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PES Women brings together MPs, MEPs and activists from PES member parties to discuss and promote gender equality within and outside the PES.

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What is PES Women?

PES Women members are nominated by the socialist, social democratic and labour parties that are members of the Party of European Socialists.

The leadership of PES Women is elected every two and a half years and comprises a President, Zita Gurmai (MSZP, Hungary); three Vice-Presidents, Anna Karamanou (PASOK, Greece), Olga Zrihen (PS, Belgium) and Inger Segelström (SAP, Sweden); and an Executive Board. The incumbents of these posts were elected in October 2004.

What does PES Women do?

PES Women seeks to promote gender equality on two different levels.

Firstly, PES Women is currently strengthening the external dimension of its work, in terms of formulating and advocating policy recommendations on various issues, such as more and better jobs for women, equal pay, childcare and an end to all forms of violence against women.

Secondly, PES Women pushes for equal representation in PES bodies (such as working groups and high level groups) and supports the increase of women in decision-making in PES member parties. The PES Women President is a full member of the PES Presidency (the party board).

PES Women meets three times a year to discuss strategic initiatives, agree on campaigns and political resolutions, and share information on relevant European and national policies.

An annual conference is also held on a specific theme. In 2005 it took place in Brussels on 'More and better jobs for women: an EU priority?'

In 2006, PES Women organised a successful Annual Conference in Copenhagen, the subject was "Women, Religion and Culture in Europe".

**Celebrate the World Cup.
Fight sexual slavery.**

Dear President Barroso,

Thousands of women and girls will be trafficked into Germany for prostitution during the World Cup.

I urge you as President of the European Commission to take action, in cooperation with EU countries, to stop this crime.

PES Women organised a successful anti-trafficking campaign in 2006. An online petition (text above) was signed by over 23,000 people from across Europe and the world. These signatures included PES prime ministers, party leaders and prominent politicians.

In addition to the handing over of the signatures to José Manuel Barroso, European Commission President and Franco Frattini, Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security, PES Women also met with PES Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs prior to the Council meeting. As a result, Trafficking of Human Beings and the need for action has been raised at EU-level and was part of the Council's Conclusion in April 2006.