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As part of its peace building goals and advocacy campaign to advance peace and stability in the region, Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in SEE, supported by UN Women, continued to be leading efforts in regional empowerment of women and gender equality. This year activities were implemented in the light of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UNSCR Resolution 1325 and global pandemic COVID-19.

## Main areas of Focus:

- Empowering women in politics, decision making and peacebuilding
- Fostering peace and security – through women's empowerment and regional cooperation
- Mediation in track two peace processes
- Gender inclusive justice
- Local peacebuilding
- Capacitating young women for leadership and mediation
- Advocacy and Lobby

## I. MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2020

### Main activities based on the Strategic Plan and Action Plan included:

- December 9-10, 2020 / Launching RAWLM Academy
- December 11, 2020 / Regional Dialogue with women MPs from Kosovo and Serbia and region of Western Balkans – focused on inclusive peace, expanded to dialogue among women artists on the role of art in peace and reconciliation.
- December 15, 2020 / International Conference of RWLSEE on achievement, challenges and way forward 20 years after the resolution 1325
- December 29, 2020 / Annual Meeting of RWLSEE Members
- RWLSEE's Publication on 20 years of WPS agenda in the Western Balkans
- Other activities

## II. LAUNCHING RAWLM ACADEMY / DECEMBER 9-10, 2020

**Activity 1: Capacitating young women for leadership and mediation:** Capacity building project aimed to capacitate and encourage young women for leadership and mediation with focus in politics, decision making and peacebuilding and, in COVID-19 response and recovery. The Academy brought together diverse communities of seven focus countries in Western Balkans: young women from the RWLSEE's focus countries and lecturers who are experienced women leaders from politics, academia and civil society and honored members of RWLSEE.

Young women from diverse communities of seven focus countries in Western Balkans, focus countries of RWLSEE, now have new skill set and expanded knowledge which evolved during

the Seminar on series of lectures relevant for leadership of women that marked the launching of Regional Academy for Women Leadership and Mediation (RAWLM). Young women gained the insights, practical skills and peace-based thinking to move forward to the highest levels of leadership and mediation through participating and interacting on relevant topics related to RAWLM's mission' provided by highly experienced lectures. With teaching and practical guidance from seasoned women leaders, academy participants, young women, emerged encouraged and energized about their political and leadership career, ready to leverage their influence, and prepared to help shape a just, peaceful, and prosperous future of the Western Balkans and beyond. Likewise, the regional networking between young women was strengthened while the intergenerational gap was challenged aiming at narrowing down. The specific aim was also to capacitate young women to play a role and influence gender inclusive socio-economic recovery from COVID-19, having in mind impacts of pandemics in worsening gender and other inequalities. Despite being from different parts of the region, the participants mutual desire to contribute to their communities united them with like-minded regional women leaders who support each other. The lecturers were women leaders, members of RLWSEE, that have dedicated their life to building peace, democracy, security, justice, reconciliation in the post-conflict region of Western Balkans as well as have been actively working to improve gender equality in politics, decision making and peacebuilding.

Conclusions and recommendations from this activity were a joint product of 32 young women potential leaders in politics and civil society (aged 18-30), from 7 focus countries of RWLSEE including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and high-profile women leaders, members of the RWLSEE. This resulted in a joint declaration/media release coming out of the Regional Academy Seminar of The RAWLM .

The special value of this activity was its regional scope, diversity of topics lectured and, diversity of backgrounds of young women participants and of lectures coming from each of 7 countries, from CSOs, political parties and peacebuilding areas. Topics of lectures included areas of politics, peace, security, diplomacy, negotiation, leadership, governance, parliaments, economy, socio-political issues and European and Euro-Atlantic integration

The two-day Seminar held on December 9-10, 2020, via Zoom platform, included more than 45 participants from different countries of the Regional of SEE and was organized by Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in SEE with support of UN Women, funded by Swedish Government.

