



**Young Elected Politicians for more Women in Politics
Brussels, 4-5 March 2020
AGENDA**

Wednesday 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

Thursday 5 March

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

13:30-14:10 **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

14:15-16:15 **"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**