



## DRAFT AGENDA – POLITICAL BUREAU SEMINAR

### Regions at the forefront of a Union of Equality: *How can regions contribute to the fight against gender-based violence in Europe and its Neighbourhood?*

8 June 2023 | 15:00 – 18:30 | Palazzo Sacratì Strozzi, Piazza Duomo 10, Florence (Italy)

*The meeting will be held in English and Italian.*

*Format: hybrid*

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**Concept:** As part of the workplan of the Gender-Task Force, this conference will address the EU Gender-based violence directive which is on the work programme of the EC for 2023. The directive calls for implementation at regional and local levels, and identified important fragmentation of knowledge on the approaches of gender-based violence at regional and local levels. The directive especially directs the youth on growing cyber-violence challenges. Participants will explore how regions wish to be involved in the implementation of the future law, existing best practice in this domain as well as in the use of EU funds and tools to tackle gender issues and how to better involve youth in solutions.

<b>15:00-15:15</b>	<p><b>OPENING: ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE - EXPLORING THE ROLE OF REGIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eugenio Giani</b>, President of the Tuscany Region, Vice-President of the CPMR for Cohesion Policy</li> <li>• <b>Davide Strangis</b>, Deputy Secretary General of the CPMR</li> </ul>
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<b>15:15-16:15</b>	<p><b>SESSION I: ACTION AT EU LEVEL - How is gender-based violence currently addressed at EU level and how can regions be further involved?</b></p> <p><i>Moderation and wrap up by <b>Maria Sierra Armas</b>, Basque Country Institute for Women, Coordinating region of the CPMR Task force on Gender</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video address by <b>MEP Pina Picierno</b>, Vice-President of the European Parliament</li> <li>• <b>Eirini Dourou</b>, Spokesperson on Gender Equality for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• <b>Ambassador John Paul Grech</b>, Deputy Secretary General for Social &amp; Civil Affairs, Union of the Mediterranean</li> </ul> <p><i>Debate with the regions</i></p>
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<b>16:15-16:30 Coffee Break</b>
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<p><b>16:30-18:30</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION II: ACTION AT REGIONAL LEVEL - How do regions already contribute to ending gender-based violence and what is their overall approach to Gender issues and the use of EU funds? How to join efforts with the youth for impactful solutions?</b></p> <p><i>Moderation and wrap up by <b>Delphine Kaczorowski</b>, Coordinator of the CPMR Task force on Gender</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Address by Cristina Manetti</b>, Head of Cabinet of President Giani, Tuscany Region</li> <li>• Exploring the EU CERV/Daphne programme for regional authorities <b>with Manuela Marsano</b>, Policy Coordinator, CERV Italia</li> </ul> <p><i>Q&amp;A with the regions</i></p> <p><i>Roundtable with CPMR regions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maria Sierra Armas</b>, Equality Expert, Emakunde – Basque Institute for Women</li> <li>• <b>Alison Plant</b>, Head of Policy on Violence against women and domestic abuse, Wales</li> <li>• <b>Adrian Zittelli Ferrari</b>, Director General of EU Affairs for the Region of Murcia</li> <li>• <b>Rosa Calamunci</b>, Representative of the Department of External Affairs of Sicily Region and <b>Ilaria Puccio</b>, COPPEM Representative (Euromed Charter)</li> <li>• <b>Laia Rosich</b>, Director General for the Eradication of Gender-Based Violence, Ministry of Equality and Feminisms of Catalunya</li> <li>• <b>Ines Tamourt and Alessandro Agnitti</b>, Representatives of the Mediterranean Youth Council</li> </ul> <p><i>Debate with the regions</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusions by <b>Cristina Manetti</b>, head of cabinet of Eugenio Giani President of Tuscany Region</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free evening</b></p>	