

# Women and men in the digital Europe

Digitalisation will be under the spotlight of EIGE and the network of nine EU Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) agencies this year.

“While chairing the network, EIGE wanted to give special focus to digitalisation, which has dramatically changed the everyday lives of both women and men. We also aim to highlight the human dimension in all other areas of the network and to bring to the surface the crucial differences of how they affect women and men”, says Virginija Langbakk, Director of EIGE.

The JHA network has an important role to play in Europe. The work of the nine agencies helps ensure that the EU is well equipped to deal with security, justice, fundamental rights and gender equality. The agencies work on a wide range of important areas, including migration and border management, drug trafficking and combating organised crime and human trafficking. Since these areas have a lot in common, the network was established to make use of the synergies and share information.

The network has also taken a strong stance to demonstrate their shared values. In 2017, the heads of the JHA agencies signed a [joint statement on zero tolerance for sexual harassment](#). Men Directors of the JHA agencies also signed a White Ribbon Campaign pledge to never tolerate or remain silent about violence against women and took on the role of Ambassadors for the campaign.

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## CMA right to say purchase of Sky would hand too much power to the Murdoch's – Watson

Tom Watson MP, Labour's Shadow Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, responding to the decision by the Competition and Markets Authority to

provisionally block Rupert Murdoch's sky takeover bid, said:

"The CMA is right to say the proposed purchase of Sky by Fox would hand too much power and influence to the Murdoch family. Labour believes a greater number of companies should own our media to encourage a diversity of views.

"This announcement is a victory for the thousands of people who joined the campaign and forced the Government and the regulator to stand up to the Murdochs for once instead of simply waving this bid through. I hope the CMA's provisional ruling today finally puts paid to this bid."

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## **Regulator's decision to block Murdoch's £11.7bn takeover of Sky must be the end of this saga**

The Competition & Markets Authority has provisionally blocked Fox's attempt to buy the 61% of Sky that it does not own already.

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## **Government back Lib Dem pension proposal**

The government have today agreed to bring forward plans to review the current rules concerning the priority of pensioners following pressure from the Liberal Democrats.

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# University of Dundee exhibitions



There are two new exhibitions at the University of Dundee.

In the Lamb Gallery, the exhibition “Botanical Conversations” features highlights from the University’s amazing Herbarium collection, stunning botanical teaching charts and beautiful works of art inspired by plants. It describes the history of botany teaching at the University and also showcases some fascinating projects being carried out both here and at the James Hutton Institute.

Meanwhile, in the Tower Foyer Gallery, “Exploring our own Backyard” has been put together by the University of Dundee Botanic Garden and highlights the current project to revamp the Garden’s native plants area.

This is the jewel in the Garden’s crown and is still unusual in botanic gardens, which traditionally showed little interest in their natives. Dundee’s garden is young, founded in 1971, and it was committed from the start to telling the story of Scottish plants and their ecology.

This exhibition also celebrates the work of William Gardiner, a working man from Dundee who became a distinguished botanist in the first half of the nineteenth century, and was the first to compile a flora of the local area, unique examples of which will be on display.

Exploring our own Backyard runs until 17th March and Botanical Conversations ends on 31st March.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.30am to 7pm; Saturday 1pm to 5pm. Full exhibition details are available [here](#).