



1 - MARIANNE THYSSEN

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SKILLS AND LABOUR MOBILITY

Marianne Thyssen, a Belgian politician, became the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility in 2014, working throughout her mandate to implement the European Pillar of Social Rights. Her political efforts at European but also local level have positively impacted the lives of workers. Previously a Member of the European Parliament for over 20 years, Marianne Thyssen shows true European spirit by harmonising the living and working conditions of people all over Europe, continuously keeping an eye on the bigger picture and the highest possible standards rather than the lowest common denominator.

2 - MARGOT WALLSTRÖM

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF SWEDEN

It was under Margot Wallström's leadership that the Swedish feminist foreign policy was initiated. She has been an influential woman on the European scene for many years, serving as European Commissioner for Environment from 1999-2004 and as First Vice-President of the European Commission from 2004-2010. She was chosen to be the first-ever United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict under Ban Ki-Moon and served in this position from 2010-2012. She also received the French Legion of Honour in 2014 in recognition of her courageous political leadership and defense of women's rights.

3 - SABINE WEYAND

DEPUTY CHIEF BREXIT NEGOTIATOR FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Sabine Weyand, a senior German trade negotiator and a doctorate in political science, leads the European Commission's Taskforce on Article 50 negotiations with the UK alongside Michel Barnier. Fighting hard to represent the interests of 27 Member States, she and her team coordinate the Commission's work on all strategic, operational, legal and financial issues related to these negotiations. She has over 20 years of experience in working on trade relations, most prominently in the context of TTIP and CETA, and has also played key roles in developing the EU's climate policies and in preparing leaders for G7/G8 summits. She is known and praised for her professionalism, her fairness and her sharpness in the current negotiations.



1 - ORLA O'CONNOR, AILBHE SMYTH & GRAINNE GRIFFIN

TOGETHER FOR YES

The three women co-directed the national civil society campaign, Together for Yes, to repeal the eight amendment in the Republic of Ireland, mobilising thousands of volunteers across the country. A women-led grassroots campaign focusing on the experiences and needs of women has created a blueprint for reproductive rights campaigners across Europe and beyond. The women led a campaign that centred on the need for care and compassion, where women's experiences and voices were at the forefront. They continue to work to ensure that legislation is passed which means that every woman, no matter where they live, will be able to access abortion care.

2 - DÜZEN TEKKAL

JOURNALIST, FOUNDER OF HAWAR.HELP

Düzen Tekkal is founder and chairwoman of the non-profit organization HAWAR.help, which offers humanitarian support to prosecuted Yazidi people in need. Together with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development she recently launched the project "Back to Life", seeking to empower women who fell victim to Islamic State captivity and assists their return to society through educational programs in crafts and literacy. Her commitment aims for a diverse, inclusive and democratic society that fights extremism and protects minorities.

3 - WILLEMEN KONING-HOEVE

LOBBYIST, DAIRY FARMER

Willemien Koning-Hoeve, a co-owner of a dairy farm, currently chairs LTO Women and Business (Women farmers in the Netherlands). In the past, she also chaired the European wide organisation Copa Women's Committee. Willemien addresses women farmers all over Europe to raise awareness on solutions to support and empower women in rural areas, and to enhance the positions of women-farmers. For this, she also worked with EU Commissioner Hogan and MEP's. She drafted the EP Report "Women and their role in rural areas" with Marijanne Petir MEP and lobbied on issues such as the gender pension gap & jobs in rural areas.



1 - CHRISTINE BOSSE

EUROPEAN MOVEMENT DENMARK

Christine Bosse, previously the CEO of the large Danish insurance company Tryg, is a Danish businesswoman who works full-time as Board Member in several international orientated companies. Additionally, she serves as the president of the European Movement Denmark, dedicating herself to promoting European cooperation. She is one of the key founders and leading actors of the initiative Vi Vil Europa (We Want Europe), where a wide range of political parties, NGOs, trade unions and business organisations work together to strengthen the Danish public debate about the European Union, for instance by setting up citizen dialogues in work places, schools and public libraries throughout the country.

2 - AXELLE LEMAIRE

ROLAND BERGER

In her current position at Roland Berger, Axelle Lemaire is Global Head of Terra Numerata, a platform bringing together digital players, with more than 100 partners as of today, including startups, investors and technology experts. After serving as Deputy for French overseas residents in the National Assembly, she was a French government member from April 2014 to March 2017, where she held the position of junior minister in charge of Digital affairs under President François Hollande. Recognised as a pioneer in the French Tech movement, she has been promoting the startup movement worldwide. She is a strong advocate of net neutrality and has made transparency in Europe a key point in her engagement.

3 - GLORIA MILLS

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION'S WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Gloria Mills is a trade unionist who negotiates and defends women workers' rights and gender equality. She is currently the President of the European Trade Union Confederation's Women's Committee. As the leader of the Committee, she has redoubled efforts to close the gender pay gap and break the glass ceiling that women face across Europe. She has also made influencing the policies of the EU for better work-life balance a priority of the Committee. She is also National Secretary for Equality at British trade union UNISON and was the first black woman to hold the post of President of the Trade Union Congress (TUC). She also served on the Commission for Racial Equality in the UK and is a National Executive Member of BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Labour society.



1 - VIOLA BIANCHETTI

AEGEE

Over the past years, Viola Bianchetti has managed to bring the change in the field of equal rights, youth policy and anti-discrimination law. She was the coordinator of Equal Rights Working Group for 2017-2018, leading an international team of young volunteers. Additionally, earlier this year, she was elected to the board of AEGEE and she now is the Projects Director for 2018-2019. For the past year, as coordinator of Equal Rights Working Group of AEGEE-Europe, she managed to lead an international team of young volunteers, organizing plenty of activities and projects all around Europe. In cooperation with AEGEE's Safe Person project, she has also been raising awareness around the topic of sexual harassment, especially in the youth field.

2 - SIGRID FRIIS PROSCHOWSKY

CHAIR OF RADIKAL UNGDOM IN DENMARK

Sigrid Friis chairs a political youth group and has been fighting to change the perception of the EU among young people. She uses her strong rhetorical sense to influence the debate by introducing phrases such as EUphoric, which is now widely known in the Danish EU debate. Sigrid's main goal is to increase the democratic engagement of young people in both national and European elections. She has travelled across Denmark, bringing people together to discuss European matters and their visions of the future of Europe. She also set up political meetings, where young people meet and discuss their visions for the future of Europe.

3 - SODFA DAAJI

AFRIKA YOUTH MOVEMENT & EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MIGRANT WOMEN

Sodfa Daaji is a young Italian-Tunisian activist based in Italy, advocating for secularism and universal rights of women. She was actively involved in the Tunisian revolution and led several crucial women's rights campaigns in the European and African region. As a member of the European Network of Migrant Women (ENOMW) she is leading the network's work on capacity-building, mobilisation, consciousness-raising and civic activism of young migrant girls age 13-20 in Europe via the group called #RadicalGirlsss. She is also coordinating the exchange and collaboration between young migrant women in Europe and their counterparts in the African region, thus, acting as a crucial link for young women between the two continents.