

Invitation



When: 11-12 October 2018

Where: Conference Center "Austria Center Vienna", in Vienna/Austria

Austria uses the momentum of her Presidency of the Council of the European Union to inspire an open and future-oriented dialogue about gender equality.

We aim to strengthen gender equality together with you! The Austrian Presidency, in cooperation with the Austrian National Youth Council and the European Youth Forum, cordially invites you to join us for the conference 'Gender Equality and YOU. Young Voices. Joint Initiative.'

The conference will be dedicated to the future priorities for the work on gender equality in the EU. It will be a space where people of diverse generations, backgrounds and organisations meet and discuss at eye level: young people and youth representatives, Ministers for Gender Equality, political representatives from EU organisations as well as experts from NGOs and public institutions.

Experts and newbies in the area of gender equality are welcome to join in the interactive and participatory debate on:

- What are YOUR visions for the future of gender equality in the EU?
- How do perceptions and experiences between persons from different generations and countries match?
- In what policy areas do YOU see a need to strengthen gender equality?

The event is currently being prepared together with young people in a series of workshops to ensure that their voices and ideas are the basis of the conference agenda. The detailed program will be shared with conference participants in early September 2018.

Practical information

We kindly ask you to complete the **online pre-registration** at your earliest convenience.

Please note that the pre-registration will close once the maximum number of participants has been reached or on 10 September 2018 at the latest.

You will thereafter receive a notification email confirming your attendance, including an **accreditation link** for the event. Please note that accreditation closes on 27 September 2018.

While we will be very happy to welcome participants up to the maximum number of 250 persons, funding for travel and accommodation can be provided for one NGO representative as well as for one expert from public institutions from each EU Member State. The Presidency will allocate funding following the date of registration and request for funding. Therefore, we encourage experts to coordinate amongst themselves beforehand as regards funding. The conference 'Gender Equality and YOU' is co-funded by the European Commission.

Furthermore, funding for travel and accommodation is also provided for two young people from each EU Member State. The invitation has been broadly shared and the application procedure is already ongoing.

For further details please see the practical information attached.

For more information on the conference please contact: GENDER.EQUALITY@BKA.GV.AT.