



PRESS RELEASE

**EU Women: EU Women's March and Fest on 9 May 2019
Berlin, Brandenburg Gate, 12 noon to 5 pm**

#Women4Europe #Europe4Women
Women will fix the world. We will fix the world.

European elections will take place in late May. We don't want to leave Europe to the populists. Democracy and women's rights belong together, and we want to protect and strengthen them in Europe.

On Europe Day, 9 May 2019, we intend to send out a strong signal in favour of human values and against the far right: we emphatically reject toxic politicians with sights set on the past and intolerable old ideologies who are seeking to revive traditional patriarchy.

Together with people known for their commitment in politics, research, business and other walks of life, and with good music, we will gather at the Brandenburg Gate / Pariser Platz in Berlin from 12 midday until 5 pm. All parties on the democratic spectrum are warmly welcome to join us.

Speakers include: Prof. Maria Wersig (president, Deutscher Juristinnenbund), Gesine Agena (deputy chair, Bündnis 90/ DIE GRÜNEN), Italian MP Laura Boldrini and Canada's Ambassador Stéphane Dion.

We want this to be a festival of women too, presenting ideas, projects and campaigns to promote fair coexistence between men and women in Europe.

It is important for us women in Europe to champion democracy, peace, human rights, the environment, equality, equal pay and everything we hold dear.

We call on everyone to go out and vote. We urge everyone to vote for parties committed to democracy and women's rights. We appeal to everyone to play their part in a just and prosperous society, and to enable women and men to live in a world where we can all feel at ease, develop our skills and move around freely, a world built by women and men for women and men.

Male supporters are warmly welcome.

Musical performance: Le Sbocciate (Milan, Italy)

More details: eu-women.eu

PROGRAM

Dr. Clara Mavellia – Berlin

Founder EU Women

Clara Mavellia, originally from Milan, received her doctorate at the Freie Universität in Berlin, the city where she has been working as an academic and journalist ever since. From 2005 to 2008 she commuted between Berlin and Munich to attend the interdisciplinary MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität. In March 2010 she founded the Cultural Entrepreneurship Institute in order to promote the application of ethical principles in business and in practical life. In April 2017 she founded EU Women. The aim is to defend and strengthen women's rights and democracy in Europe. EU Women held their first EU Women's March and Fest on 9 May 2018 (Europe Day) in Berlin.

Dr. Christine Kurmeyer – Berlin

Board EU Women

As a qualified social-psychologist she has worked in various fields while focusing on the themes of women, work and health. In the last twenty years Dr Kurmeyer has focused on the role of gender in working life, especially for women with higher education. Since 2006 one of her main targets as Central Representative for Gender Equality at the Charité was the implementation of structural and systematic management instruments to bring forward the career options for women in medical sciences i.e. gender sensitive reporting systems, quality management in medical education concerning gender aspects or quota in general grants. In 2017 she was elected as honorary head of the union of Berlin Women's Associations (Landesfrauenrat Berlin e.V.).

Dott. Tiziana Russo - Milano (Italy)

Board EU Women

Videointerview July 2019

H. E. Stéphane Dion – Berlin

Canada Ambassador to Germany and Special Envoy to the European Union and Europe
The Honourable Stéphane Dion presented his credentials as Canada's Ambassador to Germany on June 6, 2017. Prior to his appointment, M. Dion was Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs from November 2015 until January 2017, where he championed Canadian leadership in the world on crucial global interests including promotion of universal human rights, peace and stability efforts, the global climate challenge and Canada's commitment to multilateralism. He was previously Minister of the Environment from 2004 to 2005, when he secured what is praised as one of the greenest budgets in the history of Canada and, in 2005, chaired the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP11/MOP1) where he reconciled the diverging interests of member countries so that decisions could be taken to effectively implement the Kyoto Protocol.

Musical Performance

Sharon Adler – Berlin

AVIVA

Sharon Adler, Gründerin und Herausgeberin des Frauen-Online-Magazins und Informationsportals AVIVA-Berlin, das sich für die Sichtbarmachung von Frauenbiographien, für interkulturelle Verständigung und gegen Rassismus und Antisemitismus einsetzt. Ansprechpartnerin für Presse, PR, Anzeigen und Kooperationen. BerlinerIn. Jüdin. Mutter. Fotografin.

