



Scientific Analysis and Advice  
on Gender Equality in the EU

REVIEWING PROGRESS & LOOKING AHEAD

ANNUAL SEMINAR

Friday, 15 November 2024

Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la loi 75  
1040 Brussels

# ABOUT THE EVENT

## Background

The Scientific Analysis and Advice on Gender Equality in the EU (SAAGE) network is funded by the European Commission to support EU level policy initiatives by providing expertise and knowledge in the field of gender equality, and is coordinated by Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini, an independent research centre.

This annual seminar of the SAAGE network of experts provides an opportunity to discuss the situation, challenges, and policies in the EU Member States with European Commission officials. It takes place at a moment of transition at European level with the appointment of a new College of Commissioners and with the concluding period of the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025.

## Purpose

This annual seminar of the SAAGE network of experts will focus on the evolving context for gender equality across the Member States and the EU. In particular it will focus on sharing information and generating perspectives on progress made, challenges encountered, and progress to be made.

The seminar seeks to inform a future EU Gender Equality Strategy, through discussion and deliberation between European Commission officials and the SAAGE network of experts.

## Format

The seminar will be an in-person event. The seminar will be held in English

A report from the event, with a summary of discussions and key messages will be prepared for the European Commission.

## Participants

The participants at this seminar will be officials of the European Commission and the experts involved in the SAAGE network.

## Moderator

Niall Crowley, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini (FGB).



# AGENDA



Activity

Speaking

09.30

## **Opening Session**

*European Commission perspective*

*Karen Vandekerckhove,  
Head of Gender Equality Unit of DG JUST,  
European Commission*

*Gender equality domains of Respect,  
Representation, Resources and Recognition*

*Niall Crowley  
Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini (FGB).*

9.45

## **Reviewing Progress – Member State Orientation**

*Exchange and Deliberation- Issues of Respect*

What is working well, barriers to be addressed, and what now needs to happen

*Brief presentation from three SAAGE experts on their country.*

*Exchange and Deliberation- Issues of Representation*

What is working well, barriers to be addressed, and what now needs to happen

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*Plenary discussion*

10.45

## **Break**

11.15

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12.30

## **Lunch**



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Speaking

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13.30 ***Looking Ahead – European Union Orientation***

*Opening Presentations*

*A Perspective on Priority Actions (specific issues and actions to flag) for Gender Equality and Empowerment of all Women at EU level*

- ◆ *SAAGE Country Expert on addressing Innovation*
- ◆ *SAAGE Country Expert on addressing Gender-based Violence*
- ◆ *SAAGE Country Expert on addressing labour market participation and work-life balance*

*Table-based Exchange and Deliberation:*

- ◆ *Themes and activities for a new EU Gender Equality Strategy*
- ◆ *Report back from each table on priorities for a future EU Gender Equality Strategy*

15.15 ***Closing Remarks***

15.30 ***Close***