

INVITATION FOR THE CONFERENCE "POLITICAL LITERACY OF YOUTH IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA"

The Academy for Women is pleased to invite you to a conference organized within the project "Political Literacy of Youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina" funded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in B&H. The conference will be organized on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at the Hills Hotel in Ilidža (Butmirska cesta 18) starting at 10:00.

The conference is the final event of a two-year project and we want to mark the importance of the program that brought together young people aged 17 to 35 from all over B&H, both those who are members of political entities in B&H, those who operate in civil society organizations as well as those who have, so far avoided socio-political activism. The idea for activities and education of this kind arose as a need to provide young people with space for political literacy.

Two generations of young people who are active in B&H political parties, as well as those who are socially active in their communities, of the most diverse education and ideological options, were part of this education. The program consisted of eight modules, divided into two levels. During the first level, participants learned through four modules on a number of topics related to the social, economic, electoral and political system of B&H, and then passed the second level composed, also of four modules in which they studied the EU system, Euro-Atlantic integration, the accession process, fulfilling the necessary reforms on the road to the EU, on trade relations and the like.

Special emphasis was placed on topics such as human rights, civic activism, gender equality, political and media literacy of young people in politics, those who are interested in entering politics or activism. All these topics and knowledge are necessary in order for young people to be adequately involved in socio-political life and processes in B&H, but also to encourage and gain skills important for public appearances, critical thinking, participation in decision-making, etc. The conference consists of three panels, within which young politicians, activists will speak, and there will be a promotion of the publication "Mature, vote, act! Handbook for Political Literacy in Bosnia and Herzegovina" which is the product of joint work of students of both generations, under the mentorship of a team of experts in certain fields. This manual should serve all those persons who are running for various political positions, going to the polls for the first time or simply want to be informed about the basics of the political system of B&H.

Due to epidemiological measures and the limited number of visitors, please confirm your participation no later than Tuesday, January 25, 2022 to e-mail jasmina@afw.ba. All activities will be organized in full compliance with the regulations on gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The conference agenda is below.

| WEDNESDAY, 02.02.2022. | | |
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| “HOTEL HILLS” Butmirska cesta 18 71000 Sarajevo | | |
| 10:00 – 10.30 | Opening ceremony of the final conference of the project Political Literacy of Youth in B&H | Her Excellency Margret Webber, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to B&H (tbc) Maja Gasal-Vražalica, director of the Academy for Women |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | First panel: Electees | Panelists: Sandra Janković (SDS), Riad Idrizović (NiP), Nedim Salihagić (NES BIH) Moderator: Slađan Tomić |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Coffee break | |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Second panel: Activist policy corrective | Panelists: Đorđe Mirković, Kristina Gadže, Ajna Katica, Igor Nikolić, Zerina Osmić Moderator: Rubina Čengiđ |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Lunch | |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | Third Panel: Promotion of the manual “Mature, vote, act! Handbook for Political Literacy in Bosnia and Herzegovina ” | Participants: authors Dragana Vučković, Kristina Gadže, Boris Ćuković, Mario Vrhovac and mentor prof.dr. Lada Sadiković Moderator: Maja Gasal-Vražalica |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Conclusions and closing remarks of the conference | Maja Gasal-Vražalica |

Everyone is welcome!