

Equal Chances in Europe EU-Enlargement – Gender Equality – Participation

In 2007, the European Union will launch a new generation of programmes and financial instruments which could have substantive impact on the economic and social development in an enlarged EU. The question is how these new mechanisms could be used for the empowerment of women and women's organisations in civil society to strive for more gender equity and social justice.

At the conference, eastern and western NGOs, scientists, experts and politicians will analyse the new opportunities and challenges for gender justice in order to put an end to all forms of discrimination of women and to strengthen their participation in civil society, policy, and decision-making as well as democratisation.

The conference will focus on the EU Enlargement and civil society activities in order to address major priority areas and to strengthen the networking between EU-sub regions and civil society organisations. Major areas of concern to be tracked down relate to social security, informal work, precarious employment and new forms of poverty, women's rights and their situation in fragile states, migration, and the impact of globalisation.

The aim of the conference is to share experiences and discuss profoundly the new enlargement instruments and how they will contribute to gender equality and the strengthening of civil society institutions. The identification of monitoring instruments and gender indicators, drafting strategic orientations as well as plans of action for further networking purposes are meant to be results of the convention.

Conference Venue: The Conference will be held at Deutsche Welle, Kurt-Schumacher-Str. 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany. www.dw-world.de.

Conference Languages: English and German (simultaneous translation).

Registration and Fees: Please register via e-mail with nadine.heller@womnet.de or via fax +49+228-38 92 979 prior to 18 August 2006. There is a Catering Fee of 30 € to be paid upon enrolment.

Accommodation: To arrange for accommodation in Bonn and close to the conference site, please refer to Tourismus & Congress GmbH Bonn: www.bonn-region.de (online-booking English and German).

Conference Host and Coordination: WOMNET e.V., Bertha-von-Suttner-Platz 13, 53111 Bonn, Germany, Tel. +49-228-3892978, Fax +49+228-38 92 979.

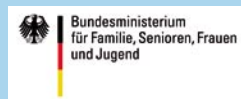
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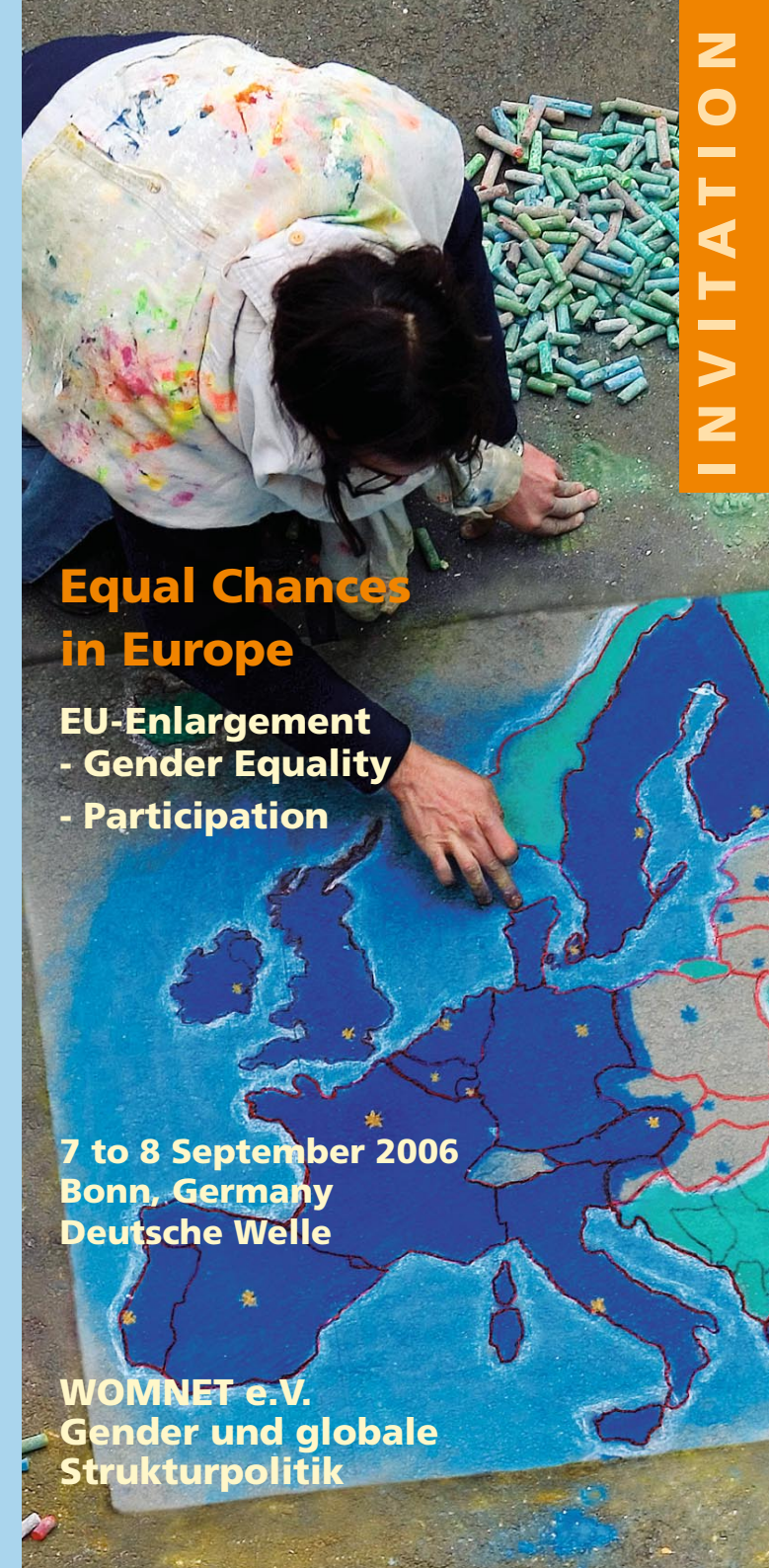
Our website will be continuously updated and provide detailed information on the conference.
www.womnet.de