Gesine Agena – Berlin

Deputy Chair, Spokesperson for women's affairs Alliance 90/The Greens

Gesine Agena is Alliance 90/The Greens' Deputy Chairwoman and Spokesperson for Women's Affairs. She has been a member of the party's executive board since 2013 and advocates for

feminism, equal rights, and a world without racism. She is a member of the executive committee of the Greens' Federal Women's Council, which oversees and develops the party's policies and objectives regarding women's rights. In the field of right-wing extremism, Gesine coordinates the party's work and cooperation with Green members of the Bundestag and state parliaments as well as external experts and actors from civil society and science.

Seyran Ates – Berlin

Lawyer and author

Born in 1963 in Istanbul, living in Germany since 1969. She is both a lawyer specialised in family law and an author. As a women's and human rights activist and a muslim woman, she is one of the most important voices in the fight against religious and tradition-related violence. In June 2017, Ms. Ates opened the Ibn Rushd-Goethe mosque in Berlin, the first liberal mosque in Germany where men and women pray together and women can take the role of imam leading a prayer.

Musical Performance

Gabriele Bischoff – Berlin

SPD

Gabriele Bischoff had been the President of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee from October 2015 until March 2019.

She is now leading candidate of the SPD Berlin for the European elections 2019.

She is special advisor at the German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB) and a member of the board of the European Movement in Germany.

Gabriele Bischoff studied Political Science at the Universities of Marburg and Berlin and holds a diploma in political science from the Free University of Berlin.

Laura Boldrini – Rome

Member of the Italian Parliament, former President of the Chamber of Deputies

She carried out several missions to crisis areas, including the Former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Mozambique, Angola and Rwanda. For these activities she has received several honours and awards. In 2013 she became a Member of Parliament and was elected President of the Chamber of Deputies on 16th March of the same year. Innovative and visionary action has been the hallmark of her term of office, with a focus on social and gender issues, inequalities and peripheries, budgetary savings and transparency, violence on the web and fight against fake news.

For the first time in a Parliament she established a Committee on the Internet and digital media as well as a Committee to combat hate phenomena, named after the British MP Jo Cox, brutally murdered by a neo-Nazi pro-Brexit extremist. She has been steadfastly committed to relaunching the European project, also by promoting, in 2015, the Declaration "Greater European integration: the way forward", signed by 15 Speakers of Parliament.

Carola von Braun – Berlin

Cross-Party Campaign for Women Berlin - City of Women (ÜPFI)

Carola v. Braun is founding-member and speaker of the Überparteiliche Fraueninitiative Berlin – Stadt der Frauen e.V. (ÜPFI) – „women`s non-partisan initiative of Berlin – city of women“. The initiative was founded 1992 by former members of the Berlin parliament. Since the beginning ÜPFI worked together intensively with the manifold and diverse Berlin womens' movement. By now ÜPFI is the only women`s initiative in all of Germany, which was founded in a parliament and still works together intensively with actual members of the Berlin Parliament. Carola v. Braun was member of the federal German parliament and of the Berlin Parliament. She was the first „Womens representative – official responsible for womens affairs“ of Berlin-West

Musical Performance

Susie Courtault – London

Women For Europe – Britain For Europe

Cerstin Gammel – Berlin

Prof. Dr. Detlev Ganten – Berlin

Präsident World Health Summit

Prof. Detlev Ganten is President of the World Health Summit. He is one of the world's leading scientists in the field of cardiovascular diseases and genomics. He was President of the Helmholtz Association of National Research Centers, a member of the National Ethics Council, founding director of the Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) Berlin-Buch and CEO of the Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin.

Kristina Haenel – Gießen

Video message

Kristina Hänel, born in 1956, has been a doctor in her own practice in Giessen since 2001. She is a specialist in general medicine. Before that she worked at Pro Familia centres and in Stimezo clinics in the Netherlands. She completed further training in emergency medicine, anaesthesia and sexual therapy. She was a founding member of Wildwasser Gießen, an association against sexual abuse of girls, is a member of the Working Group Women's Health in Medicine, Psychotherapy and Society e.V., Pro Familia e.V., the German Society for Sexual Research, and offers therapeutic horse riding with a focus on traumatised children and adolescents in integrative groups.

