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## Putting gender equality and work-life balance at the heart of a growing Europe

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11:30– 13:30

Thon Hotel EU  
Belgium Ballroom  
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1040 Brussels

Gender equality is one of the core principles of the EU as set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union. However, this equality is far from having been achieved. Notwithstanding the significant benefits that greater equality would bring in terms of economic growth and social cohesion, this issue tends to be dominated by narratives from the left of the political spectrum.

To coincide with the Martens Centre launch of research into this topic this event will consider how labour market equality should be at the core of centre and centre right policy formulation as we move towards a more digitalised society. This event will highlight issues such as work life balance, education, taxation, childcare and cultural norms as all being essential in delivering policies that can bring real benefits for millions of hard working families across Europe.

As part of the ongoing Martens Centre “*Middle Class*” Research Cluster a panel of policy makers and experts will discuss why greater labour market equality, education and work life balance is important for a successful digital economy, vital for centrist political parties and essential for European citizens.

### PROGRAMME

11.30	Registration
12:00	Welcome remarks: <b>Mikulas Dzurinda</b> , President, Martens Centre
12:05	Keynote: <b>Commissioner Mariya Gabriel</b> , Digital Economy and Society, Vice President of EPP Women
12:15	Panel Discussion: <b>Commissioner Mariya Gabriel</b> , Digital Economy and Society, Vice President of EPP Women <b>Mairead McGuinness MEP</b> , Vice President of the European Parliament <b>Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz MEP</b> , Member + EPP Co-ordinator of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality <b>Moderator: Dr Eoin Drea</b> , Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre
	Q&A session
13.30	Networking Lunch

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