



EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND IN EMBEDDING OF EUROPEAN FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND VALUES IN THE REGION



SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2023

AGENDA

10:00-10:30 Registration of participants

10:30-11:45 | **PANEL 1: Women in justice - Views on corruption in the judiciary**

11:45-12:00 | **Panel 1: Discussion**

In addition to discussing the gender-based risks for women who are part of institutions for prosecuting crime and corruption, eminent women from this field will also exchange other relevant experiences from their professional practice. The goal is for the Forum to produce recommendations for increasing the active role and independence of women in decision-making processes, for the overall efficiency of the justice systems in the countries of the region, as well as for building greater resistance to external influences that threaten the rule of law. These cross-cutting issues are of great importance both for progress in European integration and for strengthening the rule of law in the entire region.

MODERATOR:

Slavica Grkovska

Deputy President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia in charge of good governance policies

PANELISTS:

Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska

Judge in the Supreme Court of North Macedonia and former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Lence Ristoska

Public Prosecutor and Liaison Prosecutor for the Republic of North Macedonia at Eurojust

Bojana Savovic

Deputy Prosecutor at the Higher Prosecutor's Office in Belgrade; Serbia

Biljana Braithwaite

Gender and the Judiciary in the WB (hybrid)

Ina Rama

Judge in the Special Appeal Chamber near to the Constitutional Court, Albania

Andreja Dolnicar Jeraj

Programme Director at the Centre for European Perspective, Slovenia (TBC)

Jelena Perovic

Director of the Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Montenegro

12:00-12:15 Coffee Break / Press corner statements

12:15-12:45 **Presentation of UN Women publication on Corruption and Gender**
Ana Dangova Hug

12:45-13:45 | **PANEL 2: Unveiling Corruption through a Gender Lens: Exploring the Intersection of Gender (In)equality and Societal Integrity**

13:45-14:00 | **Panel 2: Discussion**

Research shows that there are big differences between men and women both in terms of involvement in corrupt activities, but also in terms of the effects and consequences of corruption in everyday life. Addressing the role of gender stereotypes in this context and the unequal distribution of power and resources, this panel will focus on the importance of including a gender component in anti-corruption policies and measures.

MODERATOR:

Jovana Trenchevska
 Minister of Labour and Social Policy

PANELISTS:

Vesna Ivanovikj Castarede
 Head of UN Women Office in North Macedonia

Laura Albu
 President of the Romanian Platform of the EWL and member of GREVIO, CoE, Romania

Alexandra Rogkakou
 Director of the National Transparency Agency, Greece; (hybrid)

Desislava Gotskova
 Head of Secretariat of RAI, Bulgaria

Natasha Novakovic
 Former President of Conflict of Interests Prevention Commission, Croatia

14:00-15:00 **Lunch Break**

15:00-16:00 | **PANEL 3: Nurturing Integrity: Eradicating Corruption in and through education**

16:00-16:15 | **Panel 3: Discussion**

Education is not immune to corruption, but there is also the remedy for more extensive and sustainable positive changes in society. This panel will cover two main topics: corrupt practices in the education system, including sextortion as a gender-based form of corruption and the need for modernized education for ethics, integrity, equality and responsibility as a key tool for implementing deeper social changes.

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PANELISTS:

Daliborka Uljarević
 Executive Director of the Centre for Civic Education, Montenegro

Naim Rashiti
 Balkan Policy Research Group Kosovo, Kosovo

Vladimir Gjorgjevski
 representative of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)

Anita Nikolovska
 Executive director of "Mladite mozat"

Ardita Seknaj
 Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce, Albania

15:45-16:00 **Concluding Remarks**



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SEE GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION WOMEN LEADERS FORUM



INVITATION

On behalf of the Deputy President of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia in charge of good governance policies, we are pleased to extend to You a warm invitation to the second event of the SEE GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION WOMEN LEADERS FORUM, which will be held in Skopje, on September 22, 2023.

The event "Empowering women and youth in the fight against corruption and in embedding of the European fundamental rights and values in the region" is done in partnership and support by UN Women in North Macedonia and will feature three compelling panels, each focused on addressing critical issues related to good governance and anticorruption efforts, through the lens of gender equality.

Your presence would contribute significantly to the success of our event, which aims to chart a path toward better future for the citizens of our region. The detailed agenda is attached to this invitation.

We would kindly ask you to confirm your participation by September 12, 2023.