



## **“Gender Equality in the Visegrad Group (V4) Countries: Common Challenges, Common Solutions? “**

professional colloquium within the framework of the Slovak Presidency of the V4  
Date: 25th November 2014, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

### **AGENDA:**

9.45-10.00 Registration and Welcome coffee

10.00-10.10 Welcome and Opening

**Jozef BURIAN**, State Secretary of Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

10.10 - 12.00

#### **Panel 1**

**“Institutional framework for promoting gender equality in the access to employment and career advancement, gender equal pay and reconciliation of work and family life”**

10.15-10.45 Keynote address:

**Andrea FROMM**; Research Officer; Working Conditions and Industrial Relations Unit, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND): **“Men, Women and Gender Mainstreaming in Europe”**

Presentations by V4 countries:

**Lucie VIKTORINOVÁ**, Department of Social and Family policy and Social Services, Unit of Equal opportunities for women and men; Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Zsuzsanna KORMOSNE – DEBRECENI**; Deputy Head of the Department of Family Policy and Demography; Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary; **“Institutional Framework for promoting Gender Equality in Hungary”**

**Zuzanna ISKIERKA**, Unit of Equality between Women and Men on the Labour Market, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Poland : **“Promoting Gender Equality at work in Poland- Work- life balance and women in decision making process”**

**Oľga PIETRUCHOVÁ**, Director, Department of Gender Equality and

Equality of Opportunities, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, **“Gender equality at the labour market – challenges and strategies”**

11.45 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00- 12. 45 Lunch

12. 45 – 14.30 **Panel 2**

**“Prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women in the light of the Istanbul Convention”**

Keynote address:

**Merle PAATS**, Statistician expert, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE): **“EIGE’s main activities and studies on Gender-Based Violence”**

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**Lucie VIKTORINOVÁ**, Department of Social and Family policy and Social Services, Unit of Equal opportunities for women and men; Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Zsuzsanna KORMOSNE – DEBRECENI**; Deputy Head of the Department of Family Policy and Demography; Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary;  
**Zsuzsanna KORMOSNE – DEBRECENI**; Deputy Head of the Department of Family Policy and Demography; Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary;  
**“Prevention and Elimination of Violence against Women in Hungary”**

**Joanna Poznalska**, Chief Specialist, Labour Law Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Poland; Zuzanna ISKIERKA **“The state of play of ratification of Istanbul Convention in Poland”**

**Oľga PIETRUCHOVÁ**, Director, Department of Gender Equality and Equality of Opportunities, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family  
**“Combating violence against women – National Action Plan and main projects”**

14.30- 14.50 Conclusions and Wrap- up

**Chairwoman:** Oľga PIETRUCHOVÁ, Director, Department of Gender Equality and Equality of Opportunities, MLSAF SR

**Moderator/Facilitator:** Mária ČIERNA, Department of International Relations and EU Affairs, MLSAF SR

Note:

All participants are then kindly invited to join another public event organised on the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic in the Old Town of Bratislava “Standardization of Services for Women experiencing Violence – Possibilities and Limits” (15 - 17.00)

## Background/Introduction

### **Panel 1.**

framework for the panel I. of the meeting: Promoting gender equality at work; Access of women to employment and labour market and women’s empowerment in economic life; The National Strategies/Action plans for Gender Equality and other key documents and commitments; Institutional mechanisms, effective tools and methods for the advancement of gender equality; Operational programmes in the new Programming Period 2014-2020; supporting gender mainstreaming and gender equality; measures to close gender pay gaps; gender budgeting; Promoting better work-life balance, flexible working arrangements

### **Panel 2.**

framework for the panel II.: Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention); Legislative and institutional framework and policy interventions ensuring protection in terms of the Convention; multi-sectoral and coordinated approaches to prevent and respond to violence; The National Strategies for the promotion and elimination of all forms of violence against women and National Action Plans on violence against women in the countries of V4; Support services for victims; telephone helplines, good practices and opportunities for the cooperation of V4 countries