### **III. REGIONAL PEACE DIALOGUE WITH WOMEN MPs FROM KOSOVO AND SERBIA AND REGION OF WESTERN BALKANS – focused on inclusive peace, expanded to dialogue among women artists on the role of art in peace and reconciliation / December 11, 2020**

**Activity 2: Regional Dialogue with women MPs from Kosovo and Serbia, and region of Western Balkans:** Regional Dialogue Conference “Towards inclusive peace: Women and gender approach in peace processes and reconciliation”. focused on inclusive peace, expanded to dialogue among women artists on the role of art in peace and reconciliation. The national governments of Kosovo and Serbia, the EU as a mediator of the Brussels Dialogue and CSOs in

the Western Balkan region now have a set of practical policy recommendations on gender inclusive peace negotiations and peace agreements ensuring durable and inclusive peace, which highlights significance of the relationship between women's meaningful participation in decision making and peacemaking processes, women's rights and lasting peace agreements, hence, paving the way for women's equal participation in post-conflict governance and peacebuilding.

The Regional Conference took stock on gender inclusiveness of peace processes in the period of ending the Balkan wars of disintegration of former Yugoslavia (1990-1999) and in twenty years since the adoption of the landmark UNSCR Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security (2000-2020). A special focus was given on the recent international peace processes, the Washington Agreement and, the ongoing Brussels Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia facilitated by EU with support of US, as a key contribution for lasting peace in the region, where women's role and vision should be integrated equally with men. The Conference also looked at peace and reconciliation processes from the perspective of art and culture, with the aim at looking on peacebuilding in a different light and, how art can help rebuild broken relationships and healing wounds in post-conflict societies.

Women artists from the region of Southeast Europe through visual arts provided a creative and spiritual space to express what they have experienced or witnessed which otherwise could not be articulated through the spoken word. RWLSEE believes that by using various forms of artistic expression can assist in the transformation of attitudes and actions to promote and build more just and peaceful societies.

The result is a joint declaration of commitments and recommendations on changes needed towards gender equality and inclusive peace as well as on the follow up activities serving the mission of inclusive and just peace coming out of this Regional Dialogue Conference. The Regional Conference was held on 11 December 2020 and included over 45 participants from 7 WB countries. It was organized by Regional Women's Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in close collaboration with UN Women, as a part of the Swedish Government supported longer-term initiative aimed at supporting women's empowerment and peacebuilding efforts in Kosovo and the entire region of Western Balkans. Participants included women leaders from the region, politicians, parliamentarians, civil society activists, government officials, RWLSEE Steering Committee members from focus countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia, UN Women, EU representatives and the Swedish Government / Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo.

#### **IV. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACHIEVEMENT, CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD 20 YEARS AFTER THE RESOLUTION 1325**

**Activity 3. International Conference on advancing WPS agenda in Western Balkans in the light of historic anniversary of 1325 and global pandemics:** The International Conference of RWLSEE titled **“From Fragility to Empowerment: 20 Years of Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the Western Balkans”** addressed achievements, challenges and way forward in 20 years after the adoption of the groundbreaking UNSC Resolution 1325 on women, peace and

security agenda. The Conference has taken stock and renewed commitments for achieving gender equality and, full and effective implementation of the WPS agenda in the future, in the light of 20th anniversary of the UNSCR 1325 on women, peace and security and in global pandemic context. The RWLSEE Steering Committee members presented country reports on 20 years of implementation of WPS and Justice agenda for each of seven focus countries of the RWLSEE, highlighting achievements and challenges while triggering the discussion on ways forward to speed up effective implementation that will shorten the road to gender equality and a just, peaceful and prosperous future. Along with panel discussions, there was also an 'open debate' on setting the vision on WPS Agenda 20 years on, allowing all participants to contribute by sharing innovative ideas and insights that will be incorporated in the regional report on the topic of the conference, in this historic anniversary. The open debate followed with interventions of all members of RWLSEE and international participants who shared their vision and innovative ideas on ways forward towards gender equality in decision making and peace building as a strategic direction towards a better world. Participants emphasized that fragility of women's empowerment and WPS agenda is directly impacted by unfinished peace, geopolitical tensions, weak democracy, fragile rule of law, growing corruption, mistrust, nationalism, autocracy and threatened liberal values and global pandemics COVID-19, in the region and beyond. They argued that WPS agenda and peacebuilding agenda are mutually reinforcing, hence, it is strategic to prioritize WPS agenda in national and international agendas for the sake of a better future. They also emphasized the need for a gender inclusive policies and programs on recovery from pandemics for to prevent worsening of inequalities and protect women's rights and prosperity.

