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“The European Women’s Lobby aims at promoting women’s rights and equality between women and men in the European Union. EWL is active in different areas such as women’s economic and social position, women in decision-making, violence against women, women’s diversity etc. For EWL, this under-representation of women constitutes a serious democratic deficit, which undermines the legitimacy of the contemporary democratic ideal.

Parity democracy and the promotion of women in decision-making positions are therefore important areas of action for EWL. EWL has been actively promoting the implementation of parity democracy within the European institutions. Parity democracy implies the equal representation of women and men in decision-making positions. It goes a step further than quotas as it is based on the idea that women are not a minority: they represent more than half of the humanity –(a quantitative dimension)- and one of its two components – a qualitative dimension.”