

Women, Peace and Security: Building Alliances for Sustainable Peace

Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo

22-23 October 2022

Friday, 21 October 2022	
<i>Throughout the day</i>	Arrival of speakers and participants
12:00	Launch event with press conference

Saturday, 22 October 2022	
08:00 – 09:00	Welcome and badge pick-up
09:00 – 09:20 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i>	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani – President of the Republic of Kosovo▪ H.E. Donika Gërvalla Schwarz – Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora
09:20 – 09:25	Forum video
09:25 – 09:50	Keynote addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. George Vella – President of Malta▪ H.E. Ināra Mūrniece – Speaker of Parliament of Latvia▪ H.E. Urška Klakočar Zupančič - Speaker of the National Assembly of Slovenia (TBC)▪ H.E. Roberta Metsola - President of the EU Parliament (Video message)
09:50 – 10:00 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i>	Presidential Medal Awarding Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Announcement of the Presidential Medal awardee▪ Video address▪ Speech by the recipient of the Presidential Medal

10:00 – 11:15
(Beethoven
Hall)

Lessons from Albright's legacy on WPS

Secretary Albright was the embodiment of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. She was a trailblazer for women across the world. During her tenure as first U.S. female Secretary of State, she turned into a fierce advocate for changing the face of politics and women's engagement, as well as the importance of their involvement in promoting peace and security.

Secretary Albright lived the principles of the WPS agenda, raising a new generation of leaders and helping other women via her unmatched mentorship. This panel discussion will focus on:

- Lessons from her legacy of defending democracy and advancing women's leadership and role in peace and security processes.
- Discussions about her zeal, exemplary leadership, sharp focus and active engagement in addressing conflicts around the world.
- The special role of Secretary Albright in securing peace during the wars in Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Video address:

Amanda Sloat - Senior Director for Europe at the National Security Council

Speakers:

- **Katarina Fotovat** - Senior official to the Secretary of State in the office of Global Women's Issues
- **Wolfgang Ischinger** – German Diplomat
- **Monica McWilliams** - Peace activist, Signatory of the Belfast (Good Friday) Peace Agreement
- **Ambassador Jeffrey Hovenier** – Ambassador of the U.S. to the Republic of Kosovo

Special address:

Wesley Clark - Supreme Allied Commander Europe of NATO (1997 to 2000) ([Video message](#))

Moderator: Nancy Soderberg - Resident Director for National Democratic Institute in Kosovo

11:15 – 13:00
(Beethoven
Hall)

The Women, Peace and Security Agenda in light of a constantly changing security architecture

The unprovoked war of choice in Ukraine has shifted global dynamics, hence marking a significant and historical geostrategic inflection point. Coming on the heels of COVID-19, the security, political, economic and

	<p>social consequences of this war will span for years to come, impacting a full range of communities at the grassroots, local, national, regional and international level.</p> <p>This forum convenes at a time when peace, democracy, human rights, freedoms and security are being threatened at the very heart of Europe, while other years-long conflicts and crises continue in many regions across the world. Women and girls are at the center of violence, torture and inhumane treatment; however, women and girls must be at the heart of prevention, intervention, and protection by virtue of presence and participation. This panel will seek to better understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European and global shifts in the security architecture and what that means for the WPS Agenda. ▪ Expanding the WPS Agenda – from women being victims of conflict to promoting women’s many roles in activism, preventing conflict and violence, protecting people and the state, as well as, being present at the decision-making table nationally and internationally. ▪ Women, warfare and peacekeeping – evolving security sector roles for women on and off the battlefield. ▪ Action points for substantial and enhanced engagement and participation of Women in Peace and in Security – moving from armed conflict to exercising social, economic and political rights, freedoms without fear of violence or discrimination in peacetime. <p>Video address:</p> <p>Irene Fellin - NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jovana Marović - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of European Affairs, Montenegro • Dr. Anna Lührmann - Minister of State for Europe and Climate in the German Foreign Office, Germany • Slavjanka Petrovska – Minister of Defense of the Republic of North Macedonia • H.E. Dr. Maitha bint Salem al Shamsi – Minister of State, UAE • H.E. Dr. Dipu Moni – Minister of Education, Bangladesh • Ambassador Lydia Peralta Cordero - Vice Minister of Bilateral Affairs and Cooperation, Costa Rica
	<p>Moderator: Liza Gashi – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Republic of Kosovo</p>