The results of the International Conference include the joint declaration and recommendations on the future steps on accelerating implementation of WPS agenda and gender equality and, a publication/regional report out on 20 years of implementation of WPS agenda in the Western Balkans to come out soon. Policy makers and national governments from the Western Balkan region, international community and donors representatives, women of diverse background across the borders, and international advocates and experts, now have a practical set of effective policy recommendations for new strategies and pathways for accelerating the implementation of UNSCR Resolution 1325 on WPS agenda and overall gender equality, as well as on increasing meaningful participation of women in politics, decision making and peace processes, and to advance democratic governance, peacebuilding, transitional justice, reconciliation and European and Euro-Atlantic integration of countries in the post-conflict region of Western Balkans.

Conference was held on December 15, 2020 via Zoom platform and included over 45 participants from across SEE, such as women leaders in politics and civil society, parliaments, governments, local governments, national and international experts and advocates on gender equality and women's empowerment, RWLSEE Steering Committee and members from the RWLSEE focus countries, representatives of UN Women, UNWomen ECA, UN Women in Kosovo, Swedish Government and Embassy of Sweden in Kosovo, EU and other UN agencies. International Conference was organized by RWLSEE and UN Women, with funding support from the Swedish Government.



## V. RWLSEE's PUBLICATION

The RWLSEE prepared the publication **“FROM FRAGILITY TO EMPOWERMENT: Twenty years of implementing UNSCR 1325 and the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in post-conflict region of the Western Balkans”** which includes regional review and national reports of seven focus countries of the RWLSEE, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia. The publication includes conclusions and identifies key recommendations and offer solutions, at national and regional level, that will aim to increase women's participation in politics, decision making, formal negotiating tables as well as in strengthening peacebuilding, democratic governance, security, justice, reconciliation and overall stability and wellbeing. It also provides a roadmap on the way forward on women, peace, security, and justice agenda through recommendations at the regional and country levels.

We hope that this publication contributes to the ongoing discussion on WPS Agenda, particularly because it presents a perspective from a post-conflict region such as the Western Balkans. It also aims to contribute to the ongoing discussions including the Beijing Platform+25, Generation Equality Platform, CEDAW, 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and other gender equality instruments as well as to our ambitious goal of achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls by 2030.

We are grateful to all the authors of this publication who are members of the RWLSEE leadership, dedicated women leaders from politics and civil society, and at the same time prominent change-makers and peacebuilders in the region and beyond.

We are especially grateful to our strategic partners and supporters, UN Women, UN Women ECA and UN Women Kosovo and the Swedish Government, the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the Swedish Embassy in Kosovo.

We also thank all participants, politicians, parliamentarians, government officials, CSOs, experts and representatives of international organizations, who contributed to the debate on this topic at the International Conference on the regional review of UNSCR 1325/WPS+25 for the Western Balkans, held on 15 December 2020 and, International Conference on the regional review of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action +25 for the Western Balkans, held on 26 November 2019 organized by the RWLSEE and UN Women and supported by the Swedish Government.

## VI. OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR OF 2020

January 15, 2020 / Annual reporting to UN Women for year 2019

January 24, 2020 / First communication has been established with web designer for new design of RWL web page.

February 2020 / Operational closing of Phase III Project with MFA Sweden

March 13, 2020 / Pandemic starts; RWLSEE jointly with UN Women mobilizes on the initiatives that UN Women were actively engaged under the leadership and the coordination of the UN Development Coordinator in all efforts responding to the COVID situation, particularly focusing its

support to respond to the needs of women and girls. Detailed list of initiatives and engagements has been shared with RWL Steering Committee on April 12, 2020.

April 2, 2020 / Phone call with MFA Sweden, with Christoffer Orre, Desk officer at MFA Sweden, tasked to discover how their partner organizations are affected by the current corona crisis and if it will have implications on planned activities connected to the funding. Positive feedback given on RWLSEE for its work during Phase III Project and consent given during discussion how the RWLSEE can continue its work despite the pandemic.

