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Regional Guidelines for Implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the South Mediterranean are Available!



The Women, Peace and Security Agenda (WPSA) recognises the continuum of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and draws attention to the gender dimension in all responses to threats to peace and security. It defines how security and peace shall be sustained, calls for conflicts to be resolved by political means, integrating gender equality perspectives in all areas – in participation, prevention, protection, and legislation.

The Regional Guidelines for the implementation of WPSA in the South Mediterranean were produced by the Regional Civil Society Observatory on VAWG (RCSO) and EuroMed Feminist Initiative to be as a firm step in the direction of achieving inclusive peace and social safety in the region. Building regional agreements, platforms and bases for cooperation and policy making plays a critical role in the formulation of normative frameworks that strengthen accountable national institutions and provide conditions conducive to inclusive and sustainable development. The Guidelines are meant also to allow for a better understanding and cooperation between States and civil society and to commit to the on-going work on developing a comprehensive approach to combating VAWG, thus ensuring women's peace and safety. They can be also used as a tool for advocacy for the implementation of the WPSA at national level and regional levels.

Stay Informed on Equality in the South Mediterranean. Read the Report from the Regional Forum on Equality in Education!



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Report Regional Forum on **Equality in Education** in the Southern Mediterranean



11-12 October 2022
Amman, Jordan

The Regional Forum on Equality in Education, organized in partnership with Jordan Ministry of Education aimed at sharing experiences and discussing strategies to achieve more equality in and through education in the region. The Forum also provided unique opportunities for teachers from pilot schools to come together and exchange lessons learnt so that best practices can be scaled up at national level.

The Forum gathered over 130 participants from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia, including Ministers and representatives of Ministries of Education, Ministries of Women's Affairs and women's machineries, as well as teachers, experts, members of parliaments and representatives of women's rights organizations.

EuroMed Feminist Initiative (EFI) is a policy network that provides expertise in the field of gender equality as inseparable from democracy building and

citizenship, and advocates for political solutions to all conflicts, and for the right of peoples to self-determination.

EuroMed Feminist Initiative hosts the Regional Civil Society Observatory (RCSO) on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). The RCSO is a civil society mechanism to follow up on the implementation of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial Process and Declarations on strengthening the role of women in society, in particular in the area of combating all forms of VAWG and Women, Peace and Security Agenda (WPSA). It aims at producing knowledge and enhancing the understanding and awareness of VAWG and its continuum in peace times and armed conflicts, as well as of the implementation of WPSA. To this goal, the Regional Observatory identifies gaps, collects and analyses data on existing laws, and in all areas of life, and provides recommendations to support a better informed and evidence-based policymaking and legislation towards ending of VAWG.

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