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**Věra Jourová**

**EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality**

Věra Jourová is the European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. Previously Ms. Jourová held the position of Minister for Regional Development in the Czech Republic. From 2006 to 2013, she worked in her own company as an international consultant on European Union funding, and consulted on EU accession activities in the Western Balkans. From 2003 to 2006, Ms. Jourová was the Deputy Minister for Regional Development. Ms. Jourová holds a Degree in Law (Mgr.) and a Master's degree (Mgr.) in Theory of Culture from the Charles University, Prague.



**Françoise Tulkens**

**Former Judge and Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights, Associate Member of the Royal Academy of Letters, Sciences and Fine Arts of Belgium**

Françoise Tulkens was a Professor at the University of Louvain (Belgium) and has taught, in Belgium and abroad, in the fields of human rights protection systems, criminal law and juvenile justice. From 1998 to 2012, she was a Judge in the European Court of Human Rights, serving as Section President and as Vice-President of the Court. She has been an Associate Member of the Royal Academy of Belgium since 2011 and chaired the King Baudouin Foundation between 2012 and 2016. In September 2012, she was appointed as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Advisory Panel for Kosovo, which completed its work in June 2016. She holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Geneva, Limoges, Ottawa, Ghent, Liège and Brighton.



**Shéhérazade Semsar-de Boissésou**

**CEO of POLITICO Europe**

Shéhérazade Semsar-de Boissésou is CEO of POLITICO's European operation. Shéhérazade was previously owner and publisher of European Voice, the leading media in Brussels covering EU policy. A native of Tehran, Iran and a French national, Shéhérazade graduated from the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in 1990 with a B.A. and a M.S. in International Finance. From 2013 Shéhérazade has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Georgetown University, Washington D.C. Shéhérazade also serves on the Advisory Board of Georgetown Women Institute for Peace and Security.



**Dagmar Schumacher**

**Director of the UN Women Brussels Office**

Dagmar Schumacher is the Director of the Brussels office of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (UN Women). Ms. Schumacher previously worked at the headquarters of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, Bonn, as Chief of the Partnerships Section. From 1998 – 2002 she worked with UNDP in Hanoi, heading the Poverty and Social Development Unit; before which she worked with the UN in Latin America and New York. She holds a Master Degree from Kiel University.



**Sietske Steneker**

**Director of the Brussels Office of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund**

Sietske Steneker is the Director of the Brussels office of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. Ms. Steneker, a national of the Netherlands, has previously worked as UNFPA Representative in the Russian Federation, Honduras and El Salvador. She holds Masters Degrees in International Law (from Leiden University, the Netherlands) and Public Health in Developing Countries (from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK). UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, delivers a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

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INNOVATE  
FOR CHANGE

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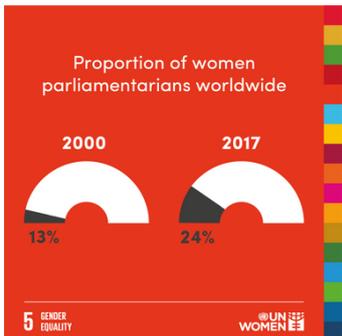
### International Women's Day

The theme for International Women's Day (IWD 2019) is "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change". Echoing the Commission on the Status of Women's priority theme this year, IWD 2019 will look to industry leaders, gender equality activists, and women innovators to examine the ways in which innovation can remove barriers and accelerate progress for gender equality, encourage and build services and infrastructure that meet the needs of women and girls. These themes also contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 on Gender Equality.

At the age of 85, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is portrayed in the documentary, has developed a lengthy legal legacy while becoming an unexpected pop culture icon. Her tireless work to change the American legal system has focused on strengthening women's rights, and therefore human rights. Justice Bader Ginsburg's career exemplifies the potential for removing barriers to gender equality through an innovative approach to legal reform. Listening to women's voices and increasing women's participation in decision-making is fundamental for building smart and innovative societies.

### European Commission

The European Commission is a key actor in Europe fighting for gender equality. When Věra Jourová was appointed as European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, she said "In my mandate, I intend to be the voice of people's interests...It means breaking the glass ceiling so that women can choose to be doctors, head teachers, CEOs or politicians on the same basis as men and earn equal pay."



### UNFPA

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Its mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. The UNFPA supports reproductive health care for women and youth in more than 150 countries, reliable access to modern contraceptives sufficient to benefit 20 million women a year, and prevention of gender-based violence, which affects 1 in 3 women.

### UN Women

UN Women is the global champion for gender equality, working to develop and uphold standards and create an environment in which every woman and girl can exercise her human rights and live up to her full potential. We are trusted partners for advocates and decision-makers from all walks of life, and a leader in the effort to achieve gender equality.

