Welcome to the second 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. Specific focus is placed in this Update on the project’s work in response to the war in Ukraine.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY – JUNE 2022:

The WIN Project has strengthened support to sustain Ukrainian women's civil society organizations work in wartime.

WIN PROJECT’S ACTIVITIES IN UKRAINE
FROM FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2022 IN A NUTSHELL

WIN supports Implementing Partners working in Ukraine or with Ukrainian women's organizations:

- The WIN Project and its implementing partner WICC conducted a rapid needs assessment among women peacebuilders of the “ICAN” (MOXY) network that was established with support of WIN.

- Through the Regional Women's Peace Dialogue Platform, the project provided emergency cash assistance for humanitarian needs of “Mariupol women’s association Berehynia”, NGO “Station Kharkov”, and “Gender Rada” from Ukraine.

- Women Against Violence Europe is developing a Toolkit on VAWG in conflict for the service providers within the implementing partner agreement.

WIN enhances women peacebuilders visibility:

- Check a Special Edition of the Gender Issues Programme Newsletter and interviews with
  - Yulia Kharashvili (Women’s Peace Dialogue)
  - Anastasiia Nenka (WICC)

WIN brings women activists’ voices to the strategic level:

- On 31 May, Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid convened a Special Session on Ukraine with 15 women leaders, peacebuilders and human rights defenders.
20 trainers were prepared to conduct trainings using 12 Cutting Edge Training Modules within the WIN Academy

10 trainings, roundtables and networking events

431 beneficiaries participated in the WIN Project activities

**Women, Peace & Security**

- Online validation workshop “Needs Assessment for creating a network for women working to Prevent and Combat Violent Extremism and Radicalization that may Lead to Terrorism” gathered **40 participants**.

- **23 emerging leaders** completed the OSCE-UNODA Scholarship for Peace and Security training course.

**Women, Economy & Environment**

- **12 OSCE project managers and 20 representatives of national institutions** from Albania enhanced their knowledge on gender equality and anti-corruption during **trainings** organized in Vienna and Tirana.

- A total of **159 participants** in **High-level conference** learned about good practices and innovative approaches for gender-responsive and disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Policies.

**Violence Against Women & Girls**

- **First Central Asian Conference** on strengthening co-operation among human rights and women’s organizations providing support to GBV survivors organized in cooperation with the OSCE Programme office in Dushanbe gathered **23 practitioners** from the region.

- **Workshop** on validating Women resource centers’ mapping results brought together **91 participants who provide services** for GBV survivors in 11 countries across the OSCE region.
### SELECTION OF PLANNED EVENTS IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2022

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### PLANNED PUBLICATIONS

- HCNM study on national minority women
- Policy brief on linkages between violent misogyny and preventing and combating violent extremism and radicalization that may lead to terrorism (P/CVERLT)
- OSCE-WAVE Network toolkit for civil society organizations on gender-based violence in conflict
- Study on the impact of the Afghanistan crisis on women, peace and security in Central Asia
- Study on sextortion in resource management
About the WIN Project

WIN Project (WIN for Women and Men - Strengthening comprehensive security through innovating and networking for gender equality) is a strategic project that aims to accelerate the implementation of the 2004 Action Plan. The WIN Project supports the achievement of substantive gender equality on all three OSCE dimensions covering the WPS agenda and women's role in conflict prevention, gender perspectives in economic and environmental activities, and preventing and combating violence against women and girls.

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 co-ordination and consultation with different OSCE executive structures, and external stakeholders.
Current project donors:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- Federal Republic of Germany Foreign Office
- MOFA Japan
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs Sweden
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

For more information about the WIN project, please contact win@osce.org and subscribe to the Gender Equality Newsletter to keep well-informed about the latest activities to promote gender equality in the OSCE.