13:00 - 14:00	Lunch and Networking Session
14:00 – 15:30 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i>	<p>22 years after 1325: what have we (not) achieved?</p> <p>Rapid change, development and dynamics have characterized the world since the adoption of the UNSCR 1325. Aside from conflict, we are faced with climate, health, energy, resource, as well as deepening social, economic and political crises. These crises are threatening the trust and confidence in domestic and international institutions. We have gone from efforts to make war safer for women to seeking to ensure women are adequately represented in security organizations and, ultimately, recognizing that women must be represented at the decision-making table at the local, national and international level.</p> <p>This confluence of cross cutting awareness, roles, and circumstances cannot reduce the role of women to being victims requiring protection, but rather demands that we really look at gender representation and quality of participation in times of peace, crisis and war. This panel will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened and did not happen in the 22 years since UNSCR 1325? • How to transform the role of women from being vulnerable and ‘victims’ to claiming their roles as peacekeepers, peacemakers and warfighters? • If and how are we overlooking men as vulnerable and victims? • How are peace and security threatened by fear of violence, backlash and discrimination in exercising social, economic, political rights and freedoms in peacetime? • Getting past semantics and looking at resources and representation, as well as, building bridges between grass roots and leading nations and organizations. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Atifete Jahjaga – Founder and Chair of the Board of Directors of Jahjaga Foundation/ President of the Republic of Kosovo (2011 – 2016) • H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid – President of Estonia (2017 – 2022) • Anita Vandenberg - Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development of Canada • Alia Elyassir – UN Women, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia • Greta Tuckute - WPS Advisor at the Office of the NATO Secretary General

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Eric Nelson – Associate Director of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies <p>Presentation: Igballe Rogova – Executive Director, Kosovo Women’s Network</p> <p>Moderator: Drita Perezic – External Security Advisor to the President of the Republic of Kosovo</p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30 <i>(Verdi Hall)</i></p>	<p>Youth perspectives and their powerful role in peace processes and dealing with the past</p> <p>Even though youth’s involvement in peacebuilding processes is of profound importance, their role is often overlooked and under-utilized, particularly when it comes to efforts to resolve or prevent conflict. The unique role of younger generations and their perspective holds a great potential for more creative and efficient conflict resolution, peacebuilding and reconciliation efforts.</p> <p>Societies in and post-conflict situations exist in an intricate web of trauma as well as political and socio-economic challenges from which young people are directly impacted and suffer from. Hence, creating space and channels for young people of diverse backgrounds to share their vision on peace and security is vital to enhance their role in challenging not only physical, but also structural and cultural violence in their communities. Ultimately, active involvement of youth in peace and security processes contributes to counteracting political stagnation and regenerating trust in public institutions.</p> <p>This panel will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of youth involvement and contribution in peace processes. • The institutional responsibility toward enhancing youth involvement in peacebuilding processes. • Current narratives on peace-oriented processes in and post-conflict: understanding the level and the nature of engagement of youth. • How do existing narratives hinder peacebuilding processes, and what is necessary to counter these narratives? • How can we amplify youth voices in combating discrimination and hate, and moving towards a more peaceful society? • Existing obstacles in overcoming political stagnation through youth empowerment. How can we better utilize youth capacities in peace processes? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ajna Jusić - President of the Forgotten Children of War

