

The Open Society Fund Prague, the Programme Operator of the CZ 12 programme, is pleased to invite you to the

## Closing Conference of the Let's Give (Wo)men a Chance Programme

**November 7–8, 2017**

**Hotel International, Prague, Czech Republic**

The main purpose of the international conference is to explore current trends in both areas - equal opportunities and domestic and gender-based violence - and enable the comparison of the trends from both regional and international perspectives. In times when democratic principles are being shaken all over the world, our aim is to contribute to the international debate and bring it to not only Czech audience. At the same time, this two-day conference intends to present the results of projects supported under the programme, and will also aim at providing a platform for the exchange of knowledge and best practices resulting from bilateral cooperation within the EEA/Norway Grants. The conference targets policy-makers, experts, high-level state representatives, practitioners, service providers, and researchers. It is the closing event of the Let's Give (Wo)men a Chance Programme and is financed by the Norway Grants.

### Preliminary Programme

#### Day 1 – November 7, 2017

- **Welcome speech**

*Siri Ellen Sletner, Norwegian Ambassador to the Czech Republic  
Representative from Norway (TBC)*

- **Expert discussion on current trends**

*This panel should provide expert view on the issue and bring the inspiring international debate. What are the topics of the feminist debates nowadays? What challenges are we facing today? Are feminist values accepted everywhere and to what extent? The speakers are: the famous feminist thinker **Slavenka Drakulić**, the representative of Gender Five Plus **Agnes Hubert** and **Torild Skard**, Norwegian psychologist, politician and a former Chairman of UNICEF.*

- **Achievements of the programme Let's Give (Wo)Men a Chance and inspiration from the projects**

*The OSF will present main outputs of the programme and the most inspiring results of projects supported under the programme. Moreover, the representative of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the Office of the Government or independent evaluators will comment on whether and how the programme contributed to both programme areas.*

- **Main benefits of cooperation with Norwegian partners (lessons learned)**

*This part should aim at bilateral cooperation within the programme, based primarily on examples of best practice from projects implemented within the EEA/Norway Grants. What forms of cooperation work? How does the transfer of best practice work? The Norwegian partners will focus on comparison of what they have experienced in the Czech Republic and in other countries. They should also try to summarize their most common role in partners' projects. **Rachel Eapen Paul** from the Equality and Anti-discrimination Ombud (LDO), **Freja Ulvestad Kärki** from Norwegian Directorate of Health or the representative of National Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies will be present.*

- **The role of men**

*Already in 2015, during the OSF conference the role and need for involvement of men in the promotion of equal opportunities and prevention of GBV was emphasized. Likewise, the speakers combined inequality between the sexes in society with gender-based violence. The work of men with men and their involvement in the issue is considered as one of the key factors to face the problem. On the other hand, some experts describe the crisis of masculinity in our society. Is the involvement of men and the support of women the key to success? What are the specific measures? Discussion with "one of the world's leading experts on men and masculinities", **Michael Kimmel**, the SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Stony Brook University.*

- **Cultural programme for participants of the conference**

## Day 2 – November 8, 2017

- **Parallel thematic sessions on gender-based violence/ domestic violence**

- Istanbul Convention – best practices of implementation
- Programmes on violent persons and the ways of financing

- **Parallel thematic sessions on equal opportunities**

- New feminist movements
- Pro and con of quotas – still needed?

- **A) Workshop for NGOs and networking**

- **B) Programme Operators' and Donor Programme Partners' meeting and discussion on the impact of the programmes and its evaluation (in cooperation with FMO)**

Working language of the conference is English. Simultaneous interpreting from/to English and Czech will be provided. The registration will be opened during the summer.

**For any questions regarding the conference, please contact:**

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