



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
The Chair

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To the Chairperson(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Subject: European Gender Equality Week in the European Parliament in October 2023

Dear Colleague,

Following the success of the three European Gender Equality Weeks organised by the European Parliament in 2020, 2021 and 2022, I would like to invite the respective committees of the National Parliaments of the EU to join the European Parliament in increasing the visibility of gender equality in your legislature during the 2023 edition.

Each year, the Gender Equality Week takes place in parallel to the publication of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)'s Gender Equality Index. The Parliament raises the visibility of gender equality and many join forces, such as by using the EP hashtag [#EPGenderEqualityWeek](#). In 2022, the initiative had a reach of around 2.5 million citizens. This year, with a view to the 2024 European elections, we are aiming at a wider audience.

Therefore, we hope that the National Parliaments of the EU will join us in the fourth European Gender Equality Week, which is taking place between 23 and 27 October. The European Parliament invites all the parliaments to organise meetings, conferences, seminars, publications, presswork or any other action addressing gender equality issues. Since the last edition of our Gender Equality Week, we have adopted legislation on women on boards and equal pay and EU acceded to the Istanbul Convention. Progress in this policy field continues to be registered thanks to our joint efforts, but much remains to be done.

I kindly ask for your support for the European Gender Equality Week and hope that you can join us as a partner of the 2023 edition.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Biedroń
Chair
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