

The Study on gender equality in local political life and the gender perspective in local policies in Ukraine

The Study was developed within the framework of the project 'Promoting local democracy in Ukraine', implemented by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe within the Action Plan for Ukraine for 2015-2017.

It was discussed during the workshop on "Gender equality at local level: challenges and opportunities in Ukraine", and will be used as the basis for thematic activities to be implemented within the project "Strengthening democracy and building trust at local level in Ukraine" which is being carried out by the Congress as part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2021.

Scope of the Study

The purpose of the Study is to provide an overview of the current situation, windows of opportunities and existing obstacles on:

- Gender mainstreaming and consequent gender responsive policies;
- Implementation of gender equality policies and measures;
- Women's political participation.

It also reflects on existing international standards and policies, and presents the main challenges in terms of implementation, in particular at the local level.

Based on the analysis of current practices, measures and activities are proposed to local authorities and their associations to further integrate gender mainstreaming in their practices and procedures, and therefore promote gender equality in local political

life and ensure that a gender perspective is taken into account in all local policies.

Practical examples are provided as well as sources of information that could be useful in planning gender mainstreaming actions and promoting women's political participation at local level. A comprehensive list of sources for additional reading and useful materials is also provided.

The Study is available for download on the website of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

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