

# Experts' forum

The Experts' Forum is the Institute's advisory body. Its principle function is to provide expertise knowledge in the field of gender equality.

It is composed of members from competent bodies specialised in gender equality issues from every Member State of the European Union. Each country has both a member and an alternate and there are two members designated by the European Parliament, as well as three members designated by the European Commission and representing interested parties at the European level, with one representative from:

- an appropriate non-governmental organisation at Community level which has a legitimate interest in contributing to the fight against discrimination on grounds of sex and the promotion of gender equality;
- employers' organisations at Community level; and
- workers' organisations at Community level.

The Member States and the Commission aim to achieve a balanced representation between men and women in the Experts' Forum.

Members are designated for a period of three years.

For Expert's Forum members: [Access the Experts' Forum workspace on EuroGender](#) (restricted access to Experts' Forum members)

---

**Experts' Forum 2021-2024**  
**Belgique / België / Belgium (BE)**  
**Member**

**Ms Carine Joly**

Attaché

Institute for the Equality of Women and Men

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Marijke Weewauters**

**България / Bulgaria (BG)**

**Member**

**Mr Teodor Tsanev**

Senior Expert

Department for Equal Opportunities, Anti-Discrimination and Social Assistance Benefits

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Ani Evgenieva-Georgieva**

State expert

Labour Law and Labour Conditions Department,

Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

**Česká republika / The Czech Republic (CZ)**

**Member**

**Pending appointment**

---

**Alternate**

**Pending appointment**

**Danmark / Denmark (DK)**

**Member**

**Ms Emma Holten**

Activist, public speaker, moderator og writer

---

**Alternate**

**Mr Bo Wagner Sørensen**

Researcher in gender-based violence

**Deutschland / Germany (DE)**

**Member**

**Ms Waltraud Dahs**

Head of Division

Division for European and International Gender Equality Policy

Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

---

**Alternate**

**Mr Thomas Fischer**

Head of Unit

Gender equality on the Labour Market

Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

**Eesti / Estonia (EE)**

**Member**

**Ms Age Viira**

Analyst

Ministry of Social Affairs

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Kadi Viik**

Gender equality expert

Founders of Feministeerium

**Éire / Ireland (IE)**

**Member**

**Pending appointment**

---

**Alternate**

**Pending appointment**

**Ελλάδα, Elláda / Greece (EL)**

**Member**

**Ms Christina Agoritsa**

Policy Officer

Independent Department of European and International Cooperation of  
the GSDFPGE

---

**Alternate**

**Mr Dimitrios Platis**

Deputy Head

Department for Planning, Standardization and Development of Gender  
Equality Policies

**Employers' Organisations**

**Member**

**Ms Trine Birgitte Hougaard**

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Jeanette Grenfors**

**España / Spain (ES)**

**Member**

**Ms María Vázquez Sellán**

Deputy Director of the Subdirectorate General of Studies and Cooperation

## **Alternate**

**Mr José Luis Burgos Fresno**

Technical Advisor in the support unit of the Director

Spanish Institute for Women

**European Parliament**

## **Members**

**Ms Edit Bauer**

**Mr Niall Crowley**

---

## **Alternate**

**Ms Barbara Helfferich**

**Ms Octavio Salazar**

**European Trade Union Confederation**

## **Member**

**Ms Aline Brüser**

---

## **Alternate**

**Ms Paola Panzeri**

**EU-level Non-Governmental Organisation**

## **Member**

**Ms Iliana Balabanova**

## **Alternate**

**Ms Katrin Hugendubel**

**France (FR)**

## **Member**

**Ms Stéfanía Chiru**

Ministère de l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes, de la diversité et de l'égalité des chances

