

# Project "Equality for Local Development: Gender Mainstreaming in Municipalities"

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**Final Conference**  
**Vilnius, 20-21 November 2007**

# Center of Women's Studies and Policies

- Established in 2003 and working on gender issues.

We

- Conduct surveys and researches;
- Lobbying for legislative changes;
- Provide training;
- Disseminate information.

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**News from the world:**

**Launching of the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All in Estonia**  
/16-04-2007 /  
On the 30 of March 2007 in Tallinn was held the conference launching the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All for Estonia. The conference was opened by Mr. Jaak Aab, Estonian Minister of Social Affairs and Mr. Toivo Käär, Head of the Euro ...  
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**The Commission adopted a report on the status of equality between women and men in 2006, Brussels, 7 February 2007 (COM (2007)49 final)**  
/01-03-2007 /  
Prepared by CWSP The Spring ...  
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**In focus:**

**The pension reform in Bulgaria through a gender lens**



The gender dimensions of the pension reform in Bulgaria were explored jointly by the Center of Women's Studies and Policies and the National Social Security Institute with the support of the International Labour Organization office in Budapest. The study was presented on the 16 of May 2007 on a press conference, held in the Press Center of the Bulgarian News Agency. [More](#)

The report analyses the four principle elements of the Bulgarian pension system – retirement age, pension rights for periods out of the work force for child care, changes in the public benefit formula and the benefit replacement rates. Inequalities of women and men are explored in all these aspects and main key findings have been summarized by the authors and presented to the press conference. More information about them can be found [here](#).  
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**Exhibition: Tolerance and Art**  
/31-05-2007 /  
An exhibition, organized by the Ministry of Culture, the Armenian General Benevolence Union and the Bulgarian Women Jewish Forum will be opened on 8 June at 18.00 in Hall "Sredets" of the Ministry of Culture. The exhibition will be open to the public by 1 ...  
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**Fact Sheet about Violence against Women in Bulgaria**  
/26-02-2007 /  
The Network Women's Program of the Open Society Institute invited the 24 National VAW Monitors working on the international website project StopVAW – Stop Violence Against Women: <http://www.stopvaw.org/>, to gather information

- News
- Library – legislation, research, publications
- Information on project activities
- Over 250 000 visitors by the end of October 2007

# Partnership with local authorities

In 2007 under this project three Bulgarian municipalities made the first steps in gender mainstreaming:

- Sofia
- Veliko Turnovo
- Plovdiv

*“Equality for local  
development”*

2/22/2008

# Trainings

- During the period March-July 2007 were held 4 seminars, organized with Swedish experts and were trained more than 20 participants from the three municipalities:

# Veliko Turnovo 30 March – 1 April

- Main concepts related to gender equality





# Sofia 20-21 April

- 3R method for gender mainstreaming



21/22/2006



# Sofia 28-29 May

## ■ Gender Budgeting





# Plovdiv 8-10 July

- Finalizing the micro-surveys of the participants



# 3R micro-surveys



- Seven micro-surveys were conducted in diverse areas like:
- Sport and education
- Services to senior citizens and people with disabilities
- Attitudes of students to teach children at kindergartens
- Public safety and improvement of tourist services
- Gender analysis of project proposals

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# Dissemination of information

- Brochure and web posted information
- Roundtables for presentation of the surveys and launching a discussion on the measures that can be taken at local level for improving gender equality
- Press releases and interviews in printed and electronic media for the events under the project and its results.



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