

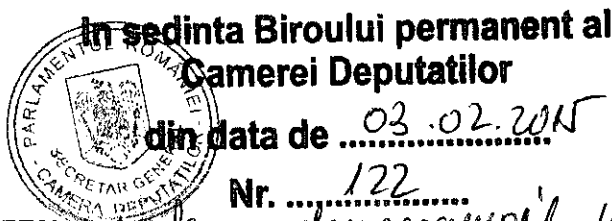


Parlamentul României
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București,
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MEMORANDUM INTERN

De la: Cristian Adrian Panciu, Secretar general al Camerei Deputaților

Către: Biroul permanent al Camerei Deputaților

Tema: Participarea la Conferința Femeilor Parlamentar din Sud Estul Europei, Belgrad, Serbia, 2 - 3 martie 2015

În perioada 2 - 3 martie 2015, se va desfășura Conferința Femeilor Parlamentar din Sud Estul Europei în Belgrad, Serbia.

Evenimentul este organizat de către Rețeaua parlamentară și Misiunea OSCE în Serbia, cu sprijinul Biroului pentru Instituții Democratice și Drepturile Omului (ODIHR).

Conferința își propune să creeze o platformă pentru o cooperare strânsă și mai substanțială între femeile parlamentare din țările SE Europene, prezentată într-un memorandum de înțelegere care urmează să fie convenit și semnat de către participanți.

Printre invitați se numără membri ai parlamentelor din următoarele țări: Slovenia, Croația, Bosnia și Herțegovina, Muntenegru, Macedonia, Albania, Turcia, Moldova, România, Bulgaria, Ungaria, Grecia, precum și membri ai Parlamentului European, reprezentanți ai instituțiilor relevante din Serbia, membri ai ONG-urilor de profil și organizațiilor internaționale.

La această acțiune organizatorii au invitat două doamne deputat, membre ale Parlamentului României, iar costurile aferente acestei delegații (transport, cazare și mese) vor fi suportate de către aceștia pentru o singură persoană.

Propunem:

- Biroul Permanent să înainteze liderilor grupurilor parlamentare din Camera Deputaților această invitație, iar aceștia să decidă asupra componenței delegației, formată din două doamne deputat specializate în egalitate de șanse, conform solicitărilor organizatorilor, cu respectarea echilibrului politic.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar conform art. 3, lit. e, al HBP 1/2003 modificată și completată prin HBP 5/2007.

Secretar general,

Cristian Adrian Panciu



National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

WOMEN Parliamentary Network

Belgrade, January 13, 2015

Dear Mr. Valeriu Stefan Zgonea,

It is our pleasure to invite members of your Parliament to the conference of women parliamentarians from South East Europe that will take place from 2nd till 3rd March 2015 in Belgrade. The Conference is jointly organised by the Serbian Women Parliamentary Network and the OSCE Mission to Serbia with the support of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

The Conference will explore the role of women Members of Parliaments in closing the gender gap thus further strengthening the position of women in their respective societies. Moreover, the Conference aims to create a platform for a closer and more substantial cooperation between women MPs in SEE countries outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding to be agreed upon and signed by the participants.

Invited participants include Members of Parliaments from SEE countries (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Albania, Turkey, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Greece), Members of the EU Parliament, representatives of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum, representatives of the relevant institutions from Serbia, members of NGOs and international organisations.

Delegations should be composed of two MPs, ideally representatives of women caucus or relevant committee. Inputs and opinions of both the ruling party and the opposition are very much appreciated. The meeting will be held in Serbian with simultaneous interpretation from/to English.

Together with this invitation, please find enclosed a concept paper with preliminary agenda of the conference, and registration form.

The costs of travel, accommodation and meals will be provided by the organisers. For logistical details please be in touch with our colleagues from the OSCE Mission to Serbia as indicated in the Registration Form.

For more information about the program of the Conference please contact Coordinator of the Women Parliamentary Network at the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia,

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We are looking forward to meeting your delegation in Belgrade in March 2015.

Yours faithfully,

Stefana Miladinović

Coordinator of the Serbian Women Parliamentary Network



National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

WOMEN Parliamentary Network

Conference of Women Parliamentarians from South East Europe
"Equal and Empowered – Stronger Together"

National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
Belgrade, 2-3 March 2015 TBC

I Background

The Women Parliamentary Network of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia (WPN) was established on 14 February 2013, as an informal network of women MPs from all political parties represented in the Serbian Parliament.

To date the WPN has achieved significant results in improving the position of women in Serbia. It has become a recognised actor in the field of gender equality both nationally and regionally. Recognising the importance and benefits of networking amongst women politicians at all levels, the WPN would like to incite regular meetings of women parliamentarians from SEE share their experience with each other and discuss issues of common concern.

Therefore, the Women Parliamentary Network is organising a conference to gather women parliamentarians from SEE and explore possibilities of future cooperation.

