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Gender mainstreaming in political life in the EAP region

✓ Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017

Achieving balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making (Strategic objective 4)

Achieving Gender Mainstreaming in all policies and measures (Strategic objective 5)


Gender equality in external actions implies *inter alia* that the Commission will conduct a regular dialogue and exchange of experience with the European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries on gender equality and women’s empowerment.
Gender mainstreaming in the electoral cycle
Types of activities per election period:

- Pre-election period
- Election period
- Post-election period
Examples of activities carried out in pre-election period

- Capacity development of women candidates to *Sakrebulo* membership (Georgia 2014)

- Monitoring of the media coverage of women candidates in the electoral campaign (Moldova 2015)
Examples of activities carried out in election period

- Collection of data
Examples of activities carried out in post-election period

- Regional study on women political representation in the EAP countries
  (Regional 2015 – 2016)
Framework of the regional study:

**Aim:** contribute to increasing representation of women as candidates and elected representatives at national, regional and local levels to at least 40%

**Current situation:** EAP countries have representation of women below 20% and in the case of Georgia and Ukraine below 10% at all levels

**Methodology:** 6 locally based researchers, questionnaires interviews to collect qualitative and quantitative data
Follow-up:

- Regional conference to present the results of the study
- Implementation of recommendations of the study through concrete activities at national and regional levels
Thank you

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