

## **1. Title of the project application to the Swedish Institute (SI)**

Title of project OR acronym (same as in application to SI)

EUSBSR&EAP Forum a G&E Concept Model for ACTION & Change

Name of main applicant organisation, based in Sweden

Winnet Sverige

## **2. Details of the partner organisation and contact person**

Name of organisation:

Östersjöfred - Women's Baltic Peacebuilding Initiative

Department/unit/section:

Country:

Sweden

Contact person, Name:

Gertrud Åström

Contact person, Title:

President

Contact person, E-mail:

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### 3. Relevance

Briefly summarize how this project is in line with activities, goals and competence of your organisation as well as with national, regional and local strategies relevant to your organisation.

Maximum 2000 characters

Women's Baltic Peacebuilding Initiative is a women's organisation based on international principals and binding agreements on women's rights, primarily CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Action and SR2000:1325. Our engagements and activities stem from analysis of SDG goal 16, aiming at promoting peaceful societies by building effective institutions for sustainable development. Our interpretation of how to promote peaceful societies is by developing a women's rights perspective on welfare and democratic issues treated holistically. SDG 5, strengthening women's rights, and SDG 17, cooperation between parties, feed into our work. Swedish policy for gender equality stated already in the 1970's that equality between women and men is not an isolated issue and can only be achieved if targeted goals and coordinated activities are set up within a societal context.

Women's Baltic Peacebuilding Initiative cooperate in different projects where analysis of international agreements are made and Swedish delivery is scrutinized. The methodology in these projects is generic. We are also developing a terminology on peace work. Our method is in-depth reading of texts within participant led studies in small groups. We thus link to the growing understanding that transition of societies need to be based on a citizen agreement and understanding.

Women's Baltic Peacebuilding Initiative was partner in the seed project EUSBSR Forum Gender Equality & Growth, 3.0, where innovation and entrepreneurship was in focus. We have contributed by writing articles, developing the framework for and coordinated a pilot study on women in innovation and entrepreneurs, analysis of macro level data, lecturing and sharing know how with EAP countries.

Our members have an extensive knowledge on gender equality policies, expertise in education, executive and leading positions in NGOs, public and private sector, organisational development and a huge national and international network.

### 4. Contribution of your organisation

Briefly summarize your organisation's expected contribution to the project.

Maximum 1000 characters

We will contribute in three main goals: Strengthening women's organisations as an efficient driving force for gender equality by establishing the Forum as concept model for action within the project framework of EUSBSR and EAP including disseminating organisational know how to relevant national and international stakeholders; gender mainstreaming as strategy and methods for

including a women's perspective in policies and structures regarding innovation leading to policy and institutional development and action in the field; process a women's perspective for a road map from green theory to green practice focusing on peaceful development.

We will share knowhow, methodology and experience based expertise by further developing qualitative studies on women in innovation and institutional change, presentations at seminars and conferences and coordinating and pursuing in-depth reading of international and national agreements and analysis for peaceful development.

## **5. Added value for your organisation**

Briefly summarize the added value your organisation gains from participating in this project.

Maximum 1000 characters

Participating in EUSBSR Gender Equality & Growth, 3.0, gave insight into the importance of international treaties, EU policies and national programs to be sensitized from a women's and gender equality perspective, we expect this project to be a major advantage for our organisation to improve our work.

We have experience of building organisations, cooperating with EAP countries in this endeavour will strengthen our network and overcoming cultural differences in a joint search for democratic institutions.

This project will help us to deepen analysis and methods that are generic, specifically on innovation and institutions, and implement them into action in relevant fields. This project will also open an opportunity for us to combine previous work and experiences with new stakeholders of importance for achieving desired change. We are looking forward to exchange of the methodology on peace work with Armenian peace organisations and together develop peace speech at local level.

## **6. Authorized signatory**

(The authorized signatory cannot be the same as appointed contact person, see question 2 above)

Place and date:

Stockholm 2023-09-19

Organisation:

Östersjöfred - Women's Baltic Peacebuilding Initiative

Full name (first name and surname) :

Gertrud Åström

Position/title:

President

Signature: *Cecilia Lindström*