Tuesday 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

12:30-13:00  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