



Women Supporting Women – Encouraging Women’s Political Participation

A seminar organised by The Coalition of Finnish Women’s Associations (NYTKIS) and the Embassy of Finland in Vilnius.

Time: Thursday 13 September 2012 from 2pm to 5pm
Venue: Embassy of Finland, K. Kalinausko g. 24, 2nd floor

Program

- 14:00 - 14:10** **Opening words:** H.E. Ambassador *Marja-Liisa Kiljunen*
- 14:10 - 14:25** **Women’s political participation in Finland:** *Sirkka-Liisa Anttila*,
Member of Parliament and Chairwoman of NYTKIS and the National
Council of Women of Finland (Naisjärjestöjen Keskusliitto)
- 14:25 - 14:40** **Women’s political participation in Lithuania:** *Marija Pavilionienė*,
Member of Parliament, Lithuania
- 14:40 – 15:00** **Discussion**
- 15:00 – 15:15** **Coffee break**
- 15:15 – 15:25** **Women’s organisations’ roundtable**
Finland: *Leena Ruusuvaori* (General Secretary, the National Council of
Women of Finland): Experiences of cooperation of women’s
organisations in political advocacy work
- 15:25- 15:35** **Lithuania:** *Virginija Aleksejūnė* (Director, Center for Equality
Advancement, CEA): Experiences of women’s political participation in
Lithuania
- 15:35 – 15:45** **Lithuania:** *Laima Vaigė* (House of Diversity and Education): Perspectives
for political representation of lesbian, bisexual, transgender women in
Lithuania
- 15:45 - 16:05** **Role of research in advancing women’s political participation**
Ana Sofia Fernandes (European Institute for Gender Equality, EIGE):
Resource & Documentation Centre (RDC) Officer
- 16:05 - 16:30** **Discussion**
- 16:30 – 17:00** **Closing: discussion on potential joint project**

After the seminar participants are cordially invited to a buffet dinner at the Ambassador’s residence, K.Kalinausko 15 at 5.30pm.