

## 12th Regional Coordination Meeting of EU candidate countries and potential candidates

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Day 1 | Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Time: 10:00 – 15:15 Eastern European Time | Vilnius, Istanbul (GMT/UTC +2)<sup>1</sup>

09:00 – 14:15 CET | Western Balkans, Brussels (GMT/UTC +1)

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**10:00 – 10:30 (in UTC+2) Virtual registration, technical check-up**

**10:30 – 10:50**

### Welcome

- **Mira Banerjee**, Head of Knowledge Management and Communications, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- **Liselotte Isaksson**, Head of Sector, Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes - Civil Society and Social Inclusion, Directorate General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

**10:50 – 11:05**

### Current gender equality priorities in the EU

- **Olga Martin Gonzalez**, Gender Equality Coordinator, Centre of Thematic Expertise Rule of Law/Fundamental Rights, Democracy, Directorate General for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

**11:05 – 11:15**

### Overview of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union: achievements and challenges

- **Guilherme Carriço**, Advisor to the Minister of State for the Presidency, Portugal

**11:15 – 11:30**

### Way forward: EIGE's cooperation with the EU candidate countries and potential candidates in the Western Balkans and Turkey

- **Milana Lazic**, Project Coordinator, EIGE

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<sup>1</sup> The agenda is listed in the EET (UTC+2). Kindly note that the time zone in Western Balkans is 1 hour earlier (the event starts at 9:00)

<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Tour de table and discussion</b> ( <i>approx. 10 minutes per project beneficiary to present key bi-annually updates</i> )
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<i>Online family photo and virtual break</i>
<b>13:30– 14:00</b>	<b>EIGE’s Study on socio-economic consequences of COVID-19 crisis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lina Salanauskaite</b>, <i>Researcher / Analyst, EIGE</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:00 -14:20</b>	<b>Economic benefits of Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in the Western Balkans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evisi Koplaku</b>, <i>Expert on Competitiveness, Regional Cooperation Council</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:20 – 15:00</b>	<b>Civil society perspectives during COVID-19 pandemic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Discussion and Wrap-up of Day 1</b>

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## Day 2 | Thursday, 20 May 2021

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<b>10:00 – 10:30</b> ( <i>in UTC +2</i> )	<b>Virtual registration</b>
<b>10:30 – 10:40</b>	<b>Reflections from Day 1</b>
<b>10:40 – 11:30</b>	<b>Developments of the national Gender Equality Indices, indicator assessment and current state of play</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo<sup>2</sup> and Serbia</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<i>Virtual break</i>

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<sup>2</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

- 12:00 – 12:30**                      **Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic Situation on Violence against Women**
- *Cristina Fabre, Team Leader – Gender Based Violence, EIGE*
- 12:30 -13:00**                      **Presentation of Guidelines on strengthening data system on violence against women for the Western Balkans and Turkey**
- *Iris Luarasi, Vice President of GREVIO Committee*
- 13:00 -13:30**                      **Discussion on data availability in the region**
- 13:30 – 14:00**                      **Joint synergies and meeting conclusions**
- *Mira Banerjee, Head of Knowledge Management and Communication Unit, and Milana Lazic, Project Coordinator, EIGE*

**Meeting Chairs: Mira Banerjee and Milana Lazic, EIGE**

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