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Greens/EFA roundtable on ending gender-based violence

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Gender-based violence (GBV) is one of the most systematic and widespread human rights violations in the world, claiming thousands of lives every year even before the pandemic.

Gender-based violence threatens a person's physical and psychological integrity. A life free of violence is a basic human right, one that every person deserves. Under COVID-19, it has surged worldwide into a shadow pandemic. Yet, the European Union still has no directive obliging its member countries to put an end to gender-based violence.

It's time the EU moves from empty words to concrete actions.

In this context, Greens/EFA is organising a high-level roundtable to bring together MEPs, Commission officials and representatives from civil society organisations and feminist movements.

For more information about our work on ending gender-based violence, [read more here!](#)

AGENDA OF THE ROUNDTABLE

15:00–15:15 Welcome and presentation of Greens/EFA campaign against GBV: A call for an inclusive and comprehensive directive (**Terry Reintke**, MEP, Greens/EFA)

15:15–15:30 Current state of play, upcoming plans and timeline for the directive (**Helena Dalli**, Commissioner for Equality)

15:30 – 16:20 Feminist round table: What is the added value of an EU directive on gender-based violence?

- **Dr. Lara Dimitrijevic**, LL.D., founding partner at Sciberras Associates
- **Dr. Sylwia Spurek**, MEP, Greens/EFA in the European Parliament
- **Magda Szarota**, disability and human rights advocate, disability studies researcher
- **Xenia Kellner**, co-founder, advocacy & policy coordinator, Young Feminist Europe

16.20 Closing words: **Diana Riba i Giner**, MEP, Greens/EFA in the European Parliament

16:30 Thank you, goodbye

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Terry Reintke

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