



Women in SEE

Catching up with EU

Gender Equality Standards

The SPGTF Experience, lessons learned, and proposals for the future

The Changing Approach towards European Integration of SEE

Then1999

and

Now.....2005

The new EU and SEE landscape



Women in SEE
in 1999
and in 2005

Gender Equality Indicators

	1999		2005
CEDAW ratified	8/12		12/12
CEDAW Optional protocol ratified	0/12		8/12
Law on Gender Equality	0/12		8/12
National Gender Equality Mechanism	4/12		11/12

Women Ministers in SEE

COUNTRIES	1999		2005	
	Women / Ministries	Percentage (%)	Women / Ministries	Percentage (%)
Albania	2/17	11,8	1/19	5,3
B&H	0/12	0,00	1/9	11,1
Bulgaria	3/16	18,7	5/20	25,0
Croatia	2/18	11,1	4/14	28,6
Greece	1/18	5,6	1/16	6,3
Hungary	0/17	0,0	2/17	11,8
Kosovo	N A	N A	1/13	7,7
R. Macedonia	5/26	19,2	3/18	16,7
Moldova	0/20	0,0	1/19	5,3
Romania	1/15	6,7	3/18	16,7
Serbia	4/36	11,1	1/18	5,6
Montenegro	0/22	0,0	2/20	10,0
Slovenia	1/20	5,0	1/15	6,7
TOTAL:	19/237	8%	26/216	12%



How did these changes come about?

What did the GTF do (differently)

- Entered into the SP through advocacy and lobbying
- Regionally based and Regionally designed strategies
- Structurally linked to parliament, government and civil society (focal points)
- Sandwich strategy
- Strong ties to international and external actors
- Institutional exchange of best practices: nationally, regionally, globally

Future Challenges

- The Stability Pact planning until 2007
- EU approach towards SEE
- SPGTF efforts to further institutionalization

Why the EU should continue to work regionally in SEE

- Confidence-building effects (post conflict)
- Faster transfer of best practices (women's empowerment) as well as EU Gender equality standards
- Cost efficiency
- More systematic knowledge transfer to EU policymakers

Keeping up the Momentum of the SPGTF Regional Approach

Stronger Links between SPGTF /EU Institutions

Position inside the new EU Gender Institute

SPGTF Successful transformation into a *Gender Mainstreaming Training and Resource Center and Think Tank*

Thank you!

