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WINTER ACADEMY

DRAFT PROGRAMME

WOMEN'S VOICE FOR WORLD PEACE

The Role of Women in Local Government, Diplomacy, and Integration of Ukrainian refugees

*15-17 December 2023,
Kings' Valley Medical & Spa, Kazanlak*

Friday, 15 December 2023

14:00 - 15:00 Check-in

15:00 - 16:00 Welcome and introduction of participants

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 18:00 Panel I

European Directive on Women on Boards - Opportunities and Challenges

- ***Prof. Elena Simeonova***, Deputy Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of International Economics and Politics, UNWE

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner



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Saturday, 16 December 2023

07:30 - 09:00 Breakfast

09:00 - 10:00 Official opening

- *Yordanka Fandakova, Chairperson of Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria*
- *Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Bulgaria*
- *Rumiana Stoilova, Research Associate, Martens Centre*
- *Ekaterina Yordanova, Chairperson of GERB Women*
- *Galina Stoyanova, Mayor of Kazanlak*
- *Radostin Tanev, Regional Coordinator of GERB - Stara Zagora*

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 11:30 Panel I

The war in Ukraine and the way forward. The role of women in diplomacy and peace building

- *Mariya Gabriel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs*

11:30 - 12:00 Panel II

Women in Digital Democracy: Benefits and Challenges

- *Prof. Rumiana Stoilova, Research Associate at Martens Centre, Professor at the Institute of Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 16:00 Panel III

Representation of women in local government - a comparative picture. Benefits of women's participation in politics. Good practices in relation to the integration of refugees from Ukraine.

- *Evelina Slavkova, sociologist, co-founder of Trend Agency*

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:30 Closing ceremony of the Winter Academy



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19:00 - 21:00 Dinner

17 December 2023, Sunday

Check-out

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