

WOMEN ON BOARDS IN EUROPE: SECOND PROGRESS REPORT

Cracks in the glass ceiling or just a trick of the light?

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EVENT

PROGRAMME

18:00 Welcome and Registration

18:25 Group Get-To-Know: Panellists and Participants

Convener: Marion Sharples, European Women's Lobby

18:50 Opening words

Marco Peronaci, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU

David Sassoli, Vice President of the European Parliament

Joanna Maycock, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby

19:05 Panel 1 + Q&A - moderated by Serap Altinisik, European Women's Lobby

Topic: Looking forward: The EU Directive and women's leadership

Monika Ladmanova, Advisor on Gender, Cabinet of Commissioner Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Dennis Abbott, Managing Director Communications, Burson-Marsteller Brussels

Joanna Maycock, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby

19:45 Panel 2 + Q&A - moderated by Serap Altinisik, European Women's Lobby

Topic: Good practices at the national level: role models for Europe

Alessia Mosca, MEP, S&D, co-author of Italian quota law

Professor Linda Scott, DP World Chair for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Reinis Uzulnieks, Parliamentary Secretary of the Latvian Ministry of Welfare

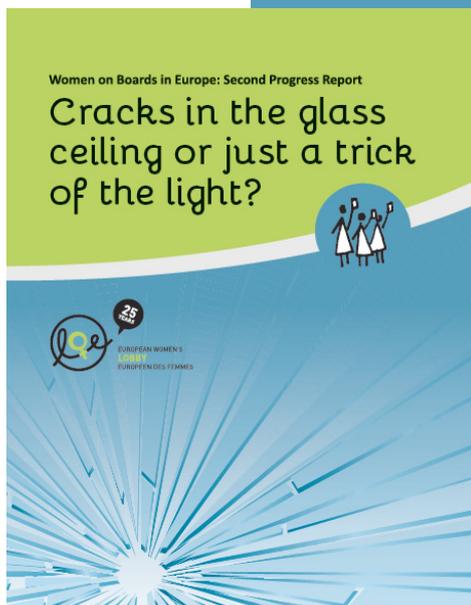
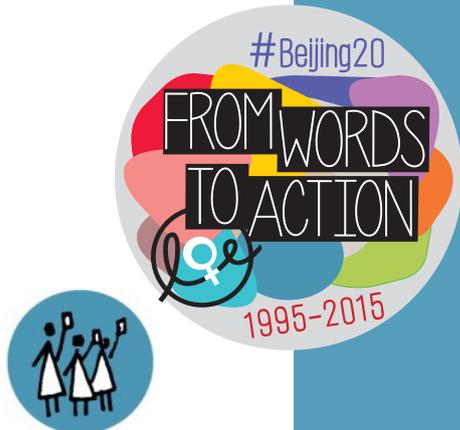
Karin Raguin, Europe Coordinator, Business and Professional Women

20:30 Italian Cocktail

VENUE: ROND POINT SCHUMAN 14, 1000 BRUSSELS



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Moderator: @SeeRap

Serap Altinisik, Policy Officer & Fundraising Coordinator EWL

Convener: @MarionSharples

Marion Sharples, Policy Assistant EWL

Turn the page to learn more about the panellists!





Monika Ladmanova @LadmanovaMonika @VeraJourova

After graduating from law school, Monika joined the non-governmental sector and started to work for the Czech Helsinki Committee as a lawyer for its Counseling Center for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. In 1999 she was appointed as coordinator for the newly established Legal Program within the Open Society Foundation Prague. She also coordinated the Foundation Gender Program. Several projects of the Open Society Fund Prague have been operated through the public benefit association Open Society, which Monika became an executive director in 2003. In 2008 Monika joined the IT giant IBM based in Czech Republic, where she promoted corporate social responsibility principles and values. Since December 2014, Monika has been an Advisor in the Cabinet of the Commissioner Vera Jourova, her areas of focus are gender equality, anti-discrimination and minorities and corporate social responsibility.