	<p>Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albert Hani – Director General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office ▪ Maliha Iqbal - IKEA Scholar and Head of Partnership, Youth Opportunities ▪ Chamithri Rambukwella – Diplomat, Sri Lanka ▪ Daniel del Valle Blanco - Attaché for Political and Youth Affairs at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations, New York ▪ Neha Swain - Recipient Queen Elizabeth’s Young Leaders Award & Co-founder Rubaroo NGO <p><i>Moderator: Marigona Shabiu</i> – Executive Director, Youth Initiative for Human Rights</p>
<p>15:30 – 17:00 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i></p>	<p>The role of parliaments – an opportunity for accelerated and advanced implementation of the WPS Agenda</p> <p>The nature of the WPS Agenda is indeed global, but its objectives can only be reached through locally-driven implementation efforts. Parliaments, composed of elected representatives, are vested with the responsibility to ensure safer, more secure, and increased equal opportunities of participation, representation and engagement for their citizens. As legislative bodies of governments representing their electorate, parliaments deliberate, consult, decide, make laws, fund, and ensure that the work of government and its spending are correct.</p> <p>The participation of parliaments in efforts to support the WPS Agenda varies, with many parliaments still being unaware or uninvolved in its national implementation. Close to 80 countries now have WPS National Action Plans or capture the WPS Agenda in various sectoral strategic documents, policies and programs. So, when it comes to implementing the WPS Agenda, parliaments can and do play a significant role. Indeed, some could do more, while there is a lot to learn from others. This panel will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crucial role of parliamentary committees and hearings in bringing together multiple WPS Stakeholders • Linking the increasing number of women in parliaments to enhanced engagement with the WPS Agenda, National Action Plans and parliamentary action. • The role of parliaments in implementing the WPS Agenda: lawmaking, budgeting, oversight, and partnering with field experts, as well as funding local community groups, civil society, and NGOs. <p>Special address: H.E. Glauk Konjufca – Speaker of Parliament of the</p>

	<p>Republic of Kosovo</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Viola Von Cramon - Member of the European Parliament, EP Standing Rapporteur for Kosovo ▪ Yevheniia Kravchuk – Member of Parliament, Ukraine ▪ Jadranka Vuksanović – MP, Parliament of Montenegro ▪ Grida Duma – MP, Parliament of Albania ▪ Paul Ziemiak - Member of the German Bundestag ▪ Ambassador Eric Nelson – Associate Director of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies <p><i>Moderator: Valbona Zeneli</i> – George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies</p>
<p>15:30 – 17:00 <i>(Verdi Hall)</i></p>	<p>Women at the negotiation table in peace processes around the world</p> <p>Women’s participation in conflict prevention and peace talks improve outcomes before, during, and after conflict. However, they are often excluded from formal peace processes. Only around 15 per cent of peace talks around the world include women at the negotiation table. Continued failure to include women ignores their demonstrated contributions and overlooks a potential strategy to respond more effectively to security threats around the world. The discussion will focus on identifying the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the inclusion of women in a peace process a benefit or rather a necessary condition for a successful and lasting peace? • What can women bring to peace and security? Do women negotiators need to focus only on women’s priorities? • How do women negotiators navigate stereotypes and judgments? • The number of seats at the negotiating table is limited. How can men contribute so women are included in the peace processes? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Miroslav Lajčák – EU Special Representative ▪ Rachada Dhnadirek - Deputy Government spokeswoman of Thailand/ Special representative for the Thai government in talks on the Southern Peace Process ▪ Monica McWilliams - Peace negotiator in the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement ▪ Edita Tahiri – Chief Negotiator of the Republic of Kosovo in the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue (2011 – 2017) ▪ Sonja Biserko - Founder and president of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Julia Stasheim – Deputy Managing Director and Programme Director for European and International Politics, Bundeskanzler Helmut Schmidt Stiftung <p><i>Moderator: Besa's proposal?</i></p>
17:00 – 17:15 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i>	<p>Day 1: Closing remarks</p> <p>H.E. Albin Kurti – Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo</p>
19:30 <i>(Emerald Hotel)</i>	<p>Official dinner hosted by the President of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu</p> <p>Invitation only</p>
Sunday, 23 October 2022	
08:00 – 09:00 <i>(Emerald Hotel)</i>	Invitation only breakfast
08:30 – 09:30	Arrival and registration of guests
09:30 – 11:00 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i>	<p>The WPS Agenda as an opportunity for gender sensitive transitional justice</p> <p>Resolution 2467 (2019) of the Security Council calls for women's meaningful participation in transitional justice processes, which often do not adequately deal with the multi-dimensional intersection of gender and justice. This is due to the way women are treated during conflicts and with women's roles and positions in societies in general before, during, and after conflicts often resulting in women lacking access to justice, remedy, and resources. Too often, potential to more robustly contribute to the process remains underutilized while their suffering is not fully understood or addressed. Hence, ensuring that women are part of transitional justice endeavors is ultimately about achieving prevention, peacebuilding and reconciliation objectives and more importantly tackling the inter-related root causes of conflict. This panel will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why is it important for women to participate in transitional justice processes? ▪ What is a "survivor-centered approach" to transitional justice, and how can this approach strengthen transitional justice processes? ▪ What are some of the specific skills and areas of expertise that are needed within transitional justice mechanisms, to ensure that gender considerations, including women's participation and redress for sexual and gender-based violence, are fully

