



# **Irish Presidency 2013 Gender Equality Conference**

## **‘WOMEN’S ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT AND THE EUROPE 2020 AGENDA’**

**Printworks Conference Centre,  
Dublin Castle,  
Ireland**

**08:45 a.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
to  
14:30 on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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**Gender Equality Division,  
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## **Conference Programme**





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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 29 AND 30 APRIL 2013 IN DUBLIN CASTLE

DAY ONE - MONDAY, 29 APRIL 2013	
<b>Conference Opening Session</b>	
<b>08:45 – 09:40</b>	<p>Moderated by Ms. Kathleen Lynch T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People</p> <p>Opening remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Alan Shatter, T.D Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence,</li> <li>▪ Mr. Richard Bruton T.D., Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation</li> <li>▪ Dr. Daniela Bankier, on behalf of the European Commission</li> <li>▪ Mr. Mikael Gustafsson MEP, Chair, the FEMM Committee, European Parliament</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: More Women in the Workforce – Making Sense for Business and the Economy</b>	
<b>09:40 – 10:30</b>	<p>Session moderated by Mr. Aongus Hegarty, President and General Manager, Dell EMEA</p> <p>Speakers for first part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Willem Adema, OECD</li> <li>▪ Ms. Wallis Goelen – European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</li> <li>▪ Dr. Daniela Bankier, Chef de Division, DG Justice, European Commission</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 10:55</b>	Coffee Break
<b>10:55 – 12:30</b>	<p>Session 1 continued – moderated by Ms. Kathleen Lynch T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People</p> <p>Speakers for second part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Tom Bevers – Chair of the Employment Committee</li> <li>▪ Mr. Thomas Dominique – Chair of the Social Protection Committee</li> <li>▪ Ms. Avivah Wittenberg-Cox, CEO 20-first</li> </ul> <p>Followed by discussion on Session 1 with all speakers</p>
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Keynote address: Mr. László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, European Commission</b>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>



<b>Session 2: Women Returning to Work – A “Win-Win” for Women and for the Economy</b>	
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<p>Session moderated by European Parliament FEMM Committee Chair, Mikael Gustafsson</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Erika Mezger, Deputy Director of EUROFOUND</li> <li>▪ Ms. Antia Wiersma, Manager Knowledge Dev &amp; Policy Advice, Inst. on Gender Equality and Women’s History (NL)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Dolores James, Centre Manager, Ballyfermot IT Training Centre and ‘Women’s Way to Work Programme’ (an EU/ESF supported initiative)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Jennifer D’Arcy, Community and Education Programmes Coordinator, Bray Area Partnership (an EU/ESF supported initiative)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Rachel Mooney, HR Director, Vodafone Ireland</li> </ul>
<b>16:00 – 16:20</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 3: Challenges for Women in the Workplace – Working Together to Overcome the Barriers</b>	
<b>16:20 – 17:45</b>	<p>Session moderated by Ms. Renee Dempsey, CEO, Equality Authority and CEO Des. Irish Human Rights &amp; Equality Commission</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professor Francesca Bettio, Professor of Economics, University of Siena</li> <li>▪ Ms. Lucie Davoine – European Commission DG Justice</li> <li>▪ Ms. Cecilia Ronan, CAO and EMEA Citi Service Centre Head, Citi</li> <li>▪ Ms. Margot Slattery, Managing Director, Sodexo Prestige Ireland</li> </ul>
<b>20:00 – 22:30</b>	<b>Conference Dinner – Royal Hospital, Kilmainham</b>
<b>DAY TWO - TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2013</b>	
<b>Session 4: Towards the Top – Advancing Women in the Workplace</b>	
<b>08:45 – 10:15</b>	<p>Session moderated by Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality, Ms. Virginija Langbakk</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lithuanian Minister of Social Security and Labour, Mrs. Algimanta Pabedinskiene</li> <li>▪ Dr. Daniela Bankier, Chef de Division, DG Justice, European Commission</li> <li>▪ Ms. Geraldine Huse, Vice President, Procter and Gamble UK &amp; Ireland</li> <li>▪ Dr. Ruth Sealy, Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the International Centre for Women Leaders, Cranfield School of Management</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mirella Visser, founder, Centre for Inclusive Leadership</li> </ul>



<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>Session 5: Striking out Alone – Women and Entrepreneurship</b>	
<b>10:30 – 11:50</b>	<p>Session moderated by Ms. Julie Sinnamon, Head of Global Business Development, Enterprise Ireland</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Marko Curavic - European Commission DG ENTR on the 'Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan'</li> <li>▪ Ms. Rosaleen Blair, founder and CEO of Alexander Mann Solutions (tbc)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Paula Fitzsimons, founder of "Going for Growth" an EU/ESF funded project</li> <li>▪ Ms. Elaine Coughlan, Atlantic Bridge</li> <li>▪ Ms. Ceara McNeela, Asgard Industrial Systems Ltd.</li> </ul>
<b>Conference Closing Session</b>	
<b>11:50 – 12:35</b>	<p>Session moderated by Minister of State with responsibility for Disability, Equality Mental Health and Older People Ms. Kathleen Lynch, T.D.</p> <p>Speakers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Viviane Teitelbaum, President of the European Women's Lobby</li> <li>▪ Ms. Anu Sajavaara, Business Europe</li> <li>▪ Ms. Karin Enodd, President of Women's Committee, ETUC</li> <li>▪ Ms. Liz Carroll, UEAPME</li> <li>▪ Ms. Jeanette Grenfors, CEEP</li> </ul> <p><b>Final words</b> – Minister of State with responsibility for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People, Ms. Kathleen Lynch, T.D.</p>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>Reception and formal Signature of the Trio Presidency Declaration on Gender Equality (Portrait Gallery, Dublin Castle)</b>
<b>13:10</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Conference Close</b>

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