April 30, 2020 / Contacts has been established with International donors and with Embassies of Sweden, Norway, Italy, Germany, Finland and France for fundraising

May 8, 2020 / First positive signs given from MFA Sweden to support Phase IV of 2020 through RWLSEE launching an online “Regional Academy for Women Leadership and Mediation” in order to provide support and inspiration to young women to increase their involvement on WPS. This especially.

May 20, 2020 / Concrete feedback given from MFA Sweden on how impressive RWL presented the project idea and have transformed commitment into concrete processes in the state of the Covid-19 pandemic. MFA were seriously looking forward to RWL complete application for grant and to continue partnership in these very crucial questions with RWLSEE. In this regard, invitation has been extended to RWLSEE from MFA Sweden to apply for funds for Phase IV Project

March – June 2020 / UN Women operational and financial reporting with UN Women ECARO. Narrative report has been reviewed and finalized by RWLSEE Chair; final financial completed and submitted from RO Istanbul.

10-13 June 2020 / Coached by RWLSEE Chair, in her role as a trainer, three-day training funded by UN Peacebuilding Fund on enhancing young women and girl's leadership skills in peacebuilding has been held.

June 31, 2020 / Final narrative and financial report submitted to MFA Sweden for phase III of 2019 as per Donor agreement deadline and their important work on women's participation and role in reconciliation in the Western Balkans.

April 4, 2020 - July 2020 / On behalf of UN Women, RWLSEE Coordinator contributed as a member of a Task group within the Task Force working on the Response Framework after the COVID 19 / Rapid Impact Assessment of the COVID19 situation with the special emphasis on the impact of COVID on women and girls. This was a conceptualized tool, replicated by all countries and ultimately have a standardized approach that would generate comparable results across all ECA region. Member of the Task Group on behalf of UN Women within the Task Force established by UN Development Coordinator to work on the Response Framework after the COVID 19.



July 9, 2020 / Phase IV Project Clearing process with UN Women RO in Istanbul has started. UN Women RPAC has been invited to approve the Project case.

July 15, 2020 / Letters has been shared to Brussels dialogue participants (EU, Kosovo, Serbia) one day prior to resumption of the dialogue in Brussels requesting equal participation of women at the negotiation table and gender inclusive peace agreement.

July 29, 2020 / Application has been submitted for the Regional Project "Women's political empowerment, participation in and contribution to peace, security processes and COVID-19 Response and Recovery in the Western Balkans" within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Sweden.

October 14, 2020 / Conditions of the grant for UN Women has been sent by MFA Sweden to accept.

October 20, 2020- November 17, 2020 / Donor agreement process in between both parties, UN Women and MFA Sweden, addressing comments and legal part of the agreement, up to its final signature.

October 24, 2020 / New design of RWLSEE Web page has been launched.

November 13, 2020 / RWLSEE signed Cooperation Agreement with Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy through Embassy of Italy in Prishtina

18 November 2020 joint Conference has been held with Embassy of Italy in Prishtina and Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy with Mediterranean Women Mediators Network (MWMN) "Launching of MWMN Antenna in Kosovo & MWMN Conference.

November 18, 2020 / Donor agreement duly signed and Pledge letter from the Donor shared with UN Women RO in Istanbul. Activities within the Phase IV Project with MFA Sweden were about to start.

December 9-10, 2020 Two-day Seminar on Launching of Regional Academy for Women Leadership and Mediation held

December 11, 2020 / RWLSEE in her role as Regional NGO registered in Kosovo, signed Partner Agreement with UN Women ECARO.

December 11, 2020 / Regional Dialogue with women MPs from Kosovo and Serbia and region of Western Balkans – focused on inclusive peace, expanded to dialogue among women artists on the role of art in peace and reconciliation held.

December 15, 2020 / International Conference of RWLSEE on achievement, challenges and way forward 20 years after the resolution 1325 held.

December 29, 2020 / Annual Meeting of RWLSEE Members held

December 31, 2020 / Closing financials of Phase IV Project with MFA Sweden with UN Women ECARO.