Dennis Abbott @DennisAbbott @B_M

Dennis Abbott is senior communications advisor at Burson-Marsteller Brussels. He joined the company from the European Commission, where he was spokesperson for education, culture, multilingualism, youth and sport in 2010-2014. He was previously the Commission's spokesperson for regional policy. Dennis has more than 20 years' experience in media and communications. He has held senior editorial roles at UK daily newspapers The Sun (NewsCorp) and Daily Mirror; he was also launch editor of London Docklands weekly The Wharf and editor of European Voice in Brussels before joining the EU Committee of the Regions in a senior communications role. A UK national, Dennis also served as a media spokesperson for the British Army in Iraq. He holds a BA Honours degree in Law.



Joanna Maycock @JoannaMaycock @EuropeanWomen

Joanna Maycock is the Secretary General of the European Women's Lobby (EWL), the largest umbrella organisation of women's associations in Europe working to promote women's rights. In 2015 the EWL celebrates its anniversary, 25 years of feminist action and activism all over Europe! Joanna has 20 years' professional experience in senior leadership and governance positions in the European and International Development NGO sector, always fighting for women's rights and gender equality in her various roles. Prior to joining the EWL, her most recent role was at ActionAid as Director for Country Coordination, and Head of Europe, and she also served as President of CONCORD, the European Confederation of Development NGOs. Joanna also has an experience working for migrant women's rights at the International Organization for Migration.



Alessia Mosca @alessiamosca

Alessia Mosca has been Member of the European Parliament since May 2014 and she works in the INTA Committee. Nominated Young Global Leader (WEF) in 2009, she was Rising Talent in 2010 (Women's Forum for the Economy and Society). As well as a Ph.D. in Political Sciences from the University of Florence, she holds a Bachelor in Philosophy from Cattolica University (Milan), a Master degree in Diplomacy from the ISPI (Milan), and a diploma in International Relations from SAIS Johns Hopkins. When she was a Member of the Italian Parliament, she signed the "Golfo-Mosca" law that introduces gender quotas in boards of listed companies in Italy.



Linda Scott @ProfLindaScott

Linda Scott is DP World Chair for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Saïd Business School. Her research focuses on women's economic empowerment through market-based means. Professor Scott works with multinational companies, NGOs, and governments on programs designed to help women economically. She curates Power Shift: The Oxford Forum for Women in the World Economy, an annual symposium that brings institutions and individuals working on women's empowerment together to share learning and form collaborations. Professor Scott's vision of the women's economy was featured on the Financial Times' "Thinking Big" video series and her work has been covered by The Economist, BBC, The New York Times, the Guardian, and other world press vehicles. Her website is "The Double X Economy," which is syndicated by other women's interest sites. She blogs for the World Economic Forum, Bloomberg Businessweek, and Forbes.



Karin Raguin @kraguin

A graduate of the ISC Paris Business School, Karin Raguin started her career in 1996 in medical education, working with New York University; she then successively held various positions in training & HR development, in the industrial and the social fields. In 2004 she founded a social firm, "Hanploi.com", to facilitate the employment of disabled people. In 2007, she joined LVMH group HR to develop the Corporate Social Responsibility policy. 3 years ago, she was appointed Head of Career Management, to facilitate the mobility policy across the Group (120 000 employees). Karin Raguin has been a women's rights activist for 20 years, advocating for economic empowerment of women within the NGO Business & Professional Women (BPW). BPW is an international organisation which has existed since 1930, works closely with the UN agencies, and launched the Equal Pay Day campaign in 2009. It is an EWL member. Karin has been National President of BPW France (2010-2013), and is currently BPW Europe Coordinator (2014 - 2017) representing 32 countries and 18 000 women.



Reinis Uzulnieks @eu2015ltv

Reinis Uzulnieks is a Latvian politician who has been the Parliamentary Secretary to the Latvian Ministry of Welfare since November 2014. Previously Mr Uzulnieks was leading the office of the Minister for Welfare where his main responsibility was to coordinate and organise the work of the Minister, including representing the Ministry in public events during the absence of the Minister. Mr Uzulnieks started his political career as the leader of the Youth Department of The Latvian Farmers' Union, one of the biggest political parties in Latvia, and is still leading it. As the Parliamentary Secretary Uzulnieks is responsible for the communication between the Ministry and The Parliament. Uzulnieks also participates in the consideration of the bills that are connected to employment, social security, children and family rights as well as equal rights for people with disabilities and gender equality. Mr Uzulnieks holds a LLB from the Latvian Police Academy and a MSBA from Turība University.