The Regional Conference will take place on 2-3 March 2015 in Belgrade at the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

II Program

This two-day conference will be dedicated to the initial insight in gender equality state of art in individual parliaments/countries, and to the exchange of best practices on three topics in three panel discussions.

One representative per Parliament will be given up to 10 minutes time to present key issues surrounding gender equality state of art and trends in their respective countries/parliaments including regulatory and institutional frameworks.(Special questionnaire to be prepared in order to achieve that all important elements are presented in all reports)

After the plenary session, the participants will be divided into three groups/panels dedicated to the following topics:

- a) Building power of women in parliamentary political parties,
- b) Impact of cross party cooperation of women MPs on processes and policies promoting empowerment of women and enjoyment of their indivisible human rights
- c) Implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

Afterwards the participants will discuss the topic of economic empowerment of women and exchange their views and relevant practices applied in their respective countries.

The second day of the Conference will include a panel organized in close cooperation with the Women in Parliaments Global Forum.

The Conference will result in a signed Memorandum of Cooperation in which the women parliamentarians will define their cooperation modalities. Draft Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Serbian Women Parliamentary Network in advance and shared with the participants for their consideration **at least one month prior to the date of the Conference.**

The Conference will also yield recommendations regarding possible improvements of the current situation in the explored fields.

III Participation

The Conference will gather Members of Parliament, representatives of the executive branch of power, nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, independent experts, and academia.

The list of invitees will include:

- Members of Parliament from:
 - o Slovenia,
 - o Croatia,
 - o Bosnia and Herzegovina,
 - o Montenegro,
 - o Macedonia,
 - o Albania,
 - o Turkey,
 - o Moldova,
 - o Romania,
 - o Bulgaria,
 - o Hungary,
 - o Greece,
 - o Serbia.
- Women in Parliaments Global Forum,
- Prominent NGOs from Serbia,
- International organizations present in Serbia,
- State institutions from Serbia,
- Independent experts,
- Academia.

IV Draft Program

Note: Points on the agenda dedicated to certain topics to be further developed in annotations.

Day 1

11.30 – 12.00 Arrival and registration of participants

12.00 – 12.30 **Opening remarks**

Ms. Maja Gojkovic, Speaker of the Serbian Parliament - TBC

OSCE Mission to Serbia – TBC

Ms. Zorana Mihajlovic, Vice President of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and President of the Coordination Body for Gender Equality - TBC

Ms. Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Chief Executive Officer of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum - TBC

Stefana Miladinovic, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Coordinator of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia

Moderator: Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Coordinator of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Stefana Miladinovic

12.30 – 12.45 **Group photo**

Press statements at the Central Hall of the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

12.45 – 14.00 **Gender equality – overview of the current situation and trends**

Presentations by the Parliaments of Serbia, Turkey, Croatia, Romania, Montenegro, Greece, and Albania on the following:

- Social and economic position of women after the outbreak of the economic crises in 2008
- Domestic violence
- Women and security,
- Women in politics,
- Women in parliament

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Dubravka Filipovski

14.00 – 14.30 Tour of the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

14.30 – 15.30 Lunch

15.30 – 16.45 **Gender equality – overview of the current situation - continuation**

Presentations by the Parliaments of Slovenia, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Hungary on the following:

- Social and economic position of women after the outbreak of the economic crises in 2008
- Domestic violence

- Women and security,
- Women in politics,
- Women in parliament

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Dubravka Filipovski

16.45 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 **Panel discussions** (in parallel):

- a) **Building power of women in parliamentary political parties,**
(Introductory remarks by Ms. Zita Gurmai Women in Parliaments Global Forum – TBC;
Moderator: Ms. Gordana Comic, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia),

- b) **Impact of cross party cooperation of women MPs on processes and policies promoting empowerment of women and enjoyment of their indivisible human rights**
(Introductory remarks by OSCE/ODIHR;
Moderator: Ms. Dijana Vukomanovic, Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia),

- c) **Implementation of the Istanbul Convention**
(Introductory remarks by the Office of the Council of Europe in Belgrade – TBC;
Moderator: Ms. Elvira Kovac, Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia).

19.00 – 20.00 **Cultural event**

(Departure by bus from the plateau in front of the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia at 18.45h)

20.30 – 22.00 Dinner hosted by the WPN

(Departure by bus at 20:00)

Day 2

09.00 – 11.00 Panel hosted by Women in Parliaments Global Forum TBD

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Economic empowerment of women-parliamentary experiences and practices (Plenary discussion)**

Introductory remarks by the WPN Serbia

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, president of Committee on the Economy, Regional Development, Trade, Tourism and Energy, Aleksandra Tomic

13.00 – 14.00 Conclusions (panels and plenary discussion)
Memorandum of Understanding
Initiatives

*Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Marija Obradovic;
Executive Director CEE Network for Gender Issues, Sonja Lokar*

14.00 – 14.30 Press statements and presentation of the MoU
(Introductory statement by the Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia Marija Obradovic and presentation of the Memorandum in the presence of the Conference participants)

14.30 – 15.30 Lunch (optional)

Departure