Musical Performance

Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber – Paderborn

Head of Philosophy at the University of Paderborn

Ruth Hagengruber is Professor of Philosophy, specialized on philosophy of Economics and Information Science. She is Head of Philosophy at the University Paderborn and habilitated on Economic Philosophy with „Nutzen (Benefits) and Universality". She is founder and director of the teaching and research Center "History of Women Philosophers and Scientists" as well as of the teaching and research area Philosophy and Computing: "EcoTechGender". In 2011 Ruth Hagengruber became Lifetime member of the International Association of Computing and Philosophy (I-ACAP). She has been a member of the Advisory Board since 2012 of the MCTS Munich Center for Technology in Society of the Technische Universität München.

Natascha Hoffner – München

HerCareer

Natascha Hoffner is the founder and managing director of messe.rocks GmbH. She organizes the herCAREER, the only Exhibition in Germany, which considers all aspects of a female and family career planning. Hoffner studied business administration at the University of Applied Sciences Ludwigshafen, and has over 18 years of experience in the exhibition industry. Furthermore she was Managing Director of an organizer of an exhibition in Mannheim for five years, most recently two years with a subsidiary of Deutsche Messe AG. In 2015, the mother of two founded messe.rocks GmbH.

PD Dr. Elke Holst – Berlin

German Institute for Economic Research

PD Dr. Elke Holst is Senior Economist and Research Director Gender Studies at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), one of the leading economic research institutions in Germany. Her research topics are gender and labor economics. The current focus of her empirical work is on gender gaps in: leadership positions (vertical segregation) and occupation (horizontal segregation), wages, and working time.

Musical Performance

Petra Kaminsky - Berlin

ProQuote Medien

Women, gender equality and media – these subjects Petra Kaminsky is passionate about since she began thinking and writing professionally. She has joined ProQuote Media soon after the association was founded in 2012. She has worked as a journalist for numerous publishing

houses for about three decades. Based in Berlin, Petra Kaminsky today is head of a multimedia unit at the German Press Agency called dpa-Story.

Dr. Sabine Ludwig - Berlin

Dr. Sabine Ludwig is an economist and sinologist. She has worked at the European Commission in Brussels and Beijing and at the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin. In 2017, she has founded, together with Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Ilona Kickbusch, „Women in Global Health – Germany“, the first national chapter of the international organization „Women in Global Health“. Currently, she works at the Robert Koch-Institute in Berlin in the team of the National Women's Health Report and is an associate professor at the University of Applied Health Sciences in Bochum, Germany.

Simona Menghini – Milan (Italy)

Committee of Women & Technologies

With a deep knowledge of economics and business administration from her university and master degree studies, Simona has developed her skills in Public Relations and in Communications throughout the latest years, and loves to consult and contribute to PR campaigns of progressive organizations.

She also previously worked in sales and marketing, in international environments, in the publishing as well as in the industrial and IT trade.

Women & Technologies was created in 2007 by Gianna Martinengo and is now one of the most important Italian professional women Associations recognized at an international level. Its mission is to promote the value of women's talents in technology, innovation and scientific research. The association creates, develops and implements initiatives and projects with the goal of overcoming gender stereotypes; it also offers guidance to young people on how to face the increasing challenges of the future job market, by providing entrepreneurial sustainable models.

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Uma Mishra-Newbery – Genf

Women's March Global

Uma Mishra-Newbery is the Interim Executive Director of Women's March Global. Uma has been with Women's March Global since March 2017, initially as a volunteer and then as the former Director of Global Community. Prior to Women's March Global, Uma was a high-school Chemistry teacher, worked in the medical field as a Medical Lab Technologist and served in the United States Army as an active duty soldier for nearly six years. Uma has been awarded numerous commendations and achievement awards for her leadership and duty during her time in service. Uma has been a TEDx speaker, sharing how we can foster community through development work. She is a proud first generation Indian American, U.S. Army veteran, and forever will be a Science nerd. The motto that fuels Uma as an activist and community builder is by Alice Walker: "Activism is the rent I pay for living on the planet."

