



**PEER REVIEW ON ISSUES OF GENDER EQUALITY AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION:
POLICY MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION¹**

Peer-to-peer meeting

24 November 2017

Kyiv, Ukraine

PROGRAMME

*Venue: Parliamentary Committee's building (3a, Sadova Street, office 330)
Moderator: Ms. Esther Isabelle de Jong, Council of Europe gender expert*

09:00 – 09:20	Registration of participants. Welcome coffee.
09:20 – 09:45	Welcome remarks and opening of the meeting Aim and main objectives of the meeting Introduction of the participants
09:45 – 10:15	<p>Achieving gender equal policies in Ukraine: opportunities and challenges in the Parliament of Ukraine</p> <p>Ms. Iryna SUSLOVA, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Chair of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on gender equality and non-discrimination</p> <p><i>Issues to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How the Ukrainian Parliament ensures gender equality policies? How successful and committed is the Parliament to this? What is the role of the Sub-committee on gender equality and non-discrimination in ensuring gender equality policies? - The difference between the parliamentary Sub-committee on gender equality and non-discrimination issues and the Inter-factional union of MPs “Equal opportunities” (Women Caucus) - What is the role of the Women Caucus in ensuring gender equality in policies? - What type of gender discrimination takes place in the Parliament? - The difficulties encountered in mainstreaming gender in the activities of the Parliament <p>Questions and Answers</p>

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10:15 – 12:00	<p>Good practices in achieving gender equal policies: country examples</p> <p>Ms. Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland, Member of Parliament; Chair of the Icelandic delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Ms. Karolina LEAKOVIĆ, Croatia, acting leader of SDP Croatia Women's Forum (since December 2016), Vice-President of PES Women (since June 2015), former MP (2010 – 2011 and 2014 – 2015)</p> <p>Ms. Judith SCHWENTNER, Austria, Member of the Green Group in the Austrian Parliament (since September 2009), Spokesperson for women and development policy (2013-2017)</p> <p>Ms. Fiona BUCKLEY, Ireland, Lecturer in the Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork; Co-founder of Irish Group 50/50</p> <p>Ms. Diane BUNYAN, United Kingdom, former member of Bristol City Council in SW, Director, Gender Equality Mainstreaming (GEM) Consultancy</p> <p><i>Issues to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of gender equality policies - Gender-budgeting - Cooperation between a committee on gender-equality (or alike) with an inter-factional union - Combatting gender discrimination in parliament - Ensuring gender mainstreaming in activities of the parliament <p><i>General discussion: How to achieve greater effectiveness in developing gender equal policies and what experiences which were presented could be used in Ukraine?</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:00	<i>Continuation of the general discussion</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>How to strengthen the cooperation between parliamentarians and civil society to achieve gender equal policies?</p> <p>Ms. Liudmyla CHERNIAVSKA, PhD in politics, gender expert</p> <p>Ms. Yevgeniya LUTSENKO, PhD in politics, Director, Centre of Social and Gender Research</p> <p>Ms. Larysa KOBELIANSKA, PhD in Philosophy, gender expert, Coordinator of Civic Council under the Women Caucus of Ukraine</p> <p>Ms. Ella LAMAKH, gender expert, NGO “Centre “Democracy Development”, programme manager</p> <p>Ms. Vira POROVSKA, executive director, Women Consortium of Ukraine [TBC]</p> <p>Ms. Oleksandra GOLUB, Chair of the Board, NGO “League on protection of women’s rights “Harmony of equal”</p> <p>Ms. Marfa SKORYK, director, NGO “Kyiv institute of gender research”</p> <p><i>Issues to be discussed:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to work closely with politicians to lobby and introduce quotas and positive measures to increase women’s political representation? - How to ensure that gender related problems in society are included in the agenda of parliamentarians? - How to get relevant information from civil society for use by parliamentarians? - Exchange of experiences from other countries

13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Continuation of the general discussion</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Summary, conclusions and closing of the meeting