



Agenda

Motherhood in Europe: The Real Story

Presentation of the 2024 Motherhood Survey Results to EU Policymakers

Place: European Parliament

Date: 22 September 2025

Time: 16:00 – 18:00 CET

Hosted by MEP Maria Noichl (S&D)

Organised by Make Mothers Matter

15:45 Arrival & Registration

16:00 – Opening session

- Welcome video
- Opening words by Shahnaz Pakravan, MMM Communications Director, and Johanna Schima, Head of MMM EU Delegation
- Welcome address by MEP Maria Noichl (S&D)

16:10 – Survey presentation

Angela Garcia Romero, MMM Projects Director, presents the key findings of the *2024 EU-wide Motherhood Survey* (conducted with Kantar).

16:20 – Panel discussion I: *Juggling Care and Career*

Moderated by Julie Foubert, Founder of *BeThe Change*

Speakers:

- Irena Moozová, Deputy Director-General, DG JUST, European Commission
- Christa Schweng, Vice-President, EESC
- Sylviane Balustre-d'Erneville, Engagement & Social Innovation Director, Founder of Engage & Care Coalition
- Dominic Richardson, Executive Director, Learning for Well-being Foundation

17:03 – Panel Discussion II: *Navigating Maternal Mental Health*

Moderated by Professor Alain Gregoire, Chair, Global Alliance for Maternal Mental Health

Speakers:

- Video message: MEP Maria Walsh (EPP)
- Lorena Boix Alonso, Deputy Director-General for Health, DG SANTE
- Sabine Saliba, Secretary General, Eurochild
- Ibone Olza, Child & Perinatal Psychiatrist, Co-founder European Institute of Perinatal Mental Health
- Representatives from the private sector, civil society, and MEPs (*TBC*)

17:45 – Closing

- Wrap-up by Johanna Schima, Head of MMM EU Delegation
- Closing remarks by MEP Maria Noichl (S&D)
- Final video with MMM's key policy asks

About the Event

This event presents the findings of the first EU-wide *Motherhood Survey*, with insights from nearly 10,000 women across 11 EU countries and the UK. It highlights the challenges mothers face in work, care, and mental health, and sparks dialogue on building supportive, inclusive policies for mothers in Europe.

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