



WIN PROJECT UPDATE

ON UKRAINE ACTIVITIES



Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the OSCE Secretariat Gender Issues Programme **WIN Project** strengthened and mobilized additional support to sustain Ukrainian women's civil society organizations' work in response to the impact of the ongoing war. WIN aims to support Ukrainian institutions and civil society whose needs have changed as a result of the war.



OSCE continues its support for Ukraine, including through the WIN project – from inside the country and out.

We support women and promote their leadership across all dimensions of security, including by providing safe spaces and platforms to connect and strategize”.

Helga Maria Schmid,
OSCE Secretary General

OVER THE PERIOD OF MARCH 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023, WIN PROJECT:

- ✔ Brought together **15 leading Ukrainian human rights defenders**, activists, and government representatives, who voiced their recommendations and concerns in discussion with the OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid during two special **sessions** within the **OSCE Networking Platform of Women Leaders, including mediators and peacebuilders**.
- ✔ Created a safe space for **21 women activists from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine to exchange** experiences, strategies, and approaches to combat violence against women and girls in conflict and post-conflict settings, during two in-person **meetings**.
- ✔ Put the **spotlight on Ukrainian women's participation in the digital economy** by gathering 12 prominent experts from international organizations, civil society, and private sector to share their experiences and recommendations for future action.
- ✔ Enabled networking and knowledge sharing for the **Ukrainian Association of women in Law Enforcement (UAWLE)** by enabling participation of their member in the 59th International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Conference.

BUILDING WOMEN ACTIVISTS' RESILIENCE IN WAR-TIME

WIN Project piloted activities to provide **psychological and emotional support** to women activists in Ukraine who face severe personal and professional challenges due to the war, such as **forced displacement, security threats and burnout**:

- ▶ **10 psychosocial support meetings** with two professional psychologists held for 7 "ICAN" (MOЖY) Network members.
- ▶ Online **workshop on crisis communication** designed and rolled out for 14 women peacebuilders.
- ▶ Online **workshop on female leadership in times of crisis** designed and rolled out for women activists.
- ▶ Professional **psychologists' assistance** offered during and after the BiH/Ukraine exchanges organized by the project.



Women human rights activists from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine, and OSCE gender team, Vienna, February 2023. (OSCE/Silvia Race)

RESULTS ACHIEVED JOINTLY WITH THE WIN IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

✓ **Women's Information Consultative Center (WICC)** strengthens women's role and capacity in localizing the WPS agenda and develops new approaches and tools for assessing the security needs of communities. Joint activities conducted in 2021 within the WIN Project resulted in the creation of the network of women peacebuilders, "ICAN" (MOЖY), from 14 regions coordinated by WICC. *Read more in the [interview](#) with the WICC Head Ms. Anastasia Nenka.*

✓ **Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)** promotes women's role in gender-responsive humanitarian action and peacebuilding in the context of war. In July 2022, 20 women peacebuilders from Moldova and Ukraine participated in webinars to enhance their capacities to deliver and advocate for gender-responsive humanitarian action and peacebuilding. In 2022, an indepth mapping of women peacebuilders networks in Eastern Europe, including Ukraine, helped identify good practices and recommendations for policy improvement.

✓ **Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE)** works towards prevention and protection of women from violence and improves the support to survivors of violence and civil society organizations. In 2022, an OSCE-WAVE [Toolkit](#) on Preventing and



Participants of Conference on Preventing and responding to gender-based violence during the war and in post-war settings, Tbilisi, Georgia, 8 November 2022. (OSCE)

responding to GBV during the war and in post-war settings based on women's organizations expertise, including a Ukrainian civil society organization was developed and launched.

✓ **Women Peace Dialogue Platform** builds solidarity among women peace leaders from 12 countries and enhances their capacity to influence change in their home communities and regions for a more secure, inclusive, and peaceful world. Through the WIN Project the Platform provided urgent humanitarian support to women CSOs, advocating for women's needs in Ukraine and strengthening peacebuilding efforts. *Read more in the [interview](#) with the WPDP Chairperson Ms. Julia Kharashvili*

UKRAINIAN WOMEN LEADERS – story series

WIN Project launched a series of stories about Ukrainian women activists to showcase women leadership in response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine.

More stories are in the pipeline, as WIN Project continues to raise awareness about the valuable work of women in Ukraine



Ms. Tetiana Baieva,
Head of the Podillya Gender Council Centre



Ms. Anna Popsui,
Ukrainian activist and co-founder of the Young Peacebuilding Leaders Network

COMING UP FOR 2023

- ✓ Strengthening networking support for Ukrainian human rights defenders, peacebuilders, mediators, and government representatives within the framework of the **OSCE Networking Platform of Women Peace Leaders**. This work will also cover capacity building for state authorities and civil society organizations on gender-responsive humanitarian action, civil protection, and women's leadership.
- ✓ OSCE-WAVE **Toolkit** on preventing and responding to GBV during the war and in post-war settings will be further rolled out to support Ukrainian civil society organizations and initiatives addressing GBV.
- ✓ In partnership with WICC, WIN Project will continue to offer capacity building for women peacebuilders, psychosocial support, and conduct safety audits.
- ✓ Additional training and mentoring for Ukrainian women will be provided throughout the year to support their participation in the digital economy.

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