Dr. Claudia Neusüß – Berlin

Weiberwirtschaft

Dr. Claudia Neusüß is a managing partner and senior consultant at the personnel and organizational development agency compassorange GmbH. As a lecturer and former visiting professor at various universities she focusses on gender diversity with a specialization on Central, South-East and Eastern Europe amongst others. For many years she was an honorary board member of OWEN, the mobile academy for gender democracy and peacebuilding. Prior to her consulting activities, she was a member of the executive board of the Heinrich Böll Foundation and a co-founder, managing and supervisory board member of the women's cooperative "WeiberWirtschaft".

Sabine Overkämping – Berlin

djb Commission on European and International Law, Board EBD

Sabine Overkämping is a German fully qualified lawyer. Since 1991 she has been active in the state government of Saxony-Anhalt with secondments to the representations of Saxony-Anhalt to the Federal Government (then in Bonn) and to the European Union in Brussels as well as to the EU Commission, the ILO and the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in Berlin.

She is currently (since 2009) head of unit for European and international law at the Ministry for Justice and Equality in Magdeburg. She is on a voluntary basis inter alia a member of the board of the European Movement in Germany and a member of the djv Commission on European and International Law.

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Prof. Riccardo Pozzo – Verona

History of Philosophy, Verona University

Riccardo Pozzo received his M.A. at Università di Milano in 1983, his Ph.D. at Universität des Saarlandes in 1988, and his Habilitation at Universität Trier in 1995. In 1996, he went to the U.S. to teach German Philosophy at the School of Philosophy of the Catholic University of America. In 2003, he came back to Italy to take up the Chair of the History of Philosophy at Università di Verona. From 2009 to 2012, he was Director of the Institute for the European Intellectual Lexicon and History of Ideas of the National Research Council of Italy. From 2012 to 2017, he served as Director of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Cultural Heritage of the National Research Council of Italy. Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany on ribbon. Elected full member of the Institut International de Philosophie, of which he is currently vice-president, and chair of the World Congress of Philosophy Beijing 2018 program committee.

Pulse of Europe

Dr. Christine Rabe – Berlin

Board Landesfrauenrat Berlin

Christine Rabe is the second chairwoman of the Landesfrauenrat Berlin. After completing her studies at the Technical University Ilmenau she worked as a computer scientist for Elektroanlagen Berlin and later as equal opportunity officer for the Berlin administration. Christine Rabe has developed an implementation method for gender mainstreaming, supported the trialing and testing in the Berlin administration and obtained a doctorate in this field at Freie Universität Berlin. She is an active member of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen.

Nanna-Josephine Roloff – Hamburg

Tampon Tax Campaign

Nanna-Josephine Roloff studied Governance and Public Policy in Passau. Her time at Abgeordnetenwatch led her to do something herself. Together with a friend she started the campaign against the so called tampon tax. To discuss the tax is just one part of the big red picture. The growing community of menstrual activists wants to break the taboo around menstruation.

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Dr. Thomas Sattelberger MdB – Berlin

Member of the German Federal Parliament

Thomas Sattelberger is a member of the German Bundestag and spokesman for his FDP parliamentary group on innovation, education and research. For many years he was a member of the board of German DAX companies. From 2007 to 2012 he worked for Deutsche Telekom as Chief Human Resources Officer and from 2003 to 2007 for the automotive supplier Continental. Sattelberger joined Lufthansa in 1994 and served as Chief Operating Officer from 1999 to 2003. Between 1975 and 1994, he worked in various management positions and divisions for the Daimler Group.

Prof. Gudrun Schmidt-Kärner – Berlin (Germany)

Chair Women of Europe Award

Prof. Gudrun Schmidt-Kärner, born 1941 in Braunschweig, grew up in Northern Germany, taught e.g. 33 years at the conservatory in Lübeck. Gudrun Schmidt-Kärner is President of the Women of Europe – Germany ("Preis Frauen Europas-Deutschland"), a network of courageous women within the network of the European Movement. She herself has been awarded as Women of Europe – Germany in 1999. For 28 years she is intensively involved voluntarily in the "Förderverein Norddeutschland Kaliningrad.eV", an association to develop the

mutual understandings between Schleswig-Holstein and Kaliningrad Oblast in Russia. Her aim is to promote life situations and thought patterns mutually in Western and Eastern Europe. For her engagement to support the understandings amongst the nations, Gudrun has been awarded with the Federal Cross of Merit on ribbon in February 2019.

