

Gender-sensitive Parliaments

Area 5: The parliament complies with its **SYMBOLIC** function

Gender-sensitive facilities

From guns to babies – UK: Making the traditional shooting gallery into a nursery

The Speaker of the Parliament initiated a change in 2016 whereby the traditional shooting gallery has been transformed into a nursery for the children of people working in the parliament.

Source: www.finnish-institute.org, www.policyexchange.org

You could be the first – Italy: the Women’s Room in the Chamber of Deputies

The President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies dedicated a room to women in 2016. The Women’s Room shows the pictures of the first women to be active in political representation in Italy at national, regional and local level. On a blank wall, there are three mirrors, one for each political position that has as yet not been held by a woman (President of the Republic, of the Senate and of the Council of Ministers). Below the mirrors, women visitors can read ‘You could be the first’.

Source: www.camera.it

Children day care facilities for MPs and staff – Germany: Kindergarten of the German Bundestag

The service is located near the Bundestag, in a dedicated building and has been hosting MPs’ and staff’s children since 1999. Source: www.bundestag.de

Gender-sensitive communication

Gender-neutral language in documents and communication policy: European Parliament

Source: www.europarl.europa.eu