

Welcome to the Drive for Democracy seminar

The purpose of the Drive for Democracy seminar

In order to establish the European Baltic Sea Forum Strategy for Gender Equality and Growth 3.0 with connections to the Eastern Partnership we need to:

- Highlight our accomplishments in gender equality practices that focus on women's and men's equal participation.
- Highlight challenges and opportunities in order to ensure gender equality in democratic development on all levels.
- Discuss how we develop a new design for gender equality work that ensures a democratic system where gender equality between women and men is mainstreamed in all political areas, strategies and implementation plans. This will ensure that existing knowledge is maintained and that our work strives forward instead of reinventing what we already know.
- Discuss how we cultivate good practices and capacity building where the foundation is The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, The EU Gender Equality Strategy (2020-2025) and the Sustainable Development Goals. What reforms are needed?



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**7 MAY 2021 | 13.00-
15.35 CET | ZOOM**



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Program

PART 1

Moderator Anna Westerholm: The Swedish Ambassador of the EaP region (TBC)

13.30 Welcome!

Britt-Marie Torstensson and Mats Hellström welcome everyone, introduce the seminar and agenda for the day.

PART 1

How do we create a new design for gender equality?

Åsa Lindestam (Social Democratic Party), First Deputy Speaker at the Swedish Parliament tells us about her experience in Drive for Democracy and how it can be adapted for constructive gender equality work.

Capacity building is important, even more so after a pandemic.

The Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde presents OSCEs work during 2021. What it contains, how it is implemented and how gender equality has shaped the program and its implementation. Ann Linde will present three proposals of how to strengthen gender equality.

14.30 Coffee Break ☕



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PART 2

From politics to praxis – for democracy and gender equality

14.40 Experiences and good practices that help us succeed with our continued work.

Supporting gender equality in Armenia

David Gulette OSCE mission Moldova presents OSCEs experiences of mobilizing women in Armenia. How did they use the Winnet model to mobilize women to contribute and participate in sustainable democratic societal systems with focus on innovation, entrepreneurship and the labour market.

Examples from Drive for Democracy with a gender equality perspective

Ruzanna Torozyan, Chairwoman Winnet Armenia, presents Winnet Armenia's experiences in capacity building and mobilizing women's participation in women resource centres.

The importance of sustainable democratic systems and structures to ensure equal opportunities for young women

With Rosaline Maribinah president of The National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations

15.35 Conclusion and the next step for European Baltic Sea Forum Strategy for Gender Equality and Growth 3.0

