

## Who's who?

PES Women Executive is formed by a President, three Vice-Presidents and Bureau members, who are elected every two and a half years .



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### PES Women's role is to :

1. Discuss and adopt strategic initiatives and specific policy themes.
2. Agree on campaigns, declarations and resolutions.
3. Exchange information and best practices on relevant European and national policies.

*"Europe has always represented equality and progress for women and men and thanks to a common European project we have achieved important steps for women's rights, social justice and democracy. We need to continue our progressive fight united and in solidarity. Join us across Europe and together we can build a more equal and more progressive Europe."*

**Zita Gurmai**  
PES Women President



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## Women of Europe

The same Rights,  
The same Fights!



Let us continue our work together and make women's voices heard all over Europe! Want to know more?

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# Priorities

PES Women is the Women's organisation of the Party of European Socialists and brings together women - MPs, MEPs and activists from PES member parties. It is dedicated to advancing the rights of women in the European Union and achieving true gender equality between women and men.

**PES Women priorities in the period 2009 - 2014 are :**

1. **Better jobs** and women's **economic independence**, also in later life.
2. **The balance** of family life, care and work for women and men.
3. **Equal representation** in all forms of decision-making.
4. **The right** to sexual and reproductive health.
5. **Stopping trafficking** and **sexual exploitation** of women and children.

# Actions

Women aged over 65 years are at much higher risk of poverty than men: on average this risk reaches 22% for women versus 16% for men. Women are being disadvantaged for contributing more to society: they stop working or work part-time to look after children or older relatives. This campaign raises awareness on this crucial situation by putting pressure on national and European decision-making bodies.

**2011: Women & Pensions**



**2010 : My Body, My Rights**



Campaign dedicated to promoting sexual and reproductive rights, calling for universal maternal health and combating violence against women.

**2009 : A Charter for European Women's rights**

In its manifesto for the 2009 European elections, the PES made gender equality a top priority, by proposing the creation of a European Women's Rights Charter guaranteeing the same rights for all women across Europe in all fields and aspects of life. This Charter should be carried by a platform that is visible, effective, target-driven and has a sufficient budget to guarantee the fight against inequalities and ongoing challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



**EUROPE through WOMEN'S EYES**

**2008:** PES Women published this book as a contribution to the European election campaign. It is a valuable compilation of 35 articles that made women's voice heard all over Europe.

PES Women pushed for child care available for everyone. It started with high EU representatives' signing the Child care Book that stated "We believe that child care should be a basic public service for all who want it."

**2007 : Put Children first**



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**Gender pay gap, shut it!**



**2007:** Despite long-standing legislation at European and national levels, the difference between the pay of men and women is 15 % on average across the EU. PES Women calls for concrete actions to shut the gap!

**2006 : Trafficking against women**

PES Women organised a successful anti-trafficking campaign in 2006 prior to the World Cup. An online petition was signed by over 23,000 people from across Europe and the world. These signatures included PES prime ministers, party leaders and prominent politicians. PES Women has conveyed this widespread public concern to key decision-makers and demanded immediate action to prevent this human rights violation.

**Celebrate the World Cup  
Fight sexual slavery  
Sign up to our petition**  
PES Women