

Women forging lasting peace

Dismantling barriers to gender-inclusive
conflict resolution and peacebuilding

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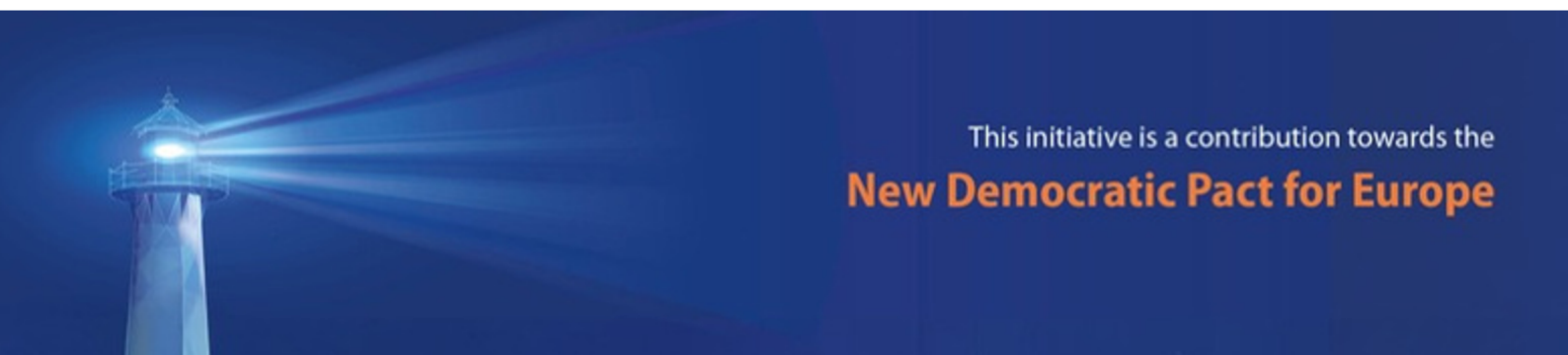


Moderation by **Hajar Yagkoubi**, former Dutch Youth Representative to the UN

- 8:00 – 9:00** **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:25** **Opening of the Conference**
Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Isabelle Berro-Amadeï, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Monaco
- 9:25 – 9:30** **Welcoming remarks**
Sara Slana, Chair, Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Keynote speech**
Pramila Patten, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- 10:00 – 10:15** **The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights' perspective on the role of women in peace processes**
Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Coffee break**
- 10:45 – 12:30** **Thematic Session 1: Gender norms and gender-based violence as barriers to women's participation in conflict resolution and peacebuilding**
- 10:45 – 11:00** **Dialogue on gender norms and gender-based violence as barriers to women's participation**
Marta Chumalo, Co-founder, deputy chair and psychologist at Women's Perspectives centre, Lviv
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Interactive expert exchange on ways to counter sexism and violence and enable participation**
Ellen O'Malley-Dunlop, Member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO) of the Council of Europe
Sabine Freizer Gunes, Representative, UN Women Ukraine
Lida Minasyan, Co-founder and co-lead, Women's Agenda Armenia



- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:15** **Thematic Session 2: Building social cohesion and a pathway for inclusive and meaningful participation of women in conflict resolution and peacebuilding**
- 14:00 – 14:15** **Lessons learnt from the Colombian peace process**
Victoria Sandino Simanca Herrera, former Member of FARC-EP, negotiator during the peace process and signatory to the 2016 Final Peace Agreement in Colombia
- 14:15 – 15:15** **Interactive expert exchange on building an architecture for women’s participation**
Biljana Pejović, Head of Department for Gender Equality, Ministry of Human and Minority Rights of Montenegro, member of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission
Johanna Poutanen, Head, Inclusion and Digital Innovation, Women in Peacemaking, CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation
Anastasiia Perepiliitsia, Head of the IDP Council under the Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration, expert on humanitarian response, internal displacement, and women’s leadership
- 15:15 – 15:30** **Coffee break**
- 15:30 – 16:15** **Reflective interventions: from diagnosis to action. What needs to change using Council of Europe entry points?**
Catherine Turner, Professor of International Law and Director of the Law and Global Justice research cluster at Durham University
Kateryna Levchenko, Government Commissioner for Gender Equality Policy, Ukraine, member of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission
Katrina Lambert, Young Women Christians’ Association, Representative of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth
Olena Shevchenko, Chair of Eurocentralasian Lesbian* Community
- 16:15 – 17:20** **Key takeaways and wrap-up**
Interactive session on key takeaways facilitated by the moderator
Wrap up by Conference Rapporteur: **Sandra Lengwiler**, Vice-Chair, Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission
- 17:20 – 17:30** **Closing remarks**
Hallvard Gorseth, Director of Equal Rights and Dignity, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity
- 17:30 –** **Reception given by the Permanent Representation of Monaco to the Council of Europe**



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