



PRESS RELEASE

Women Unite: The Coalition for Equality is Established

Today, on 22 June 2018, at Hotel Sirius in Prishtina, during the initiative "Empowering Women's Participation in Politics and Decision-Making in Kosovo", women politicians at central and local level, non-governmental organizations led by women and women activists who support and empower each other in improving the position of women in politics, decision-making and advancing gender equality in Kosovo, have established the Coalition for Equality.

Participants pledged to work towards fulfilling the mission and joint vision for empowering and improving women's position in politics and decision-making and achieving gender equality in Kosovo, regardless of political preferences, gender, age, ethnicity, ability, religion, geographic position, level of education or socio-economic status.

Former President of the Republic of Kosovo, Ms. Atifete Jahjaga in her greeting address in this important event, among other things stated that "No woman would have been mentioned in history if they were not united in their causes".

Regarding the success of the changes that occur when women in politics join civil society women, Igballe Rogova, Executive Director of KWN, emphasized that "The message of this union is solidarity among women".

She stated that seeing the emerging idea that women from all spheres should join, and seeing that women remain underrepresented in politics at municipal and central level in Kosovo, and to address this issue Ambassador Nataliya Apostolova, Head of EU Office and EU Special Representative, the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) and the Kosovo Lobby for Gender Equality on 13 June 2018 co-organized and convened the first meeting of the Initiative "Empowering Women's Participation in Politics and Decision Making in Kosovo", from which derived the today's meeting as well.

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