EU Side Event
"Engaging young women and men, girls and boys, to advance gender equality"

Side event organized by the Delegation of the European Union in conjunction with Denmark, Ireland and Portugal on the occasion of the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

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The side event looks at policies and innovative measures in the European Union to make sure that girls and boys, young women and young men can fully contribute to the promotion of gender equality, overcoming gender stereotypes and traditional roles, which hinder their full contribution to construction of an equal, democratic and efficient society.

Programme

Mr Manu Sareen, Minister for Gender Equality, Denmark will explain why and how traditional gender roles transmitted in early childhood are among the main cause of the persistence of gender inequalities in our societies. He will then present how Denmark has decided to break this vicious circle by involving and focusing on young people and children.

Ms Kathleen Lynch, T.D., Minister of State for Disability, Equality, Mental Health and Older People, Ireland will discuss guidelines on gender equality issues introduced for pre-school, primary and secondary schools in Ireland and will outline the curriculum used to promote gender awareness and relationships education in secondary schools there.

Ms Teresa Morais, State Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs and Equality, **Portugal** will discuss Portuguese policies, strategies and programmes to combat gender stereotypes and the fundamental role of education and training in promoting effective equality between women and men at all levels.

Ms Viviane Teitelbaum, Belgian representative of the European Women's Lobby Board and President of the National Council of French Speaking Women's Organisations in Belgium (CFFB) will speak briefly about the activities and position of the EWL in relation to men's contribution to gender equality and present some of the activities of the CFFB in relation to education and gender stereotypes.

Followed by questions and answers