



5, 6 and 7 December 2019
Sombor, Serbia

FORUM

Women Mayors in South East Europe

Goals of the Forum:

- To empower and build coalition for enhanced gender mainstreaming in policy and gender responsive budgeting
- To facilitate networking opportunities, and strengthen co-operation and synergies among women mayors in SEE and women municipal council presidents
- To produce regional policy recommendations for gender responsive budgeting at local level in SEE.

Venue:
Sombor County Hall
Address:
Trg Cara Uroša br.1, Sombor

This Forum is part of NALAS project "Promoting e-learning and regional knowledge base development on gender-responsive budgeting", supported in the framework of UN Women project "Promoting Gender Responsive Policies and Budgets: Towards Transparent, Inclusive and Accountable Governance in the Republic of North Macedonia", funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency – Sida.



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05 Dec. 2019

Thursday

14:00 Arrival of participants and accommodation

19:00 Reception and welcome remarks

Ms. Dusanka Golubovic, Mayor of Sombor, President of SCTM
and NALAS Vice President

Mr. Kelmend Zajazi, Executive Director, NALAS

Ms. Ermira Lubani, GRB Regional Advisor, UN Women

Sombor County Hall

Address: Trg Cara Uroša br.1, Sombor

19:30 Dinner in Restaurant "Fijaker"

Location: Address: Park Heroja, Sombor

06 Dec. 2019

Friday

Moderator: Ms. Marija Risteska

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome coffee and registration

09:15 – 10:30 Welcome and opening remarks

Mr. Đorđe Staničić, Secretary General, Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities –
National Association of Local Authorities in Serbia

Introduction to program and objectives of the Women Mayor's Forum in SEE

- Introduction of participants
- Motivation to come to the forum
- Expectations from the women's forum

Human Bingo exercise

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- 11:00 – 12:00** **Status of gender equality in local life in SEE**
- Presentation of the status on gender in SEE and NALAS
 - Women mayors' panel: What do the gender statistics tell us about the relations between women and men in local life in SEE?
 - o **Ms. Aurelija Djan**, Gender Expert from Serbia
 - o **Ms. Larisa Voloh**, Mayor of the municipality of Palanca/Stefan Woda and President of CALM Women Network, Moldova
 - o **Ms. Sonja Nikčević**, Vice - Mayor of the Municipality of Nikšić Montenegro
 - Plenary discussion
- 12:00 – 13:30** **Gender responsive budgeting – knowledge and skills in SEE**
- **Prof. Tatjana Djuric Kuzmanovic** - Why we need GRB on local level? What is the transformative power of GRB for our communities?
 - Panel discussion/presentations on experiences from the field and results:
 - o **Ms. Lejla Rasic**, Minister of Local Self-government of Republic of Srpska, BiH
 - o **Ms. Smiljka Jovanović**, Provincial Secretary of Finance, Novi Sad, Serbia
 - o **Ms. Ermira Lubani**, UN Women GRB Regional Advisor - UN Women regional support to GRB initiatives
 - Open discussion on determining policy recommendations for GRB
- 13:30 – 14:30** **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 16:00** **Gender SEE Café**
- 5 Debate issues:
 - o Debate issue 1: How do we increase participation of women in local life: influence of women and men in political life, at all levels of governance, is a prerequisite for a democratic society?
 - o Debate issue 2: How do we mainstream gender in the local policies and budgets? What should be done by local governments?
 - o Debate issues 3: What are the challenges you foresee for mainstreaming gender in policy and budgets on local level?
 - o Debate issues 4: What preconditions need to be met in order for local governments to advance with gender mainstreaming?
 - o Debate issues 5: How do we measure impact on policy and budgets on gender relations between women and men on local level?
- 16:00 – 18:45** **Visit of Sombor** – the story of the painting "Battle of the Senta" by Franz Eisenhut, oil on canvas, 4 x 7 meters, 1896, County Great Hall, County Building in Sombor; Sombor downtown tourist spots; "Milan Konjović" Gallery and Town Museum of Sombor.
- 19:00** **Dinner**
- Location: Restaurant "Čarda Andrić"
- Address: Naselje Štrand 5, (Veliki Bački kanal), Sombor
- *Transport by bus from the Town Museum to the Restaurant is provided at 18:45*

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9:00 – 9:30

Welcome coffee

9:30 – 11:00

European Charter for Equality of Women and Men role in Local Life

- Ms. Jaimie Just, Policy Officer, Gender equality and diversity, CEMR
Achievements and gaps in the implementation of the Charter, what should the next frontier of gender equality in local life be about?
- Presentation of the status quo on Charters' signatories in SEE - NALAS

What are the good municipal practices from SEE?

- Ms. Jasmina Palurovic, Mayor of City of Krusevac

Experiences in promoting ECGE in local life

- Ms. Natasha Okilj, Gender focal point SCMT, Serbia

European Charter for gender equality in local life open discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

Women solidarity matters

Objectives of session: the session provides for networking opportunities and creating a safe space, supportive environment for women's solidarity in pursuing gender mainstreaming in policy and GRB initiatives on local level

12:30 – 13:00

Closing session

- Forum Conclusions
- Policy Recommendations on GRB

Closing remarks:

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13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00

Optional: visit of Sombor Wine Festival

Departure of participants