Dr. Linn Selle

Chairwoman European Movement Germany – Berlin

Linn Selle was elected Chairwoman of European Movement Germany (EM Germany) in 2018. Born 1986 in the north-rhine westphalian town of Havixbeck, she studied Political Science in Bonn and Paris and continued with a master's programme in European Studies at the European University Viadrina. She finished her PhD on the parliamentary budget authority on the EU budget in 2017. Since 2014 she has been a member of the executive board of the "European Movement Germany e.V." and has been elected "Women of Europe" in the same year. For her main profession she works as political consultant for the executive director of the Federation of German Consumer Organisations.

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Jacqueline Straub – Schweiz

Author and Journalist

Jacqueline Straub (28) was born in Germany. She studied Catholic theology at the Universities of Freiburg i.Br., Fribourg and Lucerne. Since her youth she wants to become a Roman Catholic priest and has been publicly committed. She writes books and articles about women and reforms in the church, speaks in talk shows and gives lectures. The BBC has selected Jacqueline Straub as one of the 100 most inspiring and influential women in the world on the "BBC 100 Women 2018" list. She works as a journalist in Switzerland.

Dr Mariarosaria Taddeo – Oxford (UK)

Digital Ethics Lab, Oxford Internet Institute

Dr Mariarosaria Taddeo is Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, where she is the Deputy Director of the Digital Ethics Lab, and is Faculty Fellow at the Alan Turing Institute. Her recent work focuses mainly on the ethical analysis of Artificial Intelligence, cyber security, cyber conflicts, and ethics of digital innovation. Her area of expertise is Philosophy and Ethics of Information, although she has worked on issues concerning Epistemology, Logic, and Philosophy of AI. She has been listed among the top 50 most inspiring Italian women working in AI in 2018. Dr Taddeo has been awarded The Simon Award for Outstanding Research in Computing and Philosophy. She also received the World Technology Award for Ethics acknowledging the originality and her research on the ethics of cyber conflicts, and the social impact of the work that she developed in this area. Since 2016, Taddeo serves as editor-in-chief of Minds & Machines (SpringerNature) and of Philosophical Studies Series (SpringerNature).

Brigitte Triems – Berlin

Chair Demokratischer Frauenbund e.V.

Brigitte Triems holds a diploma as graduated interpreter and translator and a diploma in political sciences. She has professional experience in institutions working at international level, the main fields of work having been Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East as well as the UN (CEDAW and World Conferences on Women) and its specialized agencies. Until 2014 she worked as managing director of a non-profit employment and qualification company in Berlin that deals with the integration of immigrants into German society and the fostering of international understanding. Since 1980 she is active in women's organizations as chairwoman of the Democratic Women's Union. She was vice-chairwoman of the National Council of German Women's Organizations, President of the European Women's Lobby, member of the Management Committee of the European Platform of Social NGOs in Brussels and member of the Experts' Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) in Vilnius.

Prof. Dr. Maria Wersig – Berlin

Chairwoman Deutscher Juristinnenbund e.V. – djb

Prof. Dr. Maria Wersig - Berlin/Dortmund. President, German Women Lawyers' Association and

professor of law at Dortmund University of Applied Sciences, specializing in Gender Equality and Antidiscrimination Law and Policy. The German Women Lawyers' Association is an association of female lawyers and economists. Its primary goal is to achieve substantive equality for women in all areas of society and to help realize women's human rights. It was founded in 1948, bringing together women from all legal professions. The German Women Lawyers' Association addresses gender-based discrimination in every field of society, professional and family life by advocating for and participating in law reforms, by submitting amicus curiae briefs to the Federal Constitutional Court, by reporting to human rights bodies, by offering continued legal education, by supporting young female legal professionals and scholars, and by bringing together women lawyers from all walks of life.

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Brigitte Zypries – Berlin
Former Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy
Videointerview 28.05.2019

Brigitte Zypries is a lawyer and social democrat. She was Federal Minister of Justice from 2002 to 2009 and Federal Minister of Economics and Energy from 2017 to March 2018. From 2005 to 2017 she represented the constituency of Darmstadt in the Bundestag. Today Brigitte Zypries is a volunteer and ombudswoman for various organisations.

Le Sbocciate – Milano (Italy) Musical Performance

Further Information: <http://eu-women.eu/>

Best regards
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