



**“More Europe” for Women:  
The European Citizens’ Initiative**

**Friday, May 13, 2011 at 17:30**  
at the B & M Theocharakis Foundation for the Fine Arts & Music  
(Vas. Sophias 9 & Merlin 1)

**PROGRAMME**

Opening Addresses:

**Evangelos Meimarakis**, President of the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy

**Katerina Papakosta**, Secretary for Women Issues of Nea Demokratia

Presentations:

*The European Citizens’ Initiative. An institutional innovation of the Lisbon Treaty*

**Marietta Giannakou**, Head of the European Parliament Group of Nea Demokratia

*European Union policies on gender issues*

**Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**, Member of the European Parliament of Nea Demokratia, Vice-President of the European Parliament

*The role of gender in the European citizen’s status*

**Laura Alipranti-Maratou**, Ph.D. Sociology, Researcher at the National Centre for Social Research

*European Citizens’ Initiative: Democratic deficit and participation of European women in the decision-making centres*

**Teta Diamantopoulou**, Deputy Secretary for Social Cohesion and Solidarity of Nea Demokratia, Vice President of Women's Political Association

*European Citizens’ Initiative: Potential alliances in gender issues*

**Chara Karagiannopoulou**, Deputy Secretary for Women Issues of Nea Demokratia

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