

Article – International Women’s Day 2020: 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration



What is the Beijing Declaration?

In 1995, the UN’s 4th World Conference on women adopted a resolution regarding the empowerment and advancement of women around the world. It set out strategic objectives to achieve gender equality in [12 areas](#), including the economy, [violence against women](#), [women in power](#) and women and the environment. As the vote took place in Beijing, this resolution is known as the Beijing Declaration.

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Events in Parliament

To mark the [anniversary of the Beijing Declaration](#), Parliament’s [women’s rights committee](#) is organising an [event](#) on Thursday, 5 March. The focus will be on two issues: **Beijing 25+: next steps towards Generation Equality**, which will look at women in the economy, women’s entrepreneurship as well as the gender pay and pension gaps; as well as **women leadership in the fight for climate justice**.

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Parliament President David Sassoli will open the event, which will be chaired by [Evelyn Regner](#), chair of Parliament's women's rights committee.

[*Follow the event online on 5 March, from 9.00 to 12.30 CET.*](#)

You can also follow a seminar for journalists on gender equality on Wednesday 4 March. It will focus on:

- Empowering women: business, entrepreneurship, pay gap
- Women's role in the climate change fight
- Violence against women: the steps towards the accession of the EU to the Istanbul Convention