

## BULGARIA

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## ITALIA

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"It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles



March 8<sup>th</sup>

and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women." (UN Womenwatch)

**Before the Second World War, Women's Day had been celebrated on different days in early March in several Italian cities. In 1945, the Union of Italian Women decided to hold all celebrations and commemorations on March 8**

Italy can boast of having created Women's Day's most charming tradition, the yellow mimosa. In Italy in this day all the women receive mimosa's flowers from her man..Abundant at this time of year, the flower was chosen by the Union of Italian Women in 1946 for its vibrant, joyous color and its fragile appearance (which disguises a sturdy plant) as well as its traditional symbolism of life from death.

*SPAIN*

Day of the Working Women