

Virtual UN CSW65 Parallel Event
Eliminating Violence Against Women in Leadership for the Empowerment of All
Women and Girls

22 March (2:00-3:30 pm CET / 09:00-10:30 am EDT)

Location to join the event:

<https://ngocsw65forum.us2.pathable.com/meetings/virtual/QgiPLqLSJHLC963fL>



Violence against women in politics is not only an intolerable violation of women’s human rights and civil rights but a fundamental challenge to democracy. The UN 65th Commission on the Status of Women with its priority theme “Women’s full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls” is a moment to raise awareness of the threat of gender-based violence affecting women engaged in public life and specify policy solutions or remedies. The Foundation for European Progressive Studies and the National Democratic Institute are organizing a solutions-oriented discussion to evaluate successful policy responses and promote their urgent adoption.



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2:00 **Welcome remarks**

2:10 **Presentation of Study “Political Participation of Women in Southeastern Europe with Special Reference to Gender-Based Violence”**

Ana Radicevic, Program Director, CEE Regional Party Integrity, NDI

2:30 **e-Roundtable discussion**

Prof. dr. Vesna Pusic, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia

Matić Predrag Fred, Member of the European Parliament, Croatia

Tamara Tipic, former Member of Parliament & Vice President of Democratic party, Serbia

Renata Preturlan, Human Rights Officer supporting the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women

Ana Radicevic, Program Director, CEE Regional Party Integrity, NDI

Molly Middlehurst, Senior Program Officer, Gender, Women and Democracy, NDI

Moderation: **Laetitia Thissen**, FEPS Gender Equality Policy Advisor

3:20 **Closing Remarks**

Pia Locatelli, FEPS Scientific Member & CEE Gender Network Board Member, Italy