	<p>addressed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can transitional justice processes contribute to efforts to address the root causes of conflict and violence, specifically, gender inequality / conflict-related sexual violence? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Saranda Bogujevci – Deputy Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo ▪ Yevheniia Kravchuk – Member of Parliament, Ukraine ▪ Nataša Kandić – Human Rights Activist, Coordinator of RECOM Reconciliation Network or Sonja Biserko ▪ Leonora Selmani– Kosovo Gender Equality Agency ▪ Maxine Marcus - International criminal prosecutor and investigator, Partners in Justice International ▪ Emily Kenney - Policy Specialist, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice, UN Women ▪ Feride Rushiti – Director of the Kosovo Center for the Rehabilitation of Torture Survivors <p>Moderator: Rozafa Kelmendi - Office of the Prime Minister</p>
<p>09:30-11:00 <i>(Verdi Hall)</i></p>	<p>Amplifying WPS voices: the role of the media and civil society organizations</p> <p>The need to amplify the voices of women and translate grassroots demands into policy action remains as important as when the 1325 UNSC Resolution was first adopted. Likewise, in today’s digital world, information can be manipulated and weaponized just as easily as it can be used to enlighten and liberate. We not only have more data when it comes to the WPS Agenda 20 years on – we have more voices and information platforms reaching women and men across oceans and cultures in real time. However, the digital space for women is getting increasingly more challenging, as they become more exposed to different forms of virtual intimidation, threats, and violence.</p> <p>The media and civil society are central human rights pillars and key to strengthening the standing of women in society. They often put themselves at risk in order to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard and action is taken. The WPS Agenda – and everything that came before or after – hinges on more than a specific set of international commitments, but rather the basic ability to access and to be seen, heard, and represented so that resources, responses, laws, policies and programs during times of crisis, times of conflict, or in peace, are equally available. This panel will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the media in implementing the WPS Agenda.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability of women’s rights organizations to amplify the voices of women through the media. • The negative portrayal of women in the media and the international standards for protection. • The missing puzzle: how to fill the gaps when moving from grassroots to systemic change? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Dankbar - Berliner Zeitung • Fatou Warkha Sambe - Journaliste-Reporter d'Images, Militante Féministe Sénégalaise • Paola Severini - Journalist, Director of the News Agency Angeli Press, Organizer of “Dialoghi a Spoleto,” Italy • Noor Nugali - Assistant editor in chief of Arab News • Jennifer Adams - CoE expert on gender, media, and international development • Ognen Janeski - CoE and EU's No Hate Speech Ambassador for Western Balkans & Gender and Media Expert at British Council's "Media for All" Project, North Macedonia • Ines Leskaj – Executive Director of Albanian Women Empowering Network <p>Moderator: Donjeta Miftari - Chief Advisor for Communication to the President of Republic of Kosovo</p>
<p>11:00 – 12:30 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i></p>	<p>The plague of violence against women during wars and the aftermath</p> <p><i>The link between the WPS agenda and CEDAW towards a full comprehensive women’s human rights language.</i></p> <p>The ground of war and peace has never been gender-neutral. Violence against women is a form of discrimination and a violation of human rights. Be it from war to post conflict settings, women and girls are disproportionately impacted, particularly as far as the level of violence against them is concerned. Conflicts can result in even higher levels of gender-based violence against women and girls in all its forms, from sexual violence, to trafficking, forced marriages, arbitrary killings, torture as well as an increase in other forms of gender-based violence already widespread in times of peace, such as domestic violence.</p> <p>The WPS Agenda calls for protection of women and girls from gender-based violence and the end of impunity. However, stronger linkages between the WPS Agenda and traditional human rights instruments have been demanded as an opportunity to both strengthen the human rights component of the WPS resolutions and enhance the accountability of member states. This panel will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the disproportional burden imposed by wars and non-conflict grounds on girls and women, particularly with regard to