## **Alternate**

**Mr Alexis Rinckenbach**

Ministère chargé de l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes

**Hrvatska / The Republic of Croatia (HR)**

## **Member**

**Ms Ana Maskalan**

Senior Research Associate  
Institute for Social Research in Zagreb

**Alternate**

**Ms Tamara Sterk**

Assistant Director

Office for Gender Equality, Government of the Republic of Croatia

**Italia / Italy (IT)**

**Member**

**Ms Paola Profeta**

Professor of public finance, Bocconi University

Director, Axa Research Lab on gender equality

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Francesca Ballacci**

Official, Department for equal opportunities

Presidency of the Council of Ministers

**Κύπρος, Kýpros / Cyprus (CY)**

**Member**

**Ms Andri Savva**

Officer

Office of the Commissioner for Gender Equality

**Alternate**

**Mr Andreas Misos**

Labour Officer

Department of Labour, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance

**Latvija / Latvia (LV)**

**Member**

**Ms Iluta Lace**

Head of the Association

MARTA Centre

---

## **Alternate**

**Ms Marita Zitmane**

Dr.sc.comm., Associated Professor

University of Latvia

**Lietuva / Lithuania (LT)**

## **Member**

**Ms Valda Karnickaitė**

Equality Between Women and Men Unit

Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

---

## **Alternate**

**Ms Goda Savickaitė**

Equality Between Women and Men Unit

Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

**Luxembourg (LU)**

## **Member**

**Ms Skerdilajda Zanaj**

Associate Professor

Gender Equality Officer of the University of Luxembourg

## **Alternate**

**Pending appointment**

**Magyarország / Hungary (HU)**

## **Member**

**Ms Andrea SOÓS**

## **Alternate**

**Ms Dóra TONTÉ**

Senior advisor

Prime Minister's Office Minister for Families  
Department of Adoption and Women's Policy  
**Malta (MT)**  
**Member**  
**Ms Renee Laiviera**  
Commissioner

National Commission For The Promotion of Equality

---

**Alternate**  
**Ms Maria Ellul**  
Manager II

Human Rights Directorate  
**Nederland / The Netherlands (NL)**  
**Member**  
**Ms Anna Okello**  
Senior Policy Advisor

Atria Institute on gender equality and women's history

---

**Alternate**  
**Mr Paula Elise Thijs**  
Senior researcher and policy advisor

Atria Institute on gender equality and women's history  
**Österreich / Austria (AT)**  
**Member**  
**Ms Vanessa Marent**  
Officer

Directorate General III – Women and Equality



**Alternate**

**Ms Katja Link**

Central Contact Point for Gender Mainstreaming, Equal Treatment, Human Rights and Integration (GGMI)

Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism

**Polska / Poland (PL)**

**Member**

**Ms Ewa Mazur-Wierzbicka**

Profesor

University of Szczecin, Faculty of Economics and Management

Institute of Human Capital Management

---

**Alternate**

**Pending appointment**

**Portugal (PT)**

**Member**

**Ms Teresa Alvarez**

Technical Advisor

Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG)

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Patricia São João**

Expert Advisor

Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Equality and Migration

**România / Romania (RO)**

**Member**

**Ms Carmen Niculescu**

Superior Advisor

Directorate for strategies, policies, programmes and monitoring of equal opportunities

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Cristina DUȘCĂ**

Principal Advisor

Directorate for prevention and combatting domestic violence

**Slovenija / Slovenia (SI)**

**Member**

**Pending appointment**

---

**Alternate**

**Pending appointment**

**Slovensko / The Slovak Republic (SK)**

**Member**

**Mr Daniel Gerbery**

Deputy Director and Senior Researcher

Institute for Family and Labour Research

---

**Alternate**

**Ms Zuzana Turkovič**

Expert gender equality and family policy

Institute for Labour and Family Research

**Suomi / Finland (FI)**

**Member**

**Ms Reetta Siukola**

Chief Specialist

Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare

---

## **Alternate**

**Ms Päivi Yli-Pietilä**

Ministerial Adviser

Department for Work and Gender Equality / TTO, Gender Equality Unit

Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

**Sverige / Sweden (SE)**

## **Member**

**Ms Anna Collins-Falk**

Swedish Gender Equality Agency

---

## **Alternate**

**Mr Eberhard Stüber**

Swedish Gender Equality Agency