

**13 May: 12:30 – 18:00 pm (CET)**  
**Debate: 'Make Europe Better for Women!'**

With one week left to go until the European parliamentary elections on 22 May, Atria presents - in cooperation with her European partner organizations – an international debate on women and Europe, taking place on Tuesday 13 May. Through the examination of a series of case studies, a number of questions will be addressed, such as: What is the significance of the European Union for women? What is the status quo of the EU's gender policy? What can be done to improve gender equality in the European society? Participants in other EU Member States will follow the discussion through a live online connection.

This debate is part of the project *Joint Citizen Action for a Stronger Citizen-Friendly Union* ([JoiEU](#)).

### Programme

12:30 – 13:00: Registration

13:00 – 13:05: Opening speech - Tilly Vriend, Moderator

13:05 – 13:15: Introduction - Agnes Jongerius, President of Atria's Supervisory Board and Candidate for the European Parliament

#### 13:15 – 14:35: Part 1:

- The Status Quo: An Overview of European Gender Policy and Commitment to Institutional Mechanisms - Willemien Ruygrok, director Europe Consultancy
- Domestic violence in a European Context - Renée Römkens, Director/CEO Atria
- Online Presentations - JoiEU Partners
- Discussion

14:35 – 14:50: Coffee break

#### 14:50 – 16:20: Part 2:

- The Politics of Gender Equality Representations in Europe - Liza Mügge, Assistant Professor Gender & Ethnicity, Political Science, University of Amsterdam
- A Glimpse into the Future: What Role for the European Parliament in the Further Improvement of the EU's Gender Policy? - Emine Bozkurt, Member of the European Parliament
- Online Presentations - JoiEU Partners
- Discussion and Recommendations

16:20 – 16:30: Break

16:30 – 17:05: Performance "Aletta Jacobs" (in Dutch) - Marijke Kots, Dramatist

17:05 – 17:15: Conclusions

17:15 – 18:00: Networking drinks

### Location

Auditorium Atria (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Vijzelstraat 20, Amsterdam

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