

*Enhancing the Women, Peace and Security  
Agenda in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian  
Region*

**Practical examples of women's  
participation and leadership in conflict  
prevention, reconciliation and peace-  
building processes.**

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## Content

- Status, progress and perspectives of practical enforcement of the UNSCRs
- Addressing women's needs and role in reconstruction processes
- Examples from Kosovo

# KOSOVO MAPS



## Two selected topics from the UNSCRs on WPS

- ❖ **PARTICIPATION** – Promoting women’s full engagement in peace processes and post-conflict reconstruction and governance structures;
- ❖ **PROTECTION** – Mitigating the impact of armed conflict on women in the form of sexual violence, displacement and other hardships, including through a rights-based approach consistent with international humanitarian and human rights law;

## Women's activism



## Issues addressed (1)

### Participation:

- ❖ New constitution based a.o. on CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women)
- ❖ Quota system of 40 % in all public functions
- ❖ Women's Caucus in the parliament
- ❖ Agency for Gender Equality in the Prime Minister's Office
- ❖ Gender Equality Officers at municipal level

## Issues addressed (2)

### Protection from violence and injustice

- ❖ **War rapes:** Supportive NGOs and prosecution of suspects
- ❖ **Domestic violence:** Shelter movement; Victim's Advocate
- ❖ **Human Trafficking:** National Action Plan, Training for police and judiciary
- ❖ **Inheritance rights for women:** Campaigns and Legal Aid

## Conclusions

- ❖ UNSCRs are applied by both government and the women's movement
- ❖ UNSCRs on Women, Peace and Security are used as instruments for expanding gender equality principles into governance structures
- ❖ UNSCRs on WPS help to address injustices in the patriarchal/gender structure of the society
- ❖ UNSCRs on WPS legitimate the focus on addressing violence against women (war rape, domestic violence)

## Conclusions continued

- ❖ The meaning of 'security' is expanded towards the concept of human security (incl. legal security, health security, political security, economic security)
- ❖ Creating, supporting and strengthening women's alliances is the precondition for effective participation
- ❖ The notion of violence against women seen as a security threat and women's rights as a security concern allows for new thinking in the governance of war and peace!