	<p>violence against them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the link between WPS goals and other human rights instruments so important to comprehensibly address the scope of violence against women and girls? • Outcomes of women engagement in conflicts and post-conflicts. • What lessons and policies strengthen social resilience and prevent inequality in conflict and crisis? <p>Video address: Ambassador Ms Stella Ronner-Grubacic - EU Ambassador for Gender and Diversity</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delphine BORIONE - Ambassador at Large for Human Rights, France • Dr. Nina Nordström - Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe • Tanya L. Domi - Adjunct Professor, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs • Dubravka Simonovic – Former UN special rapporteur on violence against women • Lina Andeer - Special adviser on WPS at EEAS, Brussels • Nita Shala – Deputy Minister of Justice/National Coordinator against Domestic Violence of the Republic of Kosovo <p>Moderator: Ambassador Lars-Gunnar Wigemark - Head of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo</p>
<p>11:00 – 12:30 <i>(Verdi Hall)</i></p>	<p>Emerging challenges of the WPS Agenda: Integrating climate change and women economic empowerment</p> <p>The consequences of climate change and the COVID-19 economic recovery processes both provide an important opportunity to rethink what the future implementation of the ‘relief and recovery’ pillar of the WPS agenda could look like. Climate change and Women, Peace and Security are often treated as two separate, distinct and unrelated issue areas. However, the commonalities between the two are evident.</p> <p>The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security’s 2021-2022 Global Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Index report measuring 170 countries found that countries that score better on the WPS Index are also more peaceful and stable. The impact of poverty is not gender neutral. It creates an uneven burden on women and girls and exposes them to greater levels of vulnerability that stretches across the climate, security and gender equality spectrum. These developments indicate the obvious, that poverty and climate change directly impact peace and security. This</p>

	<p>panel will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how the dominant focus on hard security within discourse and programming on WPS is insufficient to secure sustainable peace and security for women and states. • Reflect on the impacts of climate change in women and most vulnerable groups of society. • Address how policies, investments, and local interventions can accelerate action to inclusively tackle the climate crisis while leveraging the contributions of women on the frontlines. <p>Video address: Carlien Scheele - Director, European Institute for Gender Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artane Rizvanolli – Minister of Economy of the Republic of Kosovo • Viola Von Cramon - Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur for Kosovo at the European Parliament • Clare Hutchinson - Former NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security • Lucy Maycox - Researcher on Women Peace and Security, Oxford University • Laura Altinger – Regional Team leader, Nature, Climate and Energy Bureau of Policy and Programming Support at UNDP <p>Moderator: Elizabeth S. Smith - Independent research consultant</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch and Networking Session
12:00 – 13:30 <i>(Roundtable)</i>	<p>The enabling role of Education for Meaningful Participation of Women in Leadership Roles and the implementation of the 1325 framework</p> <p>It is now widely recognized that countries that promote women’s equitable access to education and workforce participation, including in leadership positions, see significant increases in GDP growth contributing to overall development.</p> <p>Successful application of the 1325 framework rests on investments in the education and training of both women and men, civilians and military. Therefore, organizations that are committed to gender equality must systematically and periodically assess whether women are equipped with the tools, resources, skills, and equitable decision-making opportunities to optimize their impacts. This panel seeks to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does education help towards empowering women and promoting active and insightful contribution of women in conflict

