PL*

**Speakers**

- Apostolos Tzitzikostas, President of the European Committee of the Regions;
- Evelyn Regner, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, European Parliament

14:30-16:15  "Women in local politics: where we are now, where we go next"

*Language: EN, FR, DE, IT, PL*

**Speakers:**

- Sirpa Hertell, City Councillor of Espoo (FI), Member of the CEMR Standing Committee for Equality: CEMR study “Women in Local Politics: Local and European Trends”;

- Best practices from local level:
  - Klara Geywitz, former Member of the State of Brandenburg: "Act on Gender Parity in Politics";
  - Nathalie Sarrabezolles, CoR Member, President of the Finistère Departmental Council: "Women in Cohesion Policy";
  - Jasna Gabrič, CoR Member, Mayor of Trbovlje: "Gender quotas as a path to women empowerment"

- Young Elected Politicians (YEPs): Presentations of the key results of the participatory workshops by the group of 30 "Young Elected Politicians 4 More Women in Politics"

Which are the measures that should be put in place to eliminate individual, organizational and social obstacles that dissuade women from entering politics?

**Moderators:** Jaimie Just, Policy Officer – Gender Equality and Diversity, CEMR; Nathalie Noupadja, Head of Research and Studies, CEMR.

16:30-17:30  "Social Media as a key tool to overcome the issue of women leaders' representation in traditional media"

*Language: EN, FR, DE, IT, PL*

- Rick Zednik, Managing Director, Women Political Leaders (WPL);
- Joanna Maycock, Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby
17:30 – 18:30  Networking reception and Market Place