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Draft Programme
High-Level Conference:
Europe for Gender Equality? Taking Stock – Taking Action
30 September – 1 October
Helsinki, Finland
Finlandia Hall

Monday 30 September

Moderator: Kirsi Heikel, journalist

8.30-9.00 Registration and welcome coffee

9.00-10.00 Opening and welcome

Musical Performance: Vildá

Thomas Blomqvist, Minister for Nordic Cooperation and Equality, Finland

Tiina Astola, Director-General, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Alexander Stubb, Vice-President, EIB

10.00-12.00 Plenary Session 1: Reviewing the past – preparing for the future

Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action – Beijing +25,
Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality,
Jakub Caisl, Statistics Officer, European Institute for Gender Equality

Panel discussion: Post-2019 EU gender equality strategy – setting priorities, developing measures

- Gabriele Abels, professor of comparative politics and European integration at the Institute of Political Science, University of Tuebingen
- Tiina Astola, Director, Director-General, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Gwendoline Lefebvre, President, European Women's Lobby
- European Parliament, FEMM Committee (tbc)

12.00-13.15 Family photo and lunch

13.15-15.00 Plenary session 2: Promoting gender equal economies

Keynote speech: 'Policies for gender equality in an unequal world: Challenges and opportunities', Shahra Razavi, Chief of Research and Data, UN Women

Panel discussion: Gender equality and Europe post-2020: how to strengthen the links between gender equality and the economic policies of the EU

- Shahra Razavi, Chief of Research and Data, UN Women
- Barbara Kauffman, Director, Employment and Social Governance, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of European Parliament
- Ilze Zvidrina, Chair of the Employment Committee, European Commission

15.00-15.30 Coffee

15.30-17.30 Plenary Session 3: Combating economic and social inequalities in the EU

Economic and social inequalities in the EU

- 'The Triple Bind of Single-Parent Families: What is needed for gender equality in the EU', Rense Nieuwenhuis, Associate Professor, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University
- 'Economic and social inequalities among Roma and migrant women in the EU – insights from the Second European Union Minorities and Discrimination survey (EU-MIDIS II)', Rossalina Latcheva, Senior Program Manager – Statistics and Surveys, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
 - Comment: Salome Mbugua, Chair of European Network of Migrant Women

Gender pay gap

- 'Better legal tools against pay discrimination', Kevät Nousiainen, Professor Emerita, University of Turku
- Address of a company (tbc)

Dinner, Hotel Crowne Plaza

Tuesday 1 October

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8.30-9.00 Coffee

9.00-10.30 Plenary session 4: Financing for gender equality in the EU

'European structural and investment funds - Gender equality deserves more than 1%', Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality, Helena Morais Maceira, Gender Mainstreaming Expert, European Institute for Gender Equality (tbc)

Discussion on how ESIF can be used to support the development of gender equality policies

- Virginija Langbakk, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality
- Helena Morais Maceira, Gender Mainstreaming Expert, European Institute for Gender Equality (tbc)
- Kristyna Kabzanova, Governmental Advisor, Gender Equality Department, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic
- Liina Kanter, Head of Equality Policies Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-13.00 Plenary session 5: The potential and challenges of gender responsive budgeting

'Realizing the full potential of Gender Budgeting in the EU – taking action', Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer, PhD in Economic and Social Sciences, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Discussion: Perspectives on gender responsive budgeting

- Representative of Directorate-General for Budget, European Commission
- European Parliament, Budgetary Committee (tbc)
- Representatives from Member States:
 - Aline Pennisi, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy
 - John Burke, Head of Unit, Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, Ireland

13.00-13.30 Closing session

- Irena Moozova, Director, Equality and Union Citizenship, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Mika Lintilä, Minister of Finance, Finland (tbc)

13.30-14.30 Lunch