

# A Safer ERA: Strengthening National Frameworks Against Gender-Based Violence

## Speakers and Panellists



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**Anastasia Bogoslavets** works at the Centre for Gender and Science at the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences. She contributes to the EU-funded GenderSAFE project, where she supports the development and implementation of the national monitoring methodology on gender-based violence in higher education and research across EU Member States and Associated Countries. She is involved in data collection, comparative policy analysis, and the presentation of EU-level monitoring results. She holds a degree in Sociology from the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University and is currently pursuing her master's studies.



**Dr Lut Mergaert** is Research Director and Senior Consultant at Yellow Window (Antwerp, Belgium). She has been the Principal Investigator and coordinator of numerous policy support studies on gender equality and has served as expert for the European Commission, the European Institute for Gender Equality, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, UN Women, and others. She holds a PhD in Management Sciences from Radboud University Nijmegen (NL). Gender mainstreaming in research, and the adoption and implementation of gender equality policies more

broadly, are her main research interests, on which she has published articles and book chapters. In recent years, she has been involved in several Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects focusing on structural change for gender equality. She was part of the UniSAFE project and is now one of the two scientific coordinators of GenderSAFE.



**Raffaella Ebersteiner** works in policy development at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Women, Science and Research in Vienna, focusing on gender equality and diversity in higher education and research. She represents the ministry in national and international working groups (including the ERA Forum subgroup on inclusive gender equality) and supports the implementation of diversity-oriented equality measures. Previously, she worked in science communication and cultural affairs at the ministry and as Assistant to the Rector at the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz. In addition, she gained experience at the Austrian Cultural Forum in Berlin and the Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance. She holds Master's degrees in Austrian Studies and Media and Communication Studies from the University of Vienna.



**Jennie Rothwell** is the Senior Manager of the Centre of Excellence for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Higher Education Authority in Ireland. The HEA's Centre of Excellence was established to ensure sustainable acceleration towards gender equality in Irish HEIs by providing centralised support for institutions, sharing of good practice, and funding for innovative organisational and cultural change initiatives nationally. As part of this work, the Centre oversees the implementation of the Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment Framework for higher education institutions in Ireland.



**Magdalena Chrobak-Tatara** is a civil servant working as Counsellor at the Department of International Cooperation at the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education. Magda works at the European Union Unit where she coordinates preparation of Polish position to the Competitiveness Council and Research Working Party meetings in the area of research. Magda was a member of the Polish Presidency corps that steered the work of the Council of the EU in the first half of 2025 and was involved in the negotiations of the European Research Area Policy Agenda for the years 2025-2027. Magda is Poland's delegate to the ERA Forum subgroup on inclusive gender equality and

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