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7 to 8 September 2006
Bonn, Germany
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Gender und globale
Strukturpolitik

Programme

Thursday, 7 September 2006, Main Conference Venue

- 13:00 h Enrolment
- 13:30 h Welcome
Verica Spasovska, Director
DW Radio Central- and South-Eastern Europe,
Deutsche Welle.

International Policies to endorse Gender Equality: Strategies and Instruments

Dr. Marion Gierden-Jülich, Secretary of State,
Ministry for Generation Dialogue, Family, Women
Affairs and Integration, North - Rhine - Westphalia.

Presentation and Discussion

- 14:30 h
Overview on current and up-coming EU programmes to endorse gender equality.
Dr. Birte Rodenberg, Consultant, Berlin , Germany.
- 15:30 h Coffee- and Teabreak
- 16:00 h
What has happened so far ? A Review on EU Policies on their Way to Gender Equality and Civil Society Participation.
Lissy Gröner, Member of the European Parliament,
Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.
Mary McPhail, Secretary General, European
Women's Lobby, Brussels, Belgium.
Kinga Lohmann, Founder and Executive Director,
Karat Coalition, Poland.
Facilitator:
Dr. Claudia Neusüß, Owen Institute Berlin, Germany
- 16:30 h Coffee- and Tea-Break
- 18.00 h
Burning Issues in Eastern Europe- What are the challenges to the new EU Programme Era?
Professor Lily Dimova, ASA, Agency for Social Analysis, Bulgaria: Social Security, Informal Sector and Poverty.

Mirjana Dokmanovic, Human Rights Lawyer,
Director Women's Center for Democracy and
Human Rights, Serbia: Fragile States, Human Rights
and the effects of Globalisation.

Sonja Lokar, Chair, Gender Task Force EU Stability
Pact, Slovenia: Democracy and Strengthening of
Civil Society.

Dr. Alissa V. Tolstokorova, Associate Professor,
Director, Centre for Research on Family, Institute
for Family and Youth, Ukraine: Experiences of new
Entrants and perspectives .

Facilitator:

Dr. Christa Wichterich, Germany

- 20:00 h Reception

Friday, 8 September 2006

- 9:00 h Main Conference Venue

Will they make a difference?

An Introduction to the new EU-Policies and Financial Instruments 2007-2013 with a focus on IPA (Instrument for Pre- Accession), ENPI (European Neighbourhood Policy Instruments) and experiences made with gender indicators:

Elisabeth Schroedter, MEP, Member of the Euro-
pean Parliament, Committee on Regional Develop-
ment.

Maria Francesca Vencato, Institute for International
and European Studies, Catholic University Leuven,
Belgium.

Helmut Lohman, EU Commission, General Directo-
rate Enlargement, Brussels, Belgium (invited).

Facilitator:

Dr. Birte Rodenberg, Consultant, Germany

- 10.00 h Coffee-Break

- 10:30 h Workshops

Which are the opportunities for civil society to participate in the developments and to shape the agenda? Which gender indicators and monitoring instruments shall be applied? How to strengthen our European NGO networks?

WS 1: **The EU-CEE-Countries since 2004**

Coordination: Kinga Lohmann, Karat Coalition,
Poland. and Eva Eberhardt, EU and CEE gender
expert, Hungary.

WS 2: **The Candidate Countries 2007**

Coordination: Pavlina Filipova, Women's Alliance
for Development, Bulgaria and Jivka Marinova,
GERT, Bulgaria.

WS 3: **The Potential Candidate Countries**

Coordination: Daniela Dimitrievska, Macedonian
Women's Lobby.

WS 4: **The Neighbouring Countries**

Coordination: Maryna Saprykina, Ukraine.

There will be input by NGO representatives from
the respective countries in all sub-regional panels.

- 12:30 h Lunch
- 13:30 h Continuation of the Workshops
- 15:00 h Coffee- and Teabreak
- 15:30 h Lobby Room - Foyer
**Which way to gender equality and democratic participation?
Presentation of the Working Groups and their conclusions. Recommendations for networking, programme planning und strategic orientation.**
Facilitator: *Silke Steinhilber*, New School for
Social Research, New York
- 16:45 h Closing remarks
Eva Maria Welskop-Deffaa, Director General for
Gender Equality, Federal Ministry for Family Af-
fairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.
Sabine Gürtner, WOMNET, executive director.
- 17:00 h End of the Conference