



Hybrid workshop organized by PES Women and ASF in the context of the PES high level conference “With Courage. For Europe.” 25-26 June 2021, Berlin/online

In the context of the joint conference *With Courage. For Europe.* hosted by the Party of European Socialists and the German social democratic party SPD, PES Women and the German social democratic women’s organization ASF proudly invite you to our workshop **#MakeHerCount for Democracy.**

Our panel of experts and political leaders will discuss the connection between gender equality, rule of law and democracy in the context of the ongoing conservative backlash against gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and LGBTI rights in Europe.

As social democrats, feminists and Europeans, we want to reiterate that gender equality and democracy are mutually dependent, which is why this event will help debunk conservative myths and bring us a step closer to [#MakeHerCount for democracy.](#)

Feminist lunch debate: “#MakeHerCount for Democracy”

25 June, 12:00 – 13:00

Moderated by Dr. **Stefanie Elies**, Head of Department for Democracy, Society & Innovation, overall Gender Coordinator of the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation

Welcome remarks:

- **Zita Gurmai**, PES Women President, Hungary
- **Maria Noichl**, ASF President, Germany

Key address:

- **Iratxe Garcia Perez**, S&D Group President, Spain

Expert statements:

- **Neil Datta**, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Rights
- **Andrea Pető**, Professor at the Department of Gender Studies at Central European University

Key interventions:

- **Lilianne Ploumen**, Leader of the Dutch Labour Party PvdA, Netherlands
- **Katarzyna Kotula**, Member of Parliament, Poland
- **Maria Noichl**, ASF President & S&D FEMM Coordinator in the European Parliament

Closing remarks:

- **Helena Dalli**, European Commissioner for Equality