



6TH PROGRESSIVE YOUTH FORUM COVID-19: OVERCOMING NEW CHALLENGES TO GENDER EQUALITY

S&D online event in cooperation with



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PROGRAMME

4 March 2021

9:00-16:45

EP Inter-Parliamentary Committee Meeting

09:00-12:00

European Parliament's Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting (IMC) entitled "We are strong: Women leading the fight against Covid-19"

The event will benefit from the valuable contributions of Heads of States and Governments, Members of the European Parliament and of National Parliaments across the EU, frontline workers and other distinguished guests.

FEMM IWD 2021 will provide a global forum for an exchange of experiences and best practices in advancing women's empowerment during crises such as the one triggered by COVID-19.

[See the agenda](#) - [Watch the meeting](#)

Workshop 1 *Collective Engagement for Gender Equality - Building Allies to Overcome Discrimination*

11:30-12:45

Hosted by women's organisation of the Party of European Socialists (PES Women)

Guest facilitator: Alán Ali, President of MÄN NGO, Sweden

Topics: Engaging men in Gender Equality, Preventing Discrimination and Gender-Based Violence

Description: This workshop hosted by PES Women aims to engage participants in a conversation about how gender equality benefits men and women, as well as society as a whole. How to build allyships, and how to encourage more men to become feminists and active advocates for gender equality? The participants will get to share their own experiences and ideas for how to act collectively to fight toxic gender norms, and prevent sexism and gender-based violence. The participants will also be informed about the work of MÄN and its European network 'MenEngage Europe'.

Workshop 2

Towards a Fairer, Care-Focused Europe!

14:00-15:15

Public event Hosted by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS, represented by Ms. Laetitia Thissen), the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES, represented by Ms. Agnes Mach), and the Young European Socialists (YES, represented by Ms. Ana Pirtskhalava, YES Secretary General)

Topics: Paid Care Work, Unpaid Care Work, Global Care Chains

Description: Women carry the lion's share of both paid and unpaid care work. Despite the increasing awareness of the importance of care work due to Corona, they often continue working in underpaid, precarious or invisible conditions. Join us for an exchange with care workers and gender equality experts to identify the core challenges and find progressive recommendations for a shift towards a people-oriented Europe!

[Programme and registration](#)

Workshop 3 *Leaving No One Behind: Eliminating Inequalities and Promoting Access to Services*

15:30-16:45

Hosted by the European Women's Lobby (EWL, represented by Ms. Catrióna Graham and Ms. Jessica Nguyen)

Topics: Violence against Women, Backlash against Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Women and Migration

Description: Together we will explore the impact of COVID-19 on domestic and sexual violence, the accessibility of SRHR to women, and how the pandemic has changed the situation of women in migration settings. We will focus on the experiences highlighted by our members across Europe as set out in our [report](#) on the topic, and give our recommendations for change from local to EU levels, and hear from you about best practices that can be shared and promoted.

Covid-19: Overcoming New Challenges to Gender Equality

Event moderated by Mr. Chris Burns, journalist

5 March 2021
10:00-12:30

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

10:00-10:05 Opening and Welcome by Ms. **Iratxe García Pérez**, MEP and S&D Group President

Part 1
10:05-11:00 *Moderated discussion between S&D MEPs with participation of Commissioner Helena Dalli*

10:05-10:10 Opening speech by Ms. **Heléne Fritzon**, MEP and S&D Group Vice-President

10:10-11:00 Moderated discussion between S&D MEPs with participation of:

- Ms. **Helena Dalli**, Commissioner for Equality
- Ms. **Heléne Fritzon**, S&D Group Vice-President
- Ms. **Maria Noichl**, S&D Coordinator for the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM Committee)
- Mr. **Marc Angel**, Co-President of the European Parliament's LGBTI Intergroup
- Ms. **Evelyn Regner**, Chair of the FEMM Committee
- Mr. **Robert Biedroń**, Vice-Chair of the FEMM Committee
- Ms. **Maria-Manuel Leitão Marques**, Substitute Member of the FEMM Committee

Part 2
11:00-12:20 *Moderated discussion based on the results of workshops*

11:00-11:05 Opening remarks by Ms. **Zita Gurmai**, PES Women President

Presentation of key recommendations from the workshops on 4 March 2021, and discussion with S&D Members, representatives of partner organisations, and the audience

11:05-11:30

Workshop 1 – Collective Engagement for Gender Equality - Building Allies to Overcome Discrimination

Presentation of key recommendations from the workshop by the rapporteur, Ms. Katja Ziska, PES Women Coordinator, Germany

Discussion including Q/A

11:30-11:55

Workshop 2 – Towards a Fairer, Care-Focused Europe!

Presentation of key recommendations from the workshop by the rapporteur, Dr. Barbara Helfferich, FEPS-FES Care4Care Expert, GenderFivePlus, Germany

Discussion including Q/A

11:55-12:20

Workshop 3 – Leaving No One Behind: Eliminating Inequalities and Promoting Access to Services

Presentation of key recommendations from the workshop by Ms. Catrióna Graham, Policy & Campaigns Officer, European Women's Lobby, Belgium

Discussion including Q/A

12:20-12:30

Closing remarks by Ms. **Maria Noichl**, S&D Coordinator for the FEMM Committee