	<p>and post-conflict settings?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of promoting inclusive culture within the organization focusing on improved recruitment, compensation, career management, family support, and climate assessments. • Education elevates women towards the creation of a critical mass – how would this critical mass influence security outcomes in more meaningful ways? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loredana Teodorescu - President of Women in International Security, Italy • Dr. Granit Almog-Bareket - Director, Graduate Unit, Mandel Foundation-Israel • Marijana Grandits - Co-Founder, Senior Academic Advisor & Lecturer, Austria • Anna Martinho - advisor on International Relations to the President of Portugal • Heidi Meinzolt - Member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom • Albena Reshitaj - AAK • Jehona Lushaku Sadriu - LDK • Ms. Ruth Gaby Vermot - Co-President of PeaceWomen Across the Globe <p>Moderator:</p>
<p>13:30 – 15:00 <i>(Beethoven Hall)</i></p>	<p>Women as Security Providers, challenging gender stereotypes in Security Sector</p> <p>UNSCR 1325 addresses the need to provide equal opportunities for women and men in peace and security efforts. Women's views have often been neglected, raising doubts if security access is equally provided to all communities due to women's perspectives being left out of the solution.</p> <p>Women and men appear to have different perspectives on security efforts, and peaceful resolutions, whilst gender inclusion in the security sector means considering the needs of both. Despite various actors acknowledging the need to integrate more women in the security sector (as regulated by domestic and international legislations) women are still exposed to operational challenges, unequal treatment, and lesser/limited opportunities to treat security challenges. The actual disparities have encouraged fewer women to join the security sector, albeit often, their efforts in solving issues have been higher and more efficient, raising the question of <i>“How to encourage women to join the security sector?”</i></p> <p>This panel aims to present successful stories of women's contribution in the security sector and to advocate that more women join efforts to increase security among communities, and will focus on:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting integrated gender perspective in the security sector problem-solving and decision-making processes. • Addressing challenges of women in the security sector: fighting toxic working environments, unequal treatment and operational challenges. • Reducing the gender representation gap by encouraging increased women's participation in the security sector. <p>Video address by: Cheryl Pearce AM - Deputy Commissioner South, East and Workforce, The Department of Home Affairs of Australia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mgr. Bc. Šárka Havránková- Vice-President of INTERPOL, INTERPOL Executive Committee • LTC Laura L. Lyons - Defense Policy Advisor, Defense Operations Directorate, U.S. Mission to NATO • Lt. Col. (res.) Avital Leibovich - Director of AJC Jerusalem • Brigadier General Pamela McGaha - Commander of the NATO HQ Sarajevo • General Irfete Spahiu – Inspector of the Kosovo Security Force • Colonel Taibe Canolli – Director of Human Resources Department in Kosovo Police <p>Moderator: Teuta Avdimetaj – Kosovo Center for Security Studies</p>
<p>13:30 – 15:00 <i>(Verdi Hall)</i></p>	<p>Technology and gender equality: a challenge or an opportunity?</p> <p>In the 'age of technology', women's participation in the digital ecosystem remains challenged by systematic gender-based bias. From lack of participation and access to harassment and abuse, women's experiences in the technology space and with digital platforms are often amplifying inequalities. For policymakers, the costs of ignoring these trends could lead to new technology, peace and security structures, processes that endanger and weaken core human rights, and gender equality norms.</p> <p>Although women have benefited from outstanding possibilities on the internet and via new technologies, both in terms of power and visibility and in terms of access and opportunities, they are also at threat of violence in dire ways in the digital world. On the other hand, women in conflict areas are increasingly turning to technology to build peace and reduce gender inequality in conflict and war zones. Given the role of technology in facilitating political engagement and development, attention to the digital divide could provide new modalities for women to offer input into peace processes and other WPS initiatives. This panel will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How is the current digital ecosystem reflecting and amplifying existing gender inequalities in society?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The repeating gendered problems in the digital ecosystem as an early warning indicator of systemic weaknesses and failures of existing policies and regulation. ▪ The importance of understanding gender dynamics and their significance for the future of technology development, as well as technology and policy-making. ▪ The lack of awareness about existing international human rights and gender equality frameworks among those working in the technology space. ▪ The importance of standardizing commonly accepted definitions of the various forms of violence targeting women online. ▪ The hindrance that online abuse poses to women representation in leadership and decision-making roles. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Katarina Fotovat - Senior official to the Secretary of State in the office of Global Women's Issues ▪ Donjeta Sahatçiu - Deputy Mayor of Municipality of Prishtina ▪ Dr. Marina Wallisch – Siemens ▪ Arbesa Kastrati - VP, Strategy and Implementation at DAZN ▪ Roxanne Turner - Women, Peace and Security Research Fellow at the U.S. Department of Defense Facility, The Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, in Honolulu, Hawaii. <p>Moderator: Hana Qerimi – Founder and COE of Digital School</p>
<p>18:30 <i>(Klan Arena)</i></p>	<p>WPS Forum closing event</p>

