

# WTP Lunch meeting with Board Members - 26 September 2017

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Following WIL Breakfast Debate at the European Parliament with Michel Barnier, the EU's Chief Negotiator for Brexit, some of the participants and alumni of our Women Talent Pool programme\* joined WIL Board members at the occasion of a **lunch meeting** to discuss about **career development issues and future developments of our Women Talent Pool program**.

*\* WIL Women Talent Pool programme is a unique cross-sectoral leadership programme that aims to train and promote a new generation of women leaders in Europe.*

We were happy to welcome to the lunch :

- **Raluca Anghel**, Head of Office, European Parliament (WTP)
- **Virginie Battu-Henriksson**, Press Officer, Foreign Affairs and Security & Defense, Council of the European Union (Alumni, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition)
- **Debbie Marks**, General Counsel, Orange (WTP)
- **Rita Motta**, Counsel, Latham & Watkins LLP (Alumni, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition)
- **Audrey Scozzaro**, Senior Manager, Government Manager Europe, Qualcomm (WTP)
- **Sigrid Windmolders**, Corporate External Legal Affairs Attorney Microsoft Belgium & Luxembourg (WTP)



From left to right: *Brigitte Dumont, Senta Marenz, Marion Ducasse, Debbie Marks, Sigrid Windmolders, Virginie Battu-Henriksson, Thaima Samman, Emanuela Palazzani, Audrey Scozzaro*

To start with, Thaima Samman emphasized the **great role of WIL in connecting senior level members with less experienced emerging talents**, while our Board members provided **valuable insights based on their own professional and life experiences**, in particular on the topic of **work-life balance**.

**“You bring to us as much as we bring to you”,**

Thaima Samman, Partner, SAMMAN Law and Corporate Affairs & WIL President.

**“Never feel guilty,  
always invest your energy in something else”**

Béatrice Delmas-Linel, Managing Partner, Osborne Clarke France



From left to right: *Audrey Scozzaro, Béatrice Delmas-Linel, Katherine Corich, Marina Niforos*

In turn, the participants of our WTP programme shared some feedbacks **about their experience of the WTP program**. In particular, they valued the skills they are able to develop during WIL training and workshop sessions and the opportunity they are given to attend events involving high-level speakers and attendees, and not only addressing women issues but all leadership related issue too.



From left to right: *Sigrid Windmolders, Virginie Battu-Henriksson, Thaima Samman*

**“WIL is about having big debates,  
we do not only discuss women issues and I really appreciate it.”,**

*Virginie Battu-Henriksson, Press Officer, Foreign Affairs and Security & Defense, Council of the European Union*

**“The network is so absolutely fantastically connected  
to so many talented individuals.”,**

Sigrid Windmolders, Corporate External Legal Affairs Attorney Microsoft Belgium & Luxembourg