



## Webinar on Preventing and Combatting Sexism at Local Level in Ukraine

2 July 2020

15:00 – 17:00 (GMT +3:00 Kyiv)

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### CONTEXT

Sexism is defined by the Council of Europe as “any act, gesture, visual representation, spoken or written words, practice, or behaviour based upon the idea that a person or a group of persons is inferior because of their sex, which occurs in the public or private sphere, whether online or offline”. Widespread and prevalent in all sectors and all societies, sexism is rooted in historically unequal power relations between men and women which lead to discrimination and prevent the full advancement of women in society.

As part of its efforts in promoting gender equality, women's rights and equal participation of women and men in public life and in decision-making, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe has prepared a recommendation on “Fighting sexism against women in politics at local and regional level”. This is being complemented with a guide for women and men in local politics on “Preventing and combatting sexism at local level in Ukraine”, which will be released during the webinar. Participants are composed of local authority representatives, their national associations, members of the Parliament and the Government, CSOs, and subject matter experts.

The guide will provide concrete measures for preventing and combatting sexism to both local and regional authorities and their national associations, and to possible targets of sexist violence (including sexist speech and sexual harassment) and gender-based discrimination, such as female candidates and local office holders.

*The event is organised within the project “[Strengthening democracy and building trust at local level in Ukraine](#)”, implemented by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities within the [Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2021](#). The project aims to improve the quality of local democracy in Ukraine by strengthening institutional frameworks and by supporting local authorities and their national associations in their efforts to promote ethical decision-making and more citizen-oriented, inclusive and transparent local governance.*

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## PROGRAMME

*The webinar is moderated by Marité MORAS, Head of Unit, Co-operation and External Relations Department, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

### **15:00 – 15:15      Opening and introductory remarks**

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Kateryna LEVCHENKO, Commissioner for Gender Policy, Government of Ukraine

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### **15:20 – 15:50      Preventing and combatting sexism at the local level in Ukraine: a guide for women and men in local politics**

Jelena DRENJANIN, Thematic Spokesperson on Gender Equality, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Gabrielle BARDALL, Gender Equality Expert and co-author of the Guide

LIVE Q&A

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### **15:50 – 16:50      Local testimonies**

Svitlana YEVCHENKO, Chief Specialist on Gender Equality, Zhytomyr municipality

Anatolii FEDORCHUK, Mayor of Boryspil, Kyiv region, Member of the AUC Committee on Ensuring Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men

Anastasiya POPSUI, Councillor, Irpin City Council, Kyiv region

Oleksandra HOLUB, Chairwoman, Women's Rights Protection League "Harmony of Equals" («Гармонія рівних»)

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### **16:50 – 17:00      Conclusions**

*Every speaker delivers a very brief message to conclude*