Welcome to the third Project Update of the OSCE Secretariat Gender Issues Programme WIN project. The aim of this Update is to inform project stakeholders on key milestones and plans for the project. In this Update, we will focus on the project’s work in the elimination of violence against women and girls pillar, in light of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which finished on 10th of December 2022.

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS JULY – DECEMBER 2022:**

*It is important for all of us to use our respective mandates and capacities to prevent and combat gender-based violence!*

Lara Scarpitta, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues

A joint OSCE-WAVE Toolkit on preventing and responding to gender-based violence during the war and in post-war settings was launched and is available in five languages.

30 trainers from law enforcement and justice sector from South-Eastern Europe were prepared to conduct trainings on gender-responsive policing of violence against women and girls, in cooperation with the Strategic Police Matters Unit.

Side event at the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference focused on challenges and opportunities of the law enforcement response to violence against women and girls.

21 women human rights activists from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine shared their experience and discussed how to enhance protection and response to violence against women and girls in wartime and post-conflict period.
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NEW WIN MEDIA PRODUCTS:

- WIN web-site: www.winprojectosce.org
- WIN video

PLANNED ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2023:

Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAW) pillar:
- Networking and capacity support to Women Resource Centres in Central Asia, Eastern Europe and South Caucasus
- Second networking and knowledge exchange among women from Ukraine and BiH on gender-based violence in conflict
- Roll-out of OSCE-WAVE toolkit on gender-based violence in conflict and post-conflict settings

Planned knowledge products and tools:
- Mapping of existing legal and policy frameworks, and perpetrator programmes in the five countries in Central Asia
Through studies, development of new tools, capacity-building, and other activities, WIN Project supports existing OSCE-supported networks and incubates new networks at the national and regional levels, focusing on women’s participation and leadership, as well as broader men’s engagement in achieving gender equality, etc.

The WIN Project relies on a collaborative approach and complements existing cooperation among various actors – OSCE executive structures, OSCE’s 16 Field Operations, International Organizations, and International NGOs, and creates new synergies by implementing activities aimed to accelerate implementation of OSCE commitments on gender equality. WIN creates platforms for OSCE-wide exchange of good practices, lessons learned and knowledge transfer of the intersection of gender equality and comprehensive security.

WIN introduces innovative and transformative approaches to gender equality in all dimensions of comprehensive security through the development and application of cutting edge learning methodologies, monitoring and evaluation tools.

Full-scale project implementation started in 2021, after an inception phase. The WIN team consists of a Project Manager, Project Assistant and National Project Officer based in Ukraine, working closely with the Gender Issues Programme Advisers in the Secretariat. They implement activities in close coordination and consultation with different OSCE executive structures, and external stakeholders.
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