

FemCities Conference 2016

Women in political decision-making positions at local level

17 - 18 November 2016, Luxembourg

Centre Atert, Rue Atert, L-8005 Bertrange

Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 16 November 2016, evening

Arrival

Welcome promenade through the old town of Luxembourg

Thursday, 17 November 2016, 9.00 – 15.00 / 21.00

9:00	Registration	
9:30	Welcome speech	5 min
	Mayor of City of Bertrange	5 min
	President CNFL	5 min
	FemCities	
	Political Keynote	
	Lydia Mutsch, Minister for Equal Opportunities	20 min
	Keynotes	
	Success and support factors - experiences as a mayor (Mayor of an European City – requested)	
	Tackling prejudices and traps – Successfully handling clichés and prejudices in media by women in politics – with a special focus on women who are mayors (Monique Leyenaar)	
12:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 15.00	Panel discussion with women mayors of European Cities Facilitation Claude Wolf	
	Closing of first conference day	
15.00 – 21.00	<i>Networking excursion to Schengen, the small wine-making village that gave its name to the famous border-free European Area Agreements</i> http://www.luxembourg.public.lu/en/le-grand-duche-se-presente/luxembourg-monde/luxembourg-europe/schengen/index.html www.si-schengen.lu/ , www.schengen-tourist.lu/	

Friday, 18 November 2016 9.00 – 14.00

9:00 Welcome café

Part 1: Introduction to topics in workshops / world café

“World café” – Tools for empowerment – how to make it efficiently work to increase gender equality in decision making on political level

Participants will have the chance of in-depth discussions in small groups at different desks. Participants will have the possibility of at least three “rotations” to other desks after 20 minutes of discussions and knowledge exchange.

Topics for in-depth discussions and practice exchange:

1. Networking a well known tool for empowerment – How to efficiently make it work for increasing gender equality in decision making on local level
2. Structural measures by the state and/or by political parties (quotas, women's votum etc.) Would they be useful?
3. Decision for candidature – how networks and structural measures can support?
4. Dealing with killer phrases, prejudices, „trolls“ and sexist attacks
5. Gender experts in city administrations – how can they support?
6. Cooperation with NGOs
7. Women mayor or Mayoress?
8. Open desk

Wrap-up session of the conference

Part 2: FemCities networking

Current and planned topics and projects – exchange on interests and needs
FemCities Danube Regions
Planning of next conference

12.00 Closing of conference

Till 14.00 Farewell lunch

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