

DRAFT AGENDA

Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL) Meeting in Brussels on Maternal Health: Refugees and other Vulnerable Women

**Follow-up to the meeting in Malta on March 20-21 under the distinguished
Patronage of H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta**

This session brings together EU-level, national and regional policy makers to discuss the issue of vulnerable women's health from a Europe-facing perspective. The meeting will also serve as a bridge between the national and European levels, following the commitment from Malta.

The session will build on the commitment that was demonstrated by policy makers during the meeting in Malta, focusing on the [Outcomes Declaration](#) and the concrete next steps it proposed. The meeting will encourage stakeholder contributions (policy makers, CSOs, industry, national governments) in order to streamline refugees and other vulnerable women's maternal health into all relevant policies as opposed to the existing silos in Europe.

20th June 2017, European Parliament

VENUE: ROOM A7F 387

PART I – HIGH LEVEL SESSION: POLITICAL COMMITMENTS FOR REFUGEES & OTHER VULNERABLE WOMEN IN EUROPE

08.00-08.30 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

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08.30-08.40 **INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING COMMENTS**

- **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, Founder, Women Political Leaders Global Forum
- **Gesine Meissner**, MEP (ALDE – Germany)
- **Julie Ward**, MEP (S&D – UK) – video intervention
- Highlight video of Maternal Health event, Malta, March 2017

08.40-08.50 **KEYNOTE OPENING**

- **H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, President of Malta

08.50-09.40 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

This session serves to outline concrete policy activities and other initiatives already taking place at the supranational and global level. Policy makers from the European and national parliaments will have the opportunity to ask questions, highlighting any concerns and other considerations.

- **Xavier Prats Monné**, DG Sante, Director General: Women's health issues - what progress by policy makers?
- **Naveen Rao**, Global Lead, MSD for Mothers: Lessons learnt and sustainable partnerships moving forward
- **Marc Tarabella**, MEP (S&D – Belgium)

Reactions:

- **Linnea Engström**, MEP (Greens/EFA – Sweden)
- **Monika Hohlmeier**, MEP (EPP – Germany)
- **Alfred Sant**, MEP (S&D – Malta)
- **Dubravka Šuica**, MEP (S&D - Croatia)
- **Inese Vaidere**, MEP (EPP – Latvia)
- **Fiona O'Loughlin**, MP (Fianna Fáil – Ireland)

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- **Gea Schirò**, MP (Partito Democratico – Italy)
- **Annemie Turtelboom**, MP (Open Flemish Liberals and Democrats – Belgium)

Moderator:

- **Rick Zednik**, CEO, Women Political Leaders Global Forum

09.40-10.00 **CASE STUDIES**

In this session two case studies are presented around the practicalities of making the legal framework effective for improving the situation for vulnerable women.

- **Virginia Wangare Greiner, Director of Maisha e.V.-African Women in Germany:** *The reality of undocumented women in Germany: challenges and way forward*
- **Dr. Cornelia Scarlatescu Paraschiv, Healthy Sector Director, World Vision Project Safe Womanhood, project supported by MSD for Mothers:** *An integrated model to improve reproductive and maternal healthcare services in rural Romania (Mothers for life. Life for Mothers)*

10.00-10.15 **COFFEE BREAK**

PART II: OPERATIONAL WORKSHOP

This interactive session will have stakeholder groups propose concrete solutions on some of the key points from the [Outcomes Declaration](#). The session was inspired by the commitment during the March meeting in Malta. Calls were made for less work in silos and to take into account existing initiatives in order to streamline work towards resolving the problems vulnerable women face in maternal health.

10.15-11.00 **WORKING SESSION I: ALIGNMENT AND PRIORITISATION**

A number of top priority elements of the [Outcomes Declaration](#) will be presented and delegates will break into three groups for an alignment and prioritisation task; broadening the focus from migrant and refugee women to women in vulnerable groups as a whole. Each of these groups

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will be led by an impartial facilitator. Delegates will assign priority to each element of the Declaration and make proposals for changes in focus or additions, bearing in mind the broadening of the context to vulnerable groups. The outcomes of each discussion will be shared with the other attendees.

Session Facilitator:

- **Michael Creek**, Senior Advisor, Third-i

11.00-12.15 **WORKING SESSION II: CONTENT AND PROCESS**

Three policy pathways will be presented as potential means to implement the various elements of the Declaration. Each of the three groups will initially work on one policy pathway only, with a facilitator leading the group to explore a) the content of what can be achieved, defining objectives and impact; b) the process by which these objectives can be achieved, defining key steps and timelines. Each group's work will be presented for feedback to the other groups before finalising.

The three pathways will be based on content from the [Outcomes Declaration](#), and will focus on three of the most voted activities during the Malta meeting:

- A supranational funding mechanism ensuring a free package of maternal healthcare for every vulnerable woman
- Improved mechanisms and coordination for data collection and research on the maternal healthcare needs of women from vulnerable groups
- Multi-level awareness and policy dialogue campaign on the vulnerable women's maternal healthcare needs

12.15-12.30 **CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS**

12.30 **MEETING CONCLUDES - WPL – RICK ZEDNIK**, CEO, Women Political Leaders Global Forum

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