

# Mayoress!

## Women in Local Leadership

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



From  
**9.30**  
a.m.

Dial-in and information on the use of the conferencing platform

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**10.00**  
a.m.

## Welcome

Dr Helga Lukoschat, Chairwoman of EAF Berlin

## Recorded welcome address

Christine Lambrecht, German Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

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**10.10**  
a.m.

## Experiences from the MAYORESS Project

IMPULSE DISCUSSION

What is the present situation in the EU and specifically in the project partner countries?  
What are the lessons learnt? What best practices have been developed?  
How can mayoresses be made more visible and the topic be put on the agenda?

**Malgorzata Druciarek**, Institute of Public Affairs, Head of Gender Equality Observatory, Poland

**Julia Mouzon**, CEO and Founder of Elueslocales.fr – network for local female politicians, France

**Pauline Sterrer**, Mayoress of Rüstorf, member of the Austrian mayoress network, Austria

**Moderator:** Manuela Möller, Director EAF Berlin and Project Manager of MAYORESS

10.45  
a.m

## More Women into Town Halls: from lone warriors to networkers

CROSS-BORDER WORKSHOPS

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Four workshops taking place simultaneously will offer room for in-depth discussions and cross-border networking. The workshops will treat the same guiding questions relating to the experiences of mayoresses: What are the experiences mayoresses gather on the way into office? What are the barriers and challenges? Where do they find support? How can cross-border cooperation be strengthened?

Simultaneous translations will be provided for two of the workshops and the other two will be held exclusively in English. When you sign up on the registration platform, you have the option to choose not only the language but also the focus of the workshops that you want to attend.

**Beata Klimek**, Mayoress of Ostrów Wielkopolski;

Focus: cooperation with civil society

*Workshop with simultaneous translation into D/F/PL*

**Christian Erhardt**, Editor in Chief of the German magazine KOMMUNAL, Europe's leading magazine for local politics;

Focus: support structures against hate and hate speech on the internet

*Workshop with simultaneous translation into D/F/PL*

**Jaimie Just**, Adviser – Equality and Diversity, Council of European Municipalities and Regions, largest head association of local and regional authorities of Europe; Focus: promotion of the political participation of women in the CEMR

*Workshop in English, no translation into D/F/PL*

**Katharina Bamberg**, Policy Officer – Gender, Migration & Integration, Eurocities, network of more than 200 major European cities;

Focus: cross-border local political cooperation

*Workshop in English, no translation into D/F/PL*

11.45  
a.m

## More Women into Town Halls: Change begins locally

NETWORKING IN COUNTRY FORUMS

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Building on the impulses set in the cross-border workshops, the discussion will be continued in national groups. What steps can be taken at the local or national level? How can self-organised networks of mayoresses be put together and expanded, respectively?

The workshops will be moderated by mayoresses and experts from the partner countries in the respective country languages without translation. English-speaking participants from other countries can also network and exchange ideas in their own forum.

### **FORUM 1: Germany**

**Birte Kruse-Gobrecht**, Mayoress of Bargteheide, speaker of the networks for full-time mayoresses in the state of Schleswig-Holstein

### **FORUM 2: Poland**

**Joanna Stolarek**, Office Manager of Heinrich Böll Stiftung Warsaw

### **FORUM 3: France**

**Geneviève Tapié**, Chairwoman of the Monitoring Office for Parity in the French Region Occitania

### **FORUM 4: Austria**

**N.N.**, Austrian association of municipalities, Austrian network of mayoresses

As needed:

### **FORUM 5: for English-speaking participants from other EU Member States**

N.N.

12.15  
p.m

Lunch break

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12.45  
p.m

### Spoken Word Art

Poetry Slam with the poet, singer and activist **Jessy James LaFleur**

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1.00  
p.m

### More Women into Town Halls: What role does the EU play?

What responsibilities does the EU have and what are the possibilities it offers?

Where is room for manoeuvre and where are the limits?

What is the contribution the recommended actions, which have been developed in the project, can make?

**Monika Chabior**, Vice Town President of Gdansk

**Dr Helga Lukoschat**, Chairwoman of EAF Berlin

**Evelyn Regner**, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) (requested)

**Frédéric Vallier**, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions

**Moderator:** Cécile Weidhofer, Director EAF Berlin

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2.00  
p.m

### Outlook and good-bye

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## EAF Berlin (Project Management)

EAF Berlin is committed to equal opportunities and diversity and works with renowned partners at the interface of politics, business and science. EAF Berlin has many years of international experience in promoting women's political participation through mentoring, networking and training.

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More information on the project as well as facts and figures on women in local political leadership positions in Europe can be found at:

[www.mayoress.org](http://www.mayoress.org)

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