



## WIP G20 Roundtable: “Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future”, co-hosted by W20

Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, in connection with the G20 Digital Ministers Conference hosted by the German Economic Affairs Ministry, in cooperation with W20.

### Background

During the 2017 German G20 Presidency, a first-time meeting of G20 Digital Ministers is convened. Initiatives that shape globalisation will be the focus of this meeting, which aims at more inclusive growth.

The **WIP G20 Roundtable: “Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future”, co-hosted by Women20 (W20) and in cooperation with the German Ministry of Economic Affairs**, will gather **selected Women Political Leaders** from G20 countries, and guest countries to the German G20 Presidency, to discuss: What are the major drivers transforming both digital economy, and digital society? How should women political leaders prepare for this new actors, and steer the process?

**Brigitte Zypries, German Federal Minister of Economic Affairs and Energy**, and host of the G20 Digital Ministers Meeting, will join the WIP G20 Roundtable on the second day of the meeting, and bring outcomes to the attention of the G20 Ministers.

### Agenda

#### DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL

12:00-14:00 Registration and Welcome Lunch

14:00-15:00 **CONNECTING THE DOTS**

DISCUSSION FOCUS:

All politics are local. Everything digital is global. The nature of digital innovation and of the digital economy is to overcome national borders. Digital natives are global citizens, whereas voters are nation-bound. How to overcome this difference? Many countries have a national digital strategy and yet plans mostly focus on infrastructure rather than privacy, security and skills development. How can national digital strategies unlock leapfrogging opportunities for countries? What digital-ready trade and investment policies can empower new forms of commerce and cut existing frictions in a digital economy? Which local and national answers are meeting the international dimension? What legislation and regulation is needed, and by whom?

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break



15:30-16:30 **DOING THE RIGHT THING: LEGISLATING AND POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

DISCUSSION FOCUS:

Recent landmark political events showed that traditional opinion polling and predictions of outcomes are no longer reliable. Today, politicians face a new kind of demos. Fake news, bots, artificial intelligence and populist uber-responsiveness set the scene. 2016 showed that traditionally neglected groups of society are becoming more vocal and increasingly active in the public debate, often via digital platforms. Unexpectedly, international economic agreements have become popular discussion items. What does political leadership in the digital age look like? Can we rebuild trust-based partnerships and collaboration? How can decisions be reached and implemented?

16:30-17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00-18:00 **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS: WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE DIGITAL ERA THE ERA OF WOMEN AS LEADERS?**

DISCUSSION FOCUS:

Technology is fundamentally changing the ways people work and live, opening new questions and opportunities. Leadership paradigms are being disrupted and reshaped. Technology has powerful disruptive effects on traditional power structures. What is the potential for new technologies to facilitate greater diversity in political leadership? What is the impact on the careers of the people we entrust with power? How can we harness the tremendous transformative potential of digital innovation to advance women in leadership?

18:30-21:00 **DINNER AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, 6 APRIL**

08:30 **Welcome back**

09:00-09:45 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**  
**BRIGITTE ZYPRIES , FEDERAL MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND ENERGY**

10:00 **Transfer to the "Multi-Stakeholder Conference on the Digital Economy"**

10:30 – 16:30 **PARTICIPATION IN THE "MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE ON THE DIGITAL ECONOMY"**

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