## **VII. NEW WEBSITE OF THE RWLSEE LAUNCHED**

Developing, designing and launching of a new website of the RWLSEE based on the mission and strategic plan and new directions of RWLSEE.

## **VIII. INTENSIVE WORK OF STEERING COMMITTEE**

Due to a very short Project cycle (delays in funding) and timeline for completion of the Project from 15 November to December 31, 2020, the RWLSEE Chair developed the Implementation Plan that ensured effective implementation work jointly with Steering Committee Members, Coordinator and Secretariat. The full mobilization of all made it possible for the success. On this purpose, number of Steering Committee meetings has been held:

- April 27, 2020 (on COVID 19 - reflection and discussion as to how extend crisis of corona is affecting RWLSEE institutional and financial capacities)
- October 14, 2020 (discussion on Implementation plan for activities of MFA Sweden)
- October 22, 2020 (further discussion on Implementation plan)
- November 22, 2020 (mobilization and preparation for events in December)
- December 8, 2020 (consultative meeting prior to RAWLM event)
- December 10, 2020 (consultative meeting prior to Regional dialogue event)
- December 14, 2020 (consultative meeting prior to International Conference event)

## **IX. LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY**

- Participation in many international events
- Lobbying for fundraising with embassies and governments in Kosovo
- RWLSEE has been invited by the MWMN, Embassy of Italy in Prishtina and Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy to cooperate in joint project initiative with Mediterranean Women Mediators Network (MWMN), to jointly implement Project "Launching of MWMN Antenna in Kosovo & MWMN Conference" which was held on 18 November 2020. RWLSEE is proud of carrying out this cooperation in effective way.

## **X. FUNDRAISING**

Due to the situation globally with COVID-19 during the reporting period, majority of activities have been on-hold / postponed, therefore, RWL SEE Chair Edita Tahiri in her capacity as a former Deputy Prime minister and Chief Negotiator of Kosovo, jointly with Diana Cekaj – Berisha, RWLSEE Coordinator during 2020 have been focusing on fundraising with embassies in Kosovo for funds, as well as applied for funds on numerous international organizations.

Number of contacts has been established with International donors and number of Project proposals including fundraising pitch for Regional Academy for Leadership and Mediation Project (RAWLM) has been submitted regionally with the donors.

Fundraising contact and e-mails for fundraising has been shared with:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden and Embassy of Sweden in Prishtina
- Royal Norwegian Embassy in Prishtina
- Embassy of Italy in Prishtina
- Embassy of Germany in Prishtina
- Embassy of Finland in Prishtina
- Embassy of France in Prishtina

✓ Positive feedback has been given by Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden; green light for funding has been given for Phase IV in amount of 1 Mil SEK for the project ideas and initiatives seeking to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and improve collective resilience. In this regard, completion of application process to MFA Sweden has started.

✓ Positive feedback has been also given by Embassy of Italy in Prishtina; they've responded as interested and requested for budget to be submitted.

✓ Positive feedback also given from Embassy of Finland who informed that RWLSEE request has been submitted to the government in Helsinki.

Application on a Call for Proposals has been also submitted to:

- Peace Direct Awards 2020 / deadline on April 27, 2020
- Call for Project with Paris Peace Forum / deadline on June 24, 2020

RWLSEE Secretariat/Project Coordinator continued to be funded by UN Women. RWLSEE Project Assistant position cut during the Q1-2 of 2020 due to a lack of funding.

## **XI. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Media sharing, publication and dissemination of declarations and recommendations adopted during the activities
- Press releases and statements on important issues related to empowerment of women including in electoral processes in seven countries
- Periodical update of RWLSEE website

## **XII. ACTION PLAN FOR 2021**

The Action Plan for 2021 will be based on the Strategic Plan and Regional Recommendations deriving from international conferences on reviews of UNSCR +20 and Beijing Platform +25, and other last year's activities. Three strategic directions, which include:

- 1) Fostering peace through women's empowerment in decision making and peacebuilding
- 2) Building women capacities to become leaders, mediators and agents of peace.
- 3) RWLSEE becoming leading regional women voice in peacebuilding.

