



LUXEMBOURG CONGRESS | 9 Nov. 2017 | 10am to 5.30pm - AGENDA
Venue : KPMG Luxembourg, Kirchberg
The Key role of Diversity to strengthen the EU

Welcome by **Philippe Meyer**, Managing Partner of KPMG Luxembourg (10 to 10.05 am)

Introduction by **Jackie Jones**, President of EWLA of H.E. Mrs Lydia Mutsch

Opening Speech by Lydia Mutsch, (10.10 to 10.35 am)
Minister for Equal Opportunities and Minister of Health of Luxembourg

"Strategic engagement on gender equality 2016-2019: Where are we?"
Keynote Speech by Monika Ladmanova, Adviser to Commissioner Vera Jourová on
Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination (10.40 to 11.15 am)

Dr Vanessa Wilcox, Secretary General of the European Law Institute (ELI)
which advocates the European legal integration (11.15 to 11.30 am)

- I. **Panel: "Women's sustainable impact on economic growth from the point of view of the private sector"** with testimonials from the female CEOs of banks, funds organisation, audit and consulting firms based in Luxembourg and Switzerland. (11.30 am to 12.35)

Denise Voss, Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI)

In an advisory capacity:

Konstanze Ziegler, Partner at the VAT department, KPMG Luxembourg

Simone Stebler, Legal, Regulatory & Compliance Professionals Practice and
Financial Services Practice, Egon Zehnder Zurich

Moderator: Katharina Miller, EWLA board member for Spain

Walking lunch (12.40 to 2 pm)

- II. **Panel: "Promotion of diversity in public and corporate entities"** with lessons from start-up hubs to multinationals through their Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, committing to promoting diversity and gender equality notably with awards and mentoring to build best practices with their employees, clients and stakeholders. (14.00 to 15.00 pm)

Cheryl Fisher, Director General Personnel at the European Investment Bank

Dr. Anne Hartung, Expert in inequalities issues including across genders,
University of Luxembourg

Melissa Walker Head of the legal team of Vodafone Roaming Services Sàrl

Moderator: Mr Christian Scharff President of Inspiring More Sustainability
(<http://imslux.lu>) and Partner at PWC

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Afternoon break (3 p.m. to 3.20 pm)

III. Follow up EWSDGE project: Women in leadership positions and work life balance

Sabine Overkämping, Member of the EWLA Board (3.25 pm to 3.40 pm)

IV. “Innovation and women empowerment” with showcases in talent innovation in entities such as chambers of commerce and law firms that encourage diversity and women initiatives to advocate the exchange of know-how and best practices notably through the awareness with their stakeholders.

Paul Schonenberg, Chairman and CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg (<http://www.amcham.lu/>) and strong supporter of diversity

Jean Schaffner, Partner and Head of the Luxembourg tax practice, Allen & Overy Luxembourg (<http://www.allenoverly.com>) including the Ladies In Law Luxembourg Association

Véronique Hoffeld, Managing Partner at Loyens & Loeff Luxembourg and President of the Board of Directors of the National Research Fund (FNR) of Luxembourg (loyensloeff.lu)

Mathilde Ostertag, Tax Local Partner, GSK Stockmann (www.gsk-lux.com)

Gabriela Tennhard, Sr Manager, KPMG Diversity Luxembourg on Women Tax Club

Moderator : Larissa Best, Think Tank (<https://www.equilibre.lu/>) (3.45 to 4.45 pm)

Special support to the organization Femmes en détresse (<http://fed.lu/wp/>) and brief presentation of their actions and impact by **Christiane Welter**, Board Member (4.45 to 5.00 pm)

V. Resolutions on the Istanbul Convention, work-life-balance, women empowerment and the issue of start-ups and female entrepreneurship.

General conclusions and thanks by **Jackie Jones**, EWLA President (15 minutes).

6.30 pm: visit of the exhibition on 1000 years of Luxembourg history at the City Museum.

7.00 pm: Networking dinner at Ca(fé)sino in Casino Museum, Luxembourg city centre

November 10th, 2017:

8.15 am: EWLA Board Meeting and Annual General Assembly at the European Court of Justice

11.30 am: Tour of the European Court of Justice followed by a lunch

3.30 pm: visit of the exhibition *Photographs by Edward Steichen in dialogue with painting*,

Villa Vauban <http://villavauban.lu/exhibition/time-space-continuum/>

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