



EUROPEAN UNION



Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

EU GENDER ACTION PLAN III

Country Level Implementation Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) (2021-2025)



The European Union and its Member States are vigorously promoting gender equality and women empowerment in their relations with partner countries. The new EU's Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in External Action (2021-2025) is now operational in Bosnia and Herzegovina

GAP III

GENDER ACTION PLAN III aims to accelerate progress on empowering women and girls, and safeguard gains made on gender equality during the 25 years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and its Platform for Action. It aims to contribute to empowering women, girls and young people to fully use their rights and increase their participation in political, economic, social and cultural life

Vision

The Country Level implementation plan (CLIP) for Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- translates the EU Gender Action Plan III into priorities and actions for BiH, using a rights based approach.
- was prepared by Team Europe (EU Delegation and EU Member States), including relevant CSOs and international organizations.

Rationale for the CLIP

The CLIP areas of engagement are based on:

- BiH Gender Country Profile
- Commission Opinion on Bosnia and Herzegovina's application for membership of the European Union and relevant recommendation.
- BiH Gender Action Plan 2018-2022.
- Consultations with civil society organizations, EU Member States including EUFOR ALTHEA mission, international actors and UN Women.

CLIP Instruments

Different instrument will be used in the implementation of the CLIP:

- Financial and political support.
- Direct support to BiH gender institutional mechanism.
- Consultations with civil societies on IPA Programming and funding through EIDHR and CSF.
- Joint advocacy efforts through policy dialogue.
- Monitoring through shadow reporting.

CLIP - Areas of Engagement



Ensuring freedom from all forms of gender-based violence



Promoting economic and social rights and empowering girls and women



Promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights



Promoting equal participation and leadership



Integrating the Women, Peace and Security Agenda



Gender mainstreaming and targeted actions

- **Gender Equality Facility (GEF)**, implemented by UN Women in partnership with the BiH Gender Institutional Mechanism and Directorate for European Integration aiming at strengthening of effective implementation of domestic and international legal frameworks concerning gender equality and women's rights.
- **EU4HR**, implemented by the Foundation of Local Democracy, aims at strengthening capacities of institutional mechanisms, namely the BiH Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, the Agency for Gender Equality, and the Ombudsman BiH.
- Supporting **women organisations and CSO projects** aiming at women empowerment through various funding programmes (IPA, EIDHR, CSF). Currently, EU projects in social and economic empowerment, violence against women, leadership and participation human trafficking. The EU will continue supporting CSO projects with a focus on the priority areas identified in the CLIP.



Engagement in dialogue for gender equality and women empowerment

- The EU Delegation and MSs will continue to, among other, advocate and support consistent support of the Istanbul Convention; prioritize integration of the issue of women's economic empowerment and gender responsive budgeting; support to at least 40% of representation of each gender in legislative, executive and judicial authorities at all levels in BiH.
- Pursue implementation of the Roadmap of cooperation following selection of BiH as partner country in the WPS agenda at the Summit of G7 foreign ministers in 2018.



Public Diplomacy Activities

The EU office will team up with the UN Agency, local CSOs, MSs and gender institutional mechanism to synchronise messaging to accelerate progress on gender equality.