

Women in Climate

Final Conference & Launch of EU Recommendations

📅 DATE

Thursday 4 June 2026
9:30 – 17:00

📍 LOCATION

European Economic and Social Committee
Rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels —Room VMA21

Facilitation: **Barbara Helfferich**

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and Welcome

10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming Remarks and Keynote Speech

- ▶ **Dina Loghin** President of the European Women's Lobby
- ▶ **Sif Holst** Rapporteur, EESC Resolution endorsing the Commission's Roadmap for Women's Rights and the Principle-Based Declaration towards a Gender-Equal Society (SOC839)

10:15 – 11:15 Presentation of the country national recommendations and national events – Part 1

- ▶ **Maria Sepulveda** Portugal
- ▶ **Iliana Balabanova** Bulgaria
- ▶ **Markéta Kos Mottlová / Eliška Drusanová** Czech Republic
- ◆ Q&A

11:15 – 11:30 ✦ ☕ Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 Presentation of the country national recommendations and national events – Part 2

- ▶ **Irina Sile** Romania
- ▶ **Jenni Jääntti** Finland
- ▶ **Marion Minis** The Netherlands
- ◆ Q&A

12:30 – 14:00 ✦ 🍴 Lunch Break

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14:00 – 14:30

Welcoming Remarks and Presentation of EU Recommendations

- ▶ **Sabrina Terentjew** EWL Policy and Campaign Officer
- ◆ Q&A

14:45 – 16:00

Panel discussion: Designing Gender-Sensitive Climate Policies: Challenges and Solutions

- ▶ **Ms Ralien Bekkers** Author and Advocate on Climate & Women
- ▶ **Ms Aafke de Vos** Project Lead Knowledge and Learning, The Netherlands' Citizens' Assembly on Climate
- ▶ **Ms Catherine Windey** Senior Policy Advisor, International Climate Negotiations, Belgian Federal Climate Change Department
- ▶ **Ms Chiara Martinelli** Director, Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
- ◆ Q&A

16:00 – 16:10

Concluding Remarks

- ▶ **Mary Collins** EWL Secretary General

16:15 – 17:00 ✦  Networking Reception