Side events:

Workshop with journalists	17 October 2022, EU House	EU Office in Kosovo
Online workshops	To be uploaded in web	EU Office in Kosovo
Installation 'Online violence against women in politics'	Emerald (During the Forum)	NDI
Installation - EULEX	More details to come	
The role of arts and Artpolis Play	23 October 2022, Klan Arena	Closing events, ArtPolis
NGO corner	22-23 October 2022	
Antigypsyism Panel	23 October 2022	VORAE

Beethoven Banquet Hall	Main discussions
Verdi Hall	Side discussions
Vivaldi Hall	Side discussions
Mozart Hall	Bilateral Meetings

Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Forum 2022					
21 October 2022 (Friday)					
Time	Venue				
12:00	The Great Hamam Launching event (Press conference)				
22 October 2022 (Saturday)					
Hotel Emerald					
Time	Beethoven Banquet Hall (+front part)	Verdi Hall	Vivaldi Hall	Mozart Hall	Tech dome
08:00 – 09:00	Welcome and Forum badge pick-up				
09:00 – 09:20	Opening remarks				
09:20 –	Forum teaser <i>video</i>				

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09:50 – 10:00	Presidential Medal Awarding Ceremony				
10:00 – 11:15	Lessons from Albright’s legacy on WPS				
11:15 – 13:00	The Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the light of a constantly changing security architecture				
13:00 - 14:00	Networking session – Lunch break				
14:00 – 15:30	22 years after 1325: what have we (not) achieved?	Youth perspectives and their powerful role in peace processes and dealing with the past	KWN event		
15:30 – 17:00	The role of parliaments – an opportunity for accelerated and advanced implementation of the WPS Agenda	Women at the negotiating table in peace processes around the world			

17:00 – 17:15	Closing remarks				
Emerald's Restaurant					
19:30	Official dinner hosted by the President of the Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Dr. Vjosa Osmani Sadriu				
23 October 2022 (Sunday)					
Hotel Emerald					
Time	Beethoven Banquet Hall (+front part)	Verdi Hall	Vivaldi Hall	Mozart Hall	Tech dome
Emerald's Restaurant					
08:00 – 09:00	Morning Breakfast: The education agenda: enabling meaningful participation of women in peace and security				
08:30 – 09:30	Arrival of speakers and participants				
09:30 – 11:00	The WPS Agenda as an opportunity for gender sensitive transitional justice	Amplifying WPS voices: The role of the media and civil society organizations			
11:00 – 12:30	The plague of violence against women during wars and the aftermath	Emerging challenges on the WPS Agenda: Integrating climate change and women economic empowerment			

12:00 - 13:30			Brunch Session: The enabling role of Education for Meaningful Participation of Women in Leadership Roles and the implementation of the 1325 framework	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch and Networking Session			
13:30 – 15:00	Women as Security Providers, challenging gender stereotypes in Security Sector	Technology and gender equality: a challenge or an opportunity?	VoRAE	
15:00 – 15:15	Closing Remarks			
	Klan Arena			
18:00 - 19:30	The role of artists in peacebuilding			
19:30 - 21:00	Theatre Performance: "Haunted Land"			
	Cocktail & Music			