June 1 | Day 1

9:00 – 9:30  
Registration, coffee

9:30 – 9:35  
Welcome

  *Mira Banerjee, Head of Knowledge Management & Communications Unit, EIGE*

9:35 – 9:50  
Updates from EIGE

  - EIGE’s cooperation with IPA countries in the 2017-2019 period
  - Gender Equality Index release in October 2017 & IPA countries participation

  *Kristaps Petermanis, Administrative Agent – International Relations, EIGE*

9:50 – 10:50  
Updates from DG NEAR

  - Recent developments in EU gender equality policy
  - IPA countries Progress Reports (focus on Chapters 19-23)
  - Overview of the DG NEAR funded UN Women project “Implementing Norms, Changing Minds: Ending violence against women in the Western Balkan Countries and Turkey”
  - Overview of selected EU funding sources for gender equality work in IPA countries

  *Olga Martin Gonzalez, Policy Assistant - Gender Equality, DG NEAR*

10:50 – 11:10  
Coffee break

11:10 – 12:30  
**EU and national Gender Action Plans: presentations and discussion (part 1)**

In this section 3 participant countries (AL, BA, ME) are asked to present their national Gender Action Plans and key developments since October 2016 in IPA countries. After each presentation DG NEAR will provide an overview of the EU Gender Action Plan’s implementation in the particular country.

12:30 – 14:00  
Lunch
14:00 – 15:20 EIGE’s initiative to improve administrative data collection on intimate partner violence in EU 28 & discussion on how to transpose the results in IPA countries

By end of 2017 EIGE will finish a study that assesses the quality and availability of administrative data on intimate partner violence (IPV) and rape collected by the police and justice sectors in each EU Member State. The aim of this initiative is to set up a reporting and monitoring framework to assist Member States (and anyone else who adopts the framework) to provide regular, comparable data and to meet the monitoring requirements of international legal instruments, in particular the Victims’ Rights Directive and the Istanbul Convention. The session will provide an in-depth introduction to this work and the planned results, as well as include a discussion on whether and how to allow IPA countries benefit from outcomes of this initiative. For more information see meeting documentation.

*Barbora Holubova: Seconded National Expert – Gender-based Violence, EIGE*

*Elizabeth Kate McGuinness, Gender-based Violence Team Trainee, EIGE*

15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break

15:40 – 17:00 Previous session continued

17:00 – 17:15 Conclusions of day 1

*Kristaps Petermanis Administrative Agent – International Relations, EIGE*

18:30 – 19:30 Social Programme

19:30 – 21:30 Dinner

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**June 2 | Day 2**

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, coffee

9:00 – 11:00 EU and national Gender Action Plans: presentation and discussion (part 2)

Presentations of the remaining four countries (MK, SR, TR, XK) and DG NEAR, followed by a discussion on common challenges and recommendations.

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 – 13:00 Bilateral consultations on production of national Gender Equality Indices

Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Bilateral consultations with EIGE experts on other EIGE tools of interest for IPA countries*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch