

## **INVITATION**

### **Feminist Responses to Growing Nationalism in the EU – part 2**

**Soraya Post,**

Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D)  
in the European Parliament, Feminist Initiative,  
is pleased to invite you to a regional feminist meeting as a follow-up of the study  
*"Mapping feminist response to growing nationalism in the European Union",*  
with a focus on possible actions in the present EU climate.

The main guest speaker of the event will be  
Gudrun Schyman, spokesperson of Feminist Initiative.

We would also like to use the opportunity to discuss future strategies and common actions together with you.

**Place:** Monika Centrum Hotels, Elizabetes iela 21, Riga, Latvia

**Date:** Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017

**Time:** 10.30-15.30

Costs for travel and accommodation will be carried by the participants themselves. The working language of the meeting will be English.

Please confirm your attendance no later than June 21<sup>st</sup> to Christina Wassholm; e-mail:  
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#### **Background to the meeting:**

During 2016, a study was carried out, looking on how the growing nationalism in Europe is affecting women's human rights and how movements within EU are organizing to combat this trend. The aim of the study was also to examine how the work to achieve gender equality within the European Union can be strengthened and developed, particularly in the political sphere, and if such a development could constitute a response to the growing right-wing movement in the EU.

At a European feminist meeting in Brussels in December 2016, hosted by MEP Soraya Post, the findings of the study were presented and the need for further strategy building was discussed. This meeting is a follow-up based on the conclusions of those discussions.

## **Preliminary program:**

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| 10.00       | Arrival, registration, coffee   |
| 10.30       | Opening speech by MEP Soraya Post on the work of the S&D group to enhance women's rights in the EU                              |
| 11.00       | A feminist analyses as a base for anti-nationalist politics – Gudrun Schyman  |
| 12.00       | Light lunch break   |
| 12.30       | Communicating feminism and fighting nationalist discourse – Aaron Israelsson, communications officer, office of MEP Soraya Post |
| 13.30       | Plans for strengthening the cooperation on EU level – discussion  |
| 15.00-15.30 | Conclusions and closing of the meeting  |