

**Bio's Afropolitan Woman and Black Europe at the European Parliament. - EN
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Dr. Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana is the first woman of African descent elected as a Member of the European Parliament for Germany (Green/EFA). She was awarded the Helene Weber Prize for her commitment to human rights and fight against gender-based violence in Germany. She's decidedly committed to address racism and diversity and build bridges between communities in Germany, Europe and globally.

Samira Rafaela is a Member of the European Parliament for the Dutch Democrats D66. She is Coordinator for Renew Europe in the Committee on Women's rights and Gender Equality. Samira is also Member of the Committee's on International Trade, Employment and Social Affairs and Human Rights. She is Co-President of the Parliament's Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup. Prior to her election, Samira advised the Dutch police force on inclusion and diversity.

Ojeaku Nwabuzo is a PhD researcher at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel working on anti-racism advocacy and anti-discrimination policies. She is a senior research officer at the European Network Against Racism writing EU reports on racism and racial discrimination in the criminal justice system, migration for people of African descent.

Monica Semedo was born in 1984 in Grevenmacher, Luxembourg. Her Family roots are in Cape Verde. At the age of 12, Monica was spotted at a Luxembourgish singing contest and became soon after a presenter for RTL. Monica obtained a master's degree in political science and Spanish and Russian philology at the University of Trier. In 2019, Monica was elected Member of the European Parliament.

madeleine kennedy-macfoy is a sociologist with interdisciplinary academic and programmatic experience working on women's rights. Her work has included a focus on women's health and rights in African countries and advancing women's leadership and gender equality within the global education union. She lives in Brussels, where she works for Education International, the global federation of teachers' trade unions. She is also co-editor of the *European Journal of Women's Studies*.