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WOMEN IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

How redressing gender deficit could positively impact
on growth and competitiveness

8.30 Registration and welcome coffee

9.00 Welcome speeches

- Herdís Thorgeirsdóttir - President of EWLA
- Donatella Cerè - Rome Bar Association, Italy
- Alessandra Servidori - *Consigliera Nazionale di Parità*, Italy

9.35 Gender - equality: a human rights imperative

Maud de Boer Buquicchio - Former Deputy Secretary General and Secretary of the Council of Europe

9.55 Video message

Viviane Reding - Vice-President of the European Commission

10.05 Improving gender equality – comparative survey and legislative developments

Comparison amongst France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, Germany and European Commission Objective

- Alessandra Atripaldi - member of the Women Association at Consob (ADC), Italy
- Jackie Jones - Professor, Bristol Law School, United Kingdom
- Angela Kolb - Minister of Justice and Equality of the Region of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany
- Nathalie Leroy - Attorney at Law Lefevre & associés, France and Teacher Sciences PO Lille, France
- Charo Garcia Mariscal - Lawyer, Spain
- Andreas Stein - Head of Unit Equal Treatment Legislation, Directorate General Justice, European Commission

Moderator: Veronica Williams - European Research Council, member of the EWLA's board

11.35 Coffee Break

12.00 Women - pillars of companies' visionary strategies. From philanthropic corporate social responsibility to women's empowerment through entrepreneurship

Concrete aspects of women leadership in companies and beyond stereotypes. Exchange of good practices

- Martina Tambucci, member of the Women Association at Consob (ADC), Italy

- Maria Cristina Bertellini - Vice President Confindustria Mantova and Vice President Small Enterprises Confindustria, Italy
- Santa Corsi - Vice President of the Women Association at the Bank of Italy (ADBI)
- Daniela Della Rosa - General Counsel, Gucci, Italy
- Ewelina Jelenkowska-Luca' - Head of Press and Media at European Commission, Representation in Rome
- Antonia Verna - Partner at Portolano Cavallo Law Firm, Italy
- Carole Xueref - Director of legal affairs and the Development Groups of the company Essilor International Inc. AFFJ Board member – France/ United Kingdom
- Patrizia Zambianchi - Managing Director, Head of Retail Credit Products, PBC Italy, Deutsche Bank SpA, Italy

Moderator: Carolina Gianardi - President of EPWN Rome

13.30 Lunch

A success story of a group of women who have set up a non-profit association to help and support kids and teenagers with difficult backgrounds.

Roberta de Fabritiis and Giorgia Mariani - cofounders of *Sport Senza Frontiere Onlus*

14.45 Gender dimension of the economic crisis.

Redefining markets and creating growth via greater gender parity.

How women could help the national and international economy to grow and overcome the crisis. What political, social and legal actions could be taken to support this change.

- Daniela Bankier - Head of Unit Gender Equality, Directorate General Justice, European Commission
- Lorena Capoccia - CEO & Board Member Sicme Motori, President Assidai
- Alix Frank - Thomasser, member of CCBE Company Law committee
- Marianne Esma - Ewla Board Member Netherlands and Chair WG for Women on Boards EPWN Amsterdam.
- Ramona Pisal - Presiding Judge of the Higher Regional Court Brandenburg, President of German Women Lawyers Association (djb)
- Francesca Romano - CEO & Cofounder of Atooma Inc.

Moderator: Roselyn Borg - EWLA Board Member for Malta, lawyer

16.15 Closing Remarks from EWLA President

16.30 End of the conference

17.00 EWLA General Assembly

19.00 End of the assembly



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BIBLIOGRAPHIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Maud de Boer-Buquicchio is a Dutch jurist who has led myriad posts, including, serving as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe since 2002. She retired from the Council of Europe in 2012. She is currently **President of European Federation for missing and sexually exploited children.**



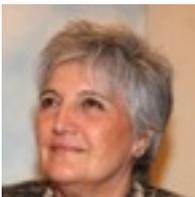
Viviane Reding is Vice-President of the EU Commission and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. She was a journalist for the leading newspaper the *Luxemburger Wort*. From 1986 to 1998, she was President of the Luxembourg Union of Journalists. (video message).



Herdis Thorgeirsdottir is President of EWLA. She is a partner at VIK law firm in Reykjavík and former Professor of Law at Bifrost University.



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