

AGENDA

Online Discussion on Sexual Harassment in Politics – Prevalence and Intervention

Online discussion

Date: June 17 2016

Time: 10.00 am to 02.00 pm CEST

10.00am to 10.15am: Welcome and Introduction

10.15 am to 1.50 pm: Prevalence and Intervention – existing practices and future needs

We know that women across Europe encounter sexual harassment in private and in public. Politics is not an exception in this issue. Recently e.g. the French female ministers have made a statement that they will no longer be silent about the issue. Also The OSCE *Compendium of Good Practices for Advancing Women's Political Participation in the OSCE Region* recognizes that harassment and other types of violence deter disproportionately women from participating in the election process and brings forward the rising concern that women MPs in some countries are subject to violence, aggression and harassment (OSCE 2016, 61-62, 82). However, gathered information about the prevalence of sexual harassment in politics and (good) interventions is not easily available. Thus, in this online discussion, we would like to address the following questions:

- What kind of experiences and knowledge we have on sexual harassment in politics?
- What kind of tools and campaigns there has been to tackle sexual harassment in politics and how have these worked?
- What kind of tools, interventions and campaigns would we still need?

1.50 pm to 2.00 pm: Closing words

Sources

BBC "[French female ministers decry sexual harassment](#)"

OSCE 2016 [Compendium of Good Practices for Advancing Women's Political Participation in the OSCE Region](#)