



GGD

WOMEN CAUCUS GROUP



Republika e Kosovës
Republika Kosova - Republic of Kosovo
Kuvendi - Skupština – Assembly



Unity makes strength!



The Women Caucus Group (GGD) was established in July 2005 and is composed of all deputies from all political parties of all nationalities represented in the Assembly.

In this term, GGD has 40 members while the Board of GGD is managed by the chairperson elected by secret voting of the members.

The Board of the GGD:

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| Teuta Sahatqija (LDK) | - Chairperson |
| Flora Brovina (PDK) | - Member |
| Donika Kadaj-Bujupi (AAK) | - Member |
| Alma Lama (VV) | - Member |
| Suzana Novobërdaliu (KKR) | - Member |
| Jelena Bontić (SLS) | - Member |
| Myfera Sinik (6+) | - Member |
| Sebahate Grajçevci | - GGD Adviser |
| Arjeta Rexhepi | - GGD Assistant |

GGD operates based on the Action Strategy and Annual Action Plan.

THE MISSION OF THE GGD is to promote gender equality and women empowerment in all sectors of life.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE is to achieve the third Objective of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and objectives 39, 40, and 116 of the Action Plan for European Partnership - APEP.

General Objective of the GGD:

Respect for women's human rights and ensuring equal participation of women in all areas of the society and decision-making towards the establishment of the democratic state of Kosovo.

Specific Objectives:

- ✎ Harmonization, amendment and drafting of the legislation from the gender perspective.
- ✎ Improvement of the position of women in political parties and politics in general.
- ✎ Improvement of the position of women in the Kosovo society.
- ✎ Increased cooperation between the GGD and women in the Kosovo society and women deputies from other countries.

Activities in the Parliament:

- ✎ Special parliamentary session with the topic: "Position of women in the Kosovo society – access to justice and economic strengthening";
- ✎ Proposal for amendments in favor of women inclusion in the: "Regulation of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo";
- ✎ Laws addressed from a gender perspective;
- ✎ Participation of GGD representatives in the working groups such as: Group on the Drafting of the Constitution of Kosovo and the Group on Election Reform;
- ✎ Reaction about the one-gender list of proposed ambassadors that resulting in the appointment of women in these positions;
- ✎ Inclusion of GGD representatives in the delegations of the Presidency of the Assembly, such as meetings organized in the Assembly and abroad;
- ✎ In parliamentary sessions such as: "Access of women to justice and economic strengthening".

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ORGANIZED ROUNDTABLES

- ✘ **In cooperation with the NDI roundtables with the following topics were organized:**
“Election reform”; “Domestic violence”; “Why women need women”; “Breast and cervical cancer”; and “Media and women portrayal in the media”.
- ✘ **With UNDP:** “Women and access to justice”.
- ✘ **With the Commercial Chamber of Koblenz, Germany:** “Handicraft, employment opportunity for women”.
- ✘ **With the University of Prishtina:** “Women representation in the UoP, in decision-making and leadership structures of the University”.



ACTIVITIES IN MUNICIPALITIES:

- ✘ **In cooperation with USAID-DEMI organized the roundtable “Role of women in the local governance”, in the municipalities:** Kamenicë, Kaçanik, Gjilan, Malisheva, Mitrovica, Vushtrri and Fushe Kosova; Gjilan, Shterpca, Ranillug, Graçanica, Partesh, Novoberda, Klllokot; Peja, Gjakova, Deçan, Istog, Suhareka and Mamusha.
- ✘ **In cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Top Radio, the roundtable: Election reform and women empowerment** in the municipalities: Gjakova, Peja, Istog, Gjilan, Prizren, Klina, Suhareka, Vushtrri, Deçan, Ferizaj.
- ✘ **In cooperation with the OSCE meetings** with the women from the municipalities of the region of Prishtina: Prishtina, Graçanica, Obiliq, Fushe Kosova, Lipjan, Shtime, Ferizaj and Podujeva.

REGIONAL COOPERATION

GGD is committed to advance regional cooperation with the purpose of exchanging experience and strengthening partnership.

- ✎ Participation in conferences organized in Albania;
- ✎ Regional conferences with AGE with the topic “Role of Women in Integration Processes”;
- ✎ Deputies and activists from Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro invited to attend in the activities organized by the GGD.

VISITS ABROAD:

- ✎ With UNDP support, participation and representation in the conference organized in Turkey;
- ✎ Visit to Sweden with OSCE support;
- ✎ Visit to Austria with UNDP support;
- ✎ Visit to USA.

MEETINGS:

With the purpose of coordinating planned activities the GGD organizes regular working meetings with organizations and personalities from various areas, civil society and media operating in Kosovo.



DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

Meetings with delegations of different countries in the world are part of the agenda of GGD activities.

GGD is a powerful voice of women representation in Kosovo.

It is worth mentioning meetings like the ones with: EU Rapporteur for Kosovo Ms. Ulrike Lunacek; Member of the European Parliament Ms. Doris Pack; Governor Howard Dean, member of the NDI Board; delegation from the German Bundestag; Head of EU Office in Kosovo, Mr. Samuel Zhbogar; experts from USA; delegation of the deputies of the Swedish Parliament, member of which was the Swedish deputy of Kosovo origins Mr. Adnan Dibrani; delegation of 20 members from five EU countries that have not recognized Kosovo yet; American Congressmen; ambassadors accredited in Kosovo etc.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- ✎ Campaign against breast cancer;
- ✎ Activities to buy a mobile mammogram;
- ✎ Visits and meetings with citizens;
- ✎ TV debates; etc.

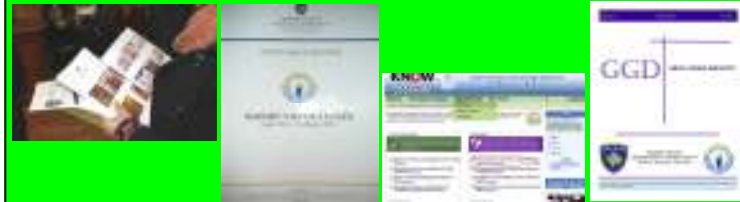


- ✎ With UNDP support at the Hall of the Assembly organized an exhibition of Kosovo women painters with the topic “Women and Art”.
- ✎ With NDI support organized the English language course for MPs.
- ✎ With the support of the French Embassy organized a French course for the MPs.

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- ✘ GGD has organized the activity “Women’s Week” with NDI and USAID support;
This one-week activity aims to advance the position of women in the society. Many women from different subjects and from the municipalities were tested to become qualified to be part of the workshops organized, and 100 were certified.
- ✘ Distribution of 11 letters of appreciation from the GGD to personalities who have given an important contribution for: the development of democracy, freedom of Kosovo, involvement in human rights, promotion of gender equality, contribution for culture etc.
- ✘ Conference of KCGS at the National Library with the topic “Gender quota – equal representation for women in Kosovo”.
- ✘ Meeting with orphans at the SOS Children’s village.



PUBLICATIONS:

- ✘ With NDI support, the GGD publishes annual reports;
- ✘ With UNDP support, GGD prepares and publishes the monthly bulletin;
- ✘ With UNDP support, GGD has prepared and published promotional materials;
- ✘ The activities are published on the Assembly website;
- ✘ GGD is active also in social media like Facebook, “iKNOW politics” network etc.

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