The Action plan for 2021 was discussed and agreed by the RWLSEE Members during the RWLSEE Annual Meeting in December 29, 2020.

## Main topics and activities planned for 2021

### Main topics:

Our goal will continue to be **Accelerating Progress for Gender Equality by 2030** with special focus in empowering women in politics, decision making, public sector, peace, reconciliation, security and democracy. The Generation Equality Forums in Mexico and Paris this year will serve as source of encouragement, information and experience exchange and, joint venture in moving forward the RWLSEE agenda on gender equality and peacebuilding. Our activities will aim at empowerment and acceleration in gender equality, leadership, peacebuilding, dialogue and reconciliation, transitional justice, generation equality and European and Euro-Atlantic integration of all countries of the Western Balkans as a way of leading to sustainable peace and equal opportunity for women and girls in the region and worldwide. We must work and will work to achieve transformative change for generations to come.

This is a critical moment. With COVID-19 that has exacerbated existing gender inequalities, rising violence against women, as well as worsened economic conditions for women and girls, our commitment for WPS agenda and gender equality in all spheres of life becomes even higher.

### Main activities will include:

**1. HAVING WOMEN LEAD THE WAY** – International Conference on advancing equal participation of women in politics, decision-making and public life, addressing the discrimination starting from political parties up to the governments. The conference will look at the WPS agenda beyond 2020, addressing the old and new barriers and threats to gender equality, with the goal of accelerating progress by 2030 in line with SDG, WPS, UN Women Generation Equality, and Forums in Mexico and Paris. It will contextualize to the region needs and challenges in global efforts for inclusive empowerment and equality with no one left behind. The Conference will serve as a source of encouragement, information and experience exchange and, joint venture in moving forward the RWLSEE agenda on gender equality and peacebuilding.

### **2. DIALOGUE FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION BETWEEN WOMEN**

**PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM KOSOVO AND SERBIA AND REGION** - with RWLSEE's mediation as a of track two peace process in support of the Brussels Dialogue. This regional conference will aim to support the first track peace process, the Brussels Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia facilitated by EU and supporting by US and its gender inclusivity. Having in mind that the Brussels Dialogue has entered the final stage, the Conference will focus on building the women's platform on final outcome that should contribute to lasting peace and stability in the region and will ensure gender provisions of the potential peace agreement. Given the large absence of women in formal peace processes including this one in Brussels, the Conference will amplify the regional women voices in ensuring gender inclusive peace process and outcome. The peace platform developed will be submitted to the all parties involved in the Brussels Dialogue

**3. ART, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION DIALOGUE** – follow up dialogue on the role of art in peace and reconciliation will be organized by the RWLSEE in cooperation with other relevant partners which will include women from politics, art and media, as a way of advancing peace and gender equality with including and lobbying with non-traditional actors.

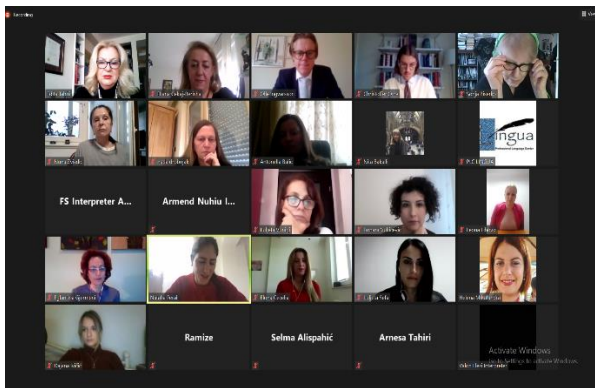
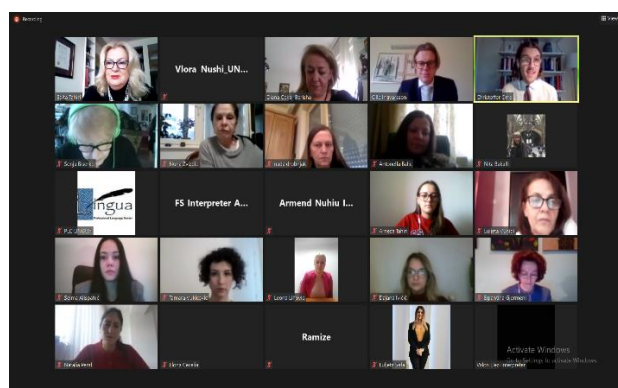
**4. LOCAL PEACEBUILDING** - RWLSEE will focus to empower women community leaders to contribute towards greater reconciliation, trust-building and development. The RWLSEE will organize outreach meetings with women from municipalities in Kosovo and other focus countries to discuss women's empowerment and participation in trust-building and to enhance their role in promoting inter-community dialogue and supporting peace processes in line with the UN Security Council resolution 1325 and WPS agenda.

