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EWLA celebrates Gender Equality as a good reason for the EU : #60+1 good reasons for the EU



As part of last year's celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, the European Commission published a remarkable compilation of "60 good reasons for the EU". Those 60 good reasons include everything from the EU being the world's most popular holiday destination to positive achievements like abolishing roaming charges.

However, quite astonishingly, the EU's leading role in enhancing Gender Equality seemingly did not warrant a mention. Perhaps it seemed too self-evident? Today, 61 years after signing the Treaty of Rome, EWLA sets the record straight by adding the 61st good reason for the EU: the EU is one of the most outstanding and effective institutional defenders of Gender Equality.

EWLA's President Katharina Miller stated : " EWLA has always been a fervent defender of equality between men and women. 61 years after the signing of the Treaties of Rome, we strongly believe that the evolving EU legislation, case law and continuing interpretation of the Treaties throughout the years have protected and enhanced the crucial principle of Gender Equality to a remarkable extent. This should not be forgotten on a date like the 8th of March – International Women's Day."

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