



Gender Equality and the Western Balkans Judicial Forum

1 - 2 April 2022, Montenegro
The AIRE Centre

AGENDA

Day 1 – 1 April 2022

Welcome and Introduction to the Forum

Biljana Braithwaite, Western Balkans Programme Director, the AIRE Centre

Opening Speeches:

10:00 - 10:30

Dritan Abazović, Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro

Ivana Jelić, Judge on the European Court of Human Rights

Steve Arrick, Charge d'Affaires, British Embassy in Montenegro

Slobodan Šarić, Rule of Law Advisor, Legal Reform for Economic
Development in the Western Balkans - GIZ GmbH

Moderator: **Tijana Badnjar**, the AIRE Centre

Keynote Speech:

Gender stereotyping and sexism in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights

10:30-10:45

Judge Robert Spano, President of the European Court of Human Rights

Introductory Presentation: Fighting violence against women and girls by promoting gender equality

10:45 – 11:00

Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights



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| 11:00-12:30 | <h3>Panel Discussion: Domestic and Gender Based Violence and the ECHR</h3> <p>Introductory presentation by Judge Síofra O’Leary, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Moderator: Armen Harutyunyan, Judge on the European Court of Human Rights Panellists: Saadet Yuksel, Judge on the European Court of Human Rights Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, Judge on the Supreme Court of the Republic of North Macedonia</p> |
| 12:30-13:45 | <h3>Lunch</h3> |
| 13:45 – 15:10 | <h3>Panel Discussion: Gender Equality and the ECHR – the interaction between Article 8 and Article 14 ECHR</h3> <p>Introductory presentation by Ivana Jelić, Judge on the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Moderator: Robert Spano, President of the European Court of Human Rights Panellists: Ledi Bianku, Judge on the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ksenija Turković, Professor of Law at the University of Zagreb and former Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights</p> |
| 15:10-15.30 | <h3>Coffee break</h3> |
| 15:30-16:45 | <h3>Thematic working groups – Session 1 Domestic and Gender Based Violence and the ECHR</h3> <p>Introduction by Ksenija Turković, Professor of Law at the University of Zagreb and former Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>Moderated discussion in smaller groups made up of participants from across the region: The application of ECHR jurisprudence in the region and key challenges in the domestic context, in relation to the topics discussed in the first Panel Discussion.</p> <p>Moderator: Ledi Bianku, Judge on the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> |



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| 15:30-16:45 | <p>Thematic working groups – Session 2 Gender Equality and the ECHR – the interaction between Article 8 and Article 14 ECHR</p> <p>Introduction by Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, Judge on the Supreme Court of the Republic of North Macedonia</p> <p>Moderated discussion in smaller groups made up of participants from across the region: The application of ECHR jurisprudence in the region and key challenges in the domestic context, in relation to the topics discussed in the second Panel Discussion.</p> <p>Moderator: Ivana Krstić, Professor at the Faculty of Law, Belgrade University</p> |
| 16:45 | <p>End of Day One</p> |
| 18:30-19:30 | <p>Cocktail reception</p> |
| 19:30-21:00 | <p>Dinner</p> |
| <p>Day 2 – 2 April 2022</p> | |
| 09:30–10:00 | <p>Feedback from the Thematic Working Groups</p> <p>Presentation on the key takeaways from the thematic working groups</p> <p>Moderator: Ivana Krstić, Professor at the Faculty of Law, Belgrade University</p> |
| 10:00-10:45 | <p>Introduction to the Gender Champions in the Judiciary (GCJ Network) and regional scoping study</p> <p>Biljana Braithwaite, Western Balkans Programme Director, the AIRE Centre Kosana Beker, Gender Equality Expert Larisa Halilović, Network and Mentorship Specialist</p> <p>The speakers will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key aims, role, membership and structure of the network • Gender in the judiciary in the Western Balkans |



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| 10:45-11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 11:00-12:15 | Working Groups – Bringing the network to life Discussion in smaller working groups of the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do you hope the network will achieve for you over the next 3 years?• What are the themes and activities that the network should focus on?• Who are the wider stakeholders that we need to include in the discussions on gender equality and improving judicial responses?• How do we ensure sufficient motivation for members to take an active part in the work of the network?• What are the best ways to exchange experience, jurisprudence and best practice among WB6 judiciaries? |
| 12:15 -12:30 | Break |
| 12:30– 13:00 | Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on the key outcomes from the working group discussions• Summary of next steps Moderator: Larisa Halilović , Network and Mentorship Specialist |
| 13:00-13:15 | Concluding Remarks Biljana Braithwaite , Western Balkans Programme Director, the AIRE Centre Ivana Jelić , Judge on the European Court of Human Rights |
| 13:15 | End of the Forum and Lunch |