**5. PREPARING YOUNG WOMEN TO LEAD CHANGE** - Committed to the goal of having more young women empowered, encouraged and participating in politics and peacebuilding, RWLSEE through its Regional Academy for Women Leadership and Mediation/RAWLM will continue to empower and consolidate the role of young women in the political, decision-making, peace and security agenda in the region. The project's goal is to increase women's meaningful participation in political leadership and decision making as well as in peace-building processes, including participation within governments or within civil society structures of the Western Balkans at local, national and regional level. The Academy has helped to amplify their voice, and capacities to take action, provided a platform for regional cooperation and networking as well as helped promote generation equality and bridge intergenerational gap.

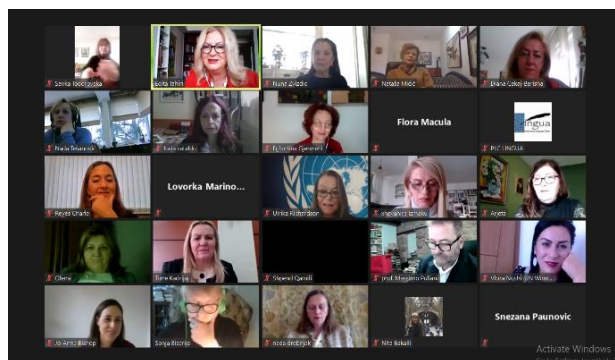
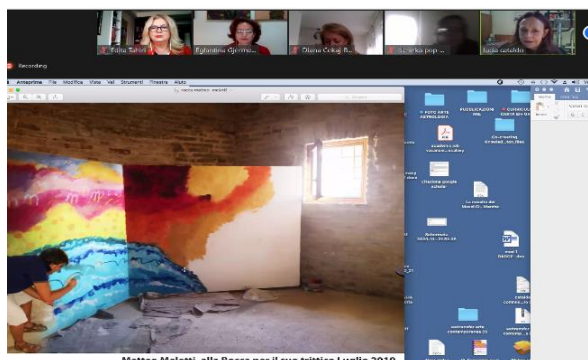
While moving forward with our action plan, we will also work for fundraising and strengthening the RWLSEE's structure and operation.



