Open call to CSOs and interested individuals for preparation of comments on the Canton Sarajevo draft subject curricula for pre-primary, primary and secondary general education, with a focus on gender perspectives in the curriculum

The OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (the Mission) has been advocating and supporting the education authorities in improving the inclusivity and quality of education, including through curriculum reform based on a Common Core Curriculum defined on student learning outcomes. Within these efforts, the Mission has been supporting the Canton Sarajevo Ministry of Education in developing new draft subject curricula for pre-primary, primary and secondary general education in Canton Sarajevo. Through its Gender and Youth Unit, the Mission has implemented a series of workshops on gender equality for interested members of the Canton Sarajevo Curriculum Reform Expert Team (CRET) and subject working groups. The workshops were organised to raise their awareness on the importance of integrating gender equality principles in subject curricula and equipping them in using tools for this purpose.

On 14 April, the Canton Sarajevo Ministry of Education published the draft subject curricula and invited all interested parties to submit their comments. The drafts are available through the cantonal online platform for curriculum at http://kurikulum.ks.gov.ba. In order to encourage public discussion and support the inclusion of gender perspectives in the subject curricula, the Mission invites CSOs and individuals to participate in the drafting of comments regarding the inclusion of issues related to gender equality.

The Mission aims to facilitate this process by bringing together CSOs, interested individuals, and members of the CRET. The Mission will also facilitate a one-day workshop for the drafting of the comments that should result in the submission of the comments to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the CSO sector.

The process is envisaged as follows:

1. CSOs and individuals should send an email expressing their interest to Lejla Mamut, National Programme Officer, at lejla.mamut@osce.org by 17 May 2021;
2. The Mission will organise a meeting with interested CSOs and individuals to familiarise them with the elements of the draft subject curricula on 20 May 2021;
3. The CSOs and individuals will have 10 days to review the draft subject curricula and formulate their comments and/or observations;
4. The Mission will facilitate a one-day workshop with all members of this group to support a discussion on their comments and observations on 31 May 2021, to which representatives of the Ministry and CRET will be invited;
5. An external gender expert will facilitate the workshop and afterwards compile and finalise the comments received, which will then be submitted to the Canton Sarajevo Ministry of Education by and on behalf of the CSO sector.

This call is open to any CSO, informal group and individual throughout BiH, interested in contributing to the incorporation of gender perspectives and gender equality principles into the draft subject curricula. For additional details and questions, please contact Lejla Mamut at the address stated in the document or by the following telephone number: 065 535 875.