



SEELS CONFERENCE
“LEGAL PERSPECTIVES OF GENDER
EQUALITY IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE”

Law Faculty Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
24th and 25th September 2012

Aims of the Conference

Following the official establishment of South East European Law School Network (SEELS) on 25th March 2011, the member Law Faculties are fully dedicated to development and introduction of a new regional legal educational, research and training programs. One of the responsibility of the new programs is to ensure that SEELS actions also promote and protect gender equality and women's empowerment. In this respect, the Conference "Legal Perspectives of Gender Equality in South East Europe" organized by the South East European Law School Network (SEELS) and supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Open Regional Fund for South East Europe-Legal Reform would enable gathering for the first time of the distinguished and most dedicated experts and institutions in the region of South East Europe working in the field of gender equality. The Conference will contribute to networking of the relevant actors in SEE countries, sharing the knowledge, experience, best practices and lessons learnt by various institutions and exploring future opportunities and modes for regional cooperation. The final expected outcome of the Conference is the establishment of the SEE Gender Expert's Law Forum under the SEELS Network.

Key topics

- ❖ EU's Roadmap for gender equality
- ❖ Gender mainstreaming
- ❖ EU "Women's Charter": Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-2015
- ❖ A European Gender Equality Pact (2011-2020)
- ❖ Institutional support for gender equality in the EU

- ❖ National legal framework and compliance with EU Gender Equality Law
- ❖ National policy framework on gender equality (strategies; programs, etc.)
- ❖ National institutional framework on gender equality (relevant bodies and competencies)
- ❖ Gender equality in legal education
- ❖ Gender distribution at the Law Faculties
- ❖ Gender studies offered at higher educational institutions
- ❖ Curricula Gender mainstreaming
- ❖ Gender equality in legal professions
- ❖ Gender distribution in legal professions
- ❖ Addressing gender bias in judiciary training programs
- ❖ National achievements, challenges and recommendations for gender equality
- ❖ Advocate gender equality mechanisms and better enforcement of legislation
- ❖ Support for networking among gender institutional mechanisms
- ❖ Promotion of legal education with gender perspectives.

Participants

Academic staff from SEELS members, state officials, judicial training academies/centers; NGOs' representatives, international community.

Future cooperation

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss future opportunities and modes for regional cooperation and to become members of the SEE Gender Expert's Law Forum under the SEELS Network.



Monday, 24 September 2012

08:30 Registration of participants

09:00 Opening remarks, introduction and goals of the Conference

Mr. Florian Burkhardt, Embassy of FR Germany to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Prof. Dr. Meliha Poulakić, Vice Dean for international cooperation of the Faculty of Law of Sarajevo

Ms. Alexandra Hilbig, ORF Manager, GIZ Open Regional Funds for South East Europe

09:15 **Session 1: Gender equality in the European Union**

Ms. Genoveva Tisheva, Managing Director of the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation and member of the Network of Independent Legal experts on gender equality to the European Commission

09:45 **Session 2: Gender equality in the legal environment of South East Europe: The case of Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina**

- 09:45-10:15 **Dr. Oriona Muçollari**, Professor, Law Faculty in Tirana

- 10:15-10:45 **Dr. Jasna Bakšić Muftić**, Professor, Law Faculty in Sarajevo and **LL.M. Ivana Grubešić**, Senior Assistant, Law Faculty in Zenica

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00 **Continuation Session 2: Gender equality in the legal environment of South East Europe: The case of Croatia, Macedonia and Montenegro**

- 11:00-11:30 **Dr. Ivana Grgurev**, Assistant Professor, Law Faculty in Zagreb

- 11:30-12:00 **Dr. Karolina Ristova – Asterud**, Assistant Professor, Law Faculty “Iustinianus Primus” in Skopje

- 12:00-12:30 **Dr. Vesna Simović**, Professor, Law Faculty in Podgorica

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- **Prof. Dr. Jasna Bakšić Muftić**

- **Dr. Veronika Efremova**

- **Prof. Dr. Karolina Ristova Asterud**

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Session 2: Gender equality in the legal environment of South East Europe: The case of Serbia**

- 14:00-14:30 **Dr. Bojan Urdarević**, Assistant Professor, Law Faculty in Kragujevac

14:30 Discussion

14:45-15:00 Coffee break

15:00 **Session 3: National legal and policy framework and measures on gender equality**

- **Ms. Alida Tota**, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of Albania

- **Ms. Samra Hadžiabdić-Filipović**, Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **Ms. Ana Vuković**, Gender Center of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **Ms. Helena Štimac Radin**, Government of the Republic of Croatia Office for Gender Equality

- **Ms. Mirdita Saliu**, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Macedonia

- **Ms. Merima Baković**, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Montenegro

- **Ms. Jasmina Murtić**, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Serbia

16:30-17:00 Discussion

19:00 Joint dinner at the restaurant Lights (organized transport from the hotel)

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

09:00 **Session 4: Addressing gender bias in judiciary training programs**

- **Ms. Emira Shkurti**, School of Magistrates of Albania

- **Mr. Ismet Trumić**, Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- **Ms. Ivana Goranić**, Judicial Academy of Croatia

- **Ms. Marina Pejović**, Judicial Training Center of Montenegro

- **Ms. Mirjana Golubović**, Judicial Academy of Serbia

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 **Session 5: The role of NGO sector in SEE countries to promote gender equality**

12:15 **Session 6: Future challenges and opportunities: Modes for regional cooperation**

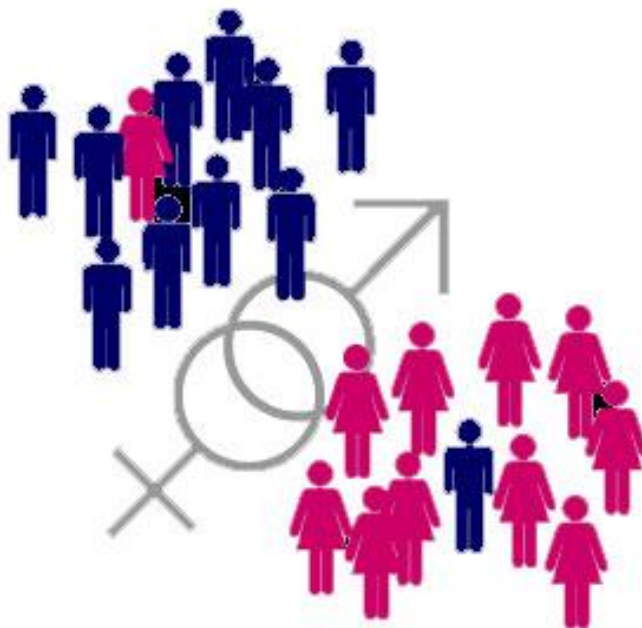
- Presentation of potential funding and common fields of interest

- Establishment of SEE Gender Expert's Law Forum as a platform for networking and cooperation between gender institutional mechanisms and international organizations

- Recommendations and conclusions for promotion of gender equality and legal education and training with gender perspectives

13:45 Closing of the Conference

14:00 Lunch



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