



"A Case for EU Competitiveness - Quotas in the Boardroom"

Hosted by MEPs Silvana Koch-Mehrin and Louis Michel

Tuesday 26 March 2013, 12:30 - 14:30, ASP3E2, European Parliament

Programme

- 11:30 Registration: European Parliament Brussels, ASP Building, Entrance Esplanade, Place Luxembourg
- 12:00 Sandwich Lunch, in front of the room ASP3E2, European Parliament
- 12:30 Welcome and Introduction:
Silvana Koch-Mehrin MEP, ALDE rapporteur on the proposal for a directive on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on the stock exchange
Presentations:
- 12:40 *"Closing the Gender Gap, Act Now"*
Monika Queisser, Head of Social Policy Division at OECD
- 12:50 *"Gender parity - Utopia & Reality in the Boardroom"*
Yvonne Beiertz, Partner Spencer Stuart Associates
- 13:00 Keynote speech:
"Promoting Talent, Transparency and Competence – Getting more women on boards"
Viviane Reding Vice-President of the European Commission
Discussion
- 13:30 Stakeholder Panel/Business Perspectives:
Sybilla Dekker, President of "Talent to the Top", former board member of VNO-NCW and former Minister of Infrastructure and Environment of Netherlands
Vladimira Drbalova, Head of EU and International Department of the Confederation of Industry of Czech Republic
Dr. Juliane Hilf, Partner Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, International Law Firm
Sophia Kounenaki-Efraimoglou, Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)
Julie O'Neill, Vice-President of Businesseurope, General Manager of Gilead Sciences
Trine Radmann, Deputy Director of the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises
Discussion
- 14:30 Conclusions: **Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, MEP
Moderator: **Alison Smale**, Chief Executive Editor of the International Herald Tribune