## Annex: Gallery of photos from activities







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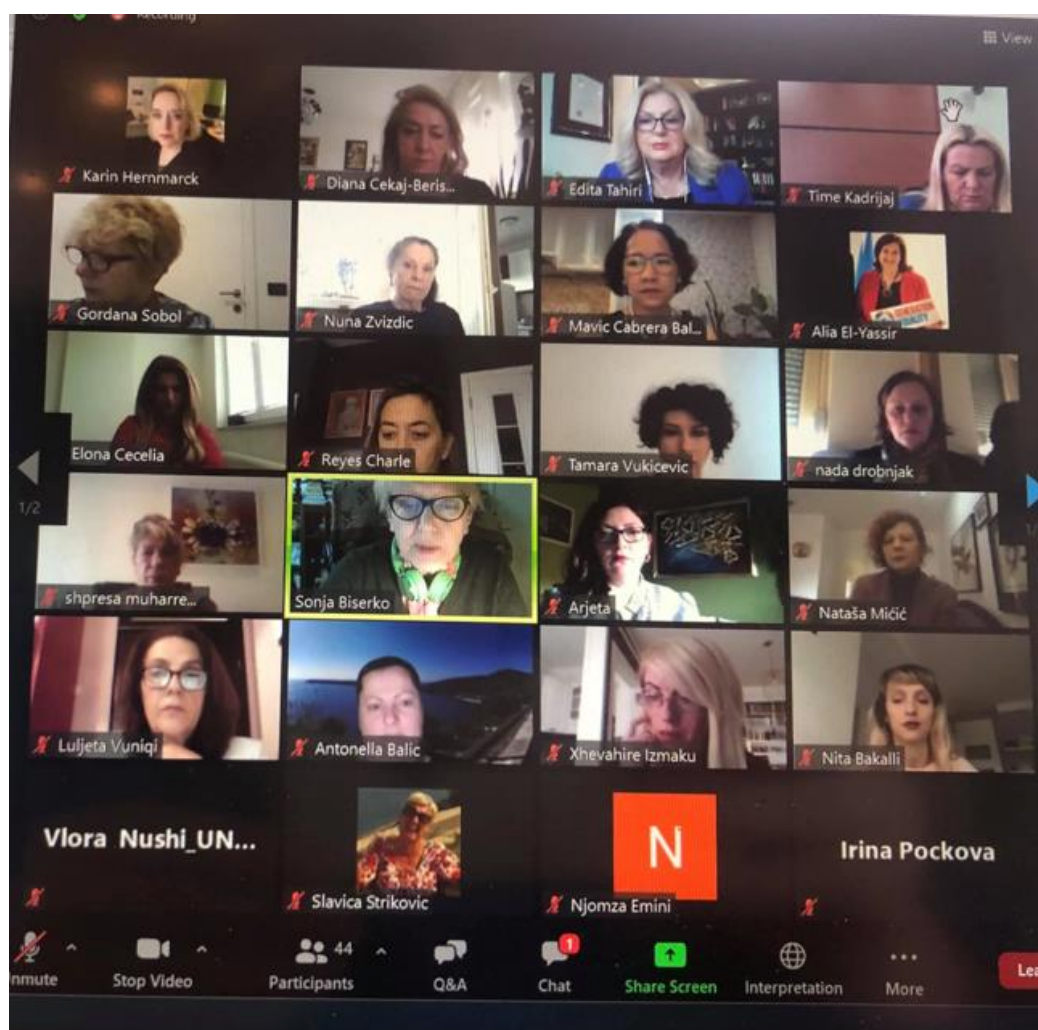


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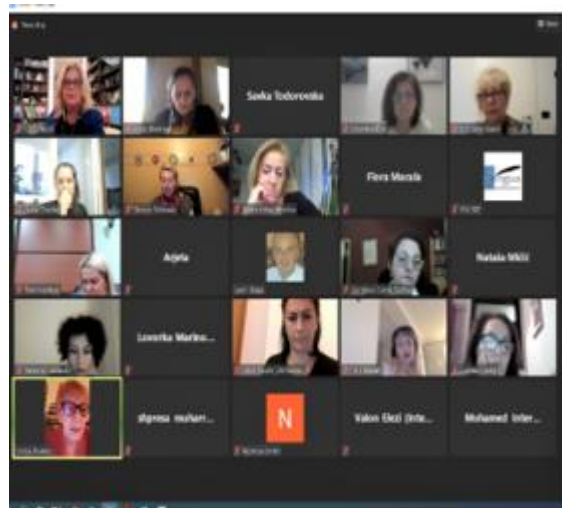
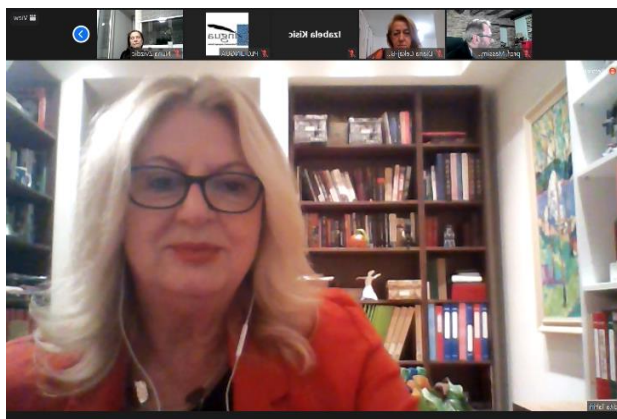


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