

EU Speakers Conference

As a result of the suggestion made to the President of the Assembly of the Republic by the Presidents of the Parliaments of Austria, Estonia, Hungary and the Netherlands, the topic of “The participation of women in political life” will be included in the agenda of the next Conference of the Presidents of the European Union, which is to take place in Lisbon, on 20 and 21 June 2008.

As the number of female Members of the European Union Parliaments is known, it would be interesting to supplement this information with deeper knowledge about their level of participation in parliamentary life, based on such data as the percentage of female Members of Parliament holding positions with extra responsibility, or who play a significant role in the Plenary Meetings or on the Parliamentary Committee.

Therefore, we ask you to return your replies to us by 7 March.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Representation of female Members of Parliament / Senators in the House(s):	Presently:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term:
1.1 How many female Members of Parliament / Senators are there in the House(s)?		
1.2. What is the percentage of female Members of Parliament in the House(s)?		
1.3. How are they distributed amongst the different political forces?		
1.4. Do the political forces have internal rules aimed at guaranteeing proportional representation for women in the House(s)?	Yes: No:	Yes: No:
1.4.1. If yes, since when? 1.4.2. What is the percentage set aside for women by the parties? 1.4.3. What is the percentage of female representation planned by each of these political forces?		
2. Positions of additional responsibility held by female Members of Parliament / Senators:	Presently:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term:
2.1. President	Yes: No:	Yes: No:

2.2. Percentage of female Deputy Presidents in the House(s)		
2.3. Percentage of female Secretaries in the House(s)		
2.4. Percentage of female Parliamentary Committee Chairmen/women		
2.5. Percentage of female Parliamentary Committee Deputy Chairmen/women		
2.6. Percentage of female coordinators for each of the parliamentary committee groups		
2.7. Percentage of female Parliamentary Group leaders		
2.8. Percentage of female Parliamentary Group deputy leaders		

3. Participation in the legislative process:	In the present parliamentary term:	In the previous parliamentary term:
3.1. What is the percentage of legislative initiatives whose first proposer is a woman?		
3.2. What is the percentage of reports on legislative initiatives that are prepared by women?		
3.3. What is the percentage of legislative process interventions made by women?		

4. Political scrutiny of the Government:	In the present parliamentary term:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term:
4.1. What is the percentage of Government motions underwritten by women?		

4.2. What is the percentage of verbal questions asked of the Government (during plenary sessions) by women?		
5. What is the percentage of political statements issued by women during plenary sessions?	In the present parliamentary term:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term:
6. Delegations:	Presently:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term:
6.1. What is the percentage of delegations to international parliamentary organisations headed by women?		
6.2. What is the percentage of women in the delegations to international parliamentary organisations?		
7. What is the percentage of women in the House management bodies?	In the present parliamentary term:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term:
8. Are there any associations for female Members of Parliament / Senators?	In the present parliamentary term: Yes: No:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term: Yes: No:
8.1. If yes, since when? 8.2. What is their format?		
9. Is there a Parliamentary Committee or Subcommittee for Gender Equality?	In the present parliamentary term: Yes: No:	At the end of the previous parliamentary term: Yes: No:

<p>10. When the parliamentary work agenda is defined, is the factor “reconciliation of parliamentary life and family life” considered?</p>	<p>In the present parliamentary term:</p> <p>Yes: No:</p>	<p>At the end of the previous parliamentary term:</p> <p>Yes: No:</p>
<p>10.1. If yes, if what way(s)?</p>		