

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Office in Athens invites you to an

[Online Discussion](#)

**Sexual harassment in local authorities and political parties.
From recognition towards creating mechanisms to combat violence against
women in the era of #MeToo**

Wednesday, 15 December 2021, 19.00 – 21.00

To register for the event follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlscu2sqTwiE9BuC4F2EyCnbvSnM8NC72HD>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the meeting.**

Since November 2019, the Athens office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) has been running a program **“Women in Politics”** to empower women in Greece active in politics. This year, the women's network has worked on the #MeToo issue in Greece and how to combat this human rights violation on the level of local authorities and political parties. Together with experts from different European countries the network proposes specific mechanisms to encounter sexual harassment in various forms and to reinforce existing legislation in Greece. The purpose of our public event is to learn about best practices from other European countries and discuss mechanisms and policies that could be set up to tackle sexual harassment on the level of local authorities and political parties.

In our debate, we would like to focus on the following issues:

- What is the relationship between gender equality and sexual harassment?
- Can we rely on law, rules, and enforcement mechanisms alone? What good practices can we put in place?
- What do you think of the inner and outer debate about addressing publicly the issue of sexual harassment in your party/organization or remaining silent because of loyalty to the party?
- What are good practices related to prevention policies and steps towards building a culture of change to prevent and eliminate violence and sexual harassment
- Complaint procedures: What is your opinion of formal and informal mechanisms? Which are more helpful and in what way?
- What is your opinion on sanctions and disciplinary measures: How do they work? Are they effective?

19.00 Welcome

Arne Schildberg, FES Athens, Director

19.10 Introduction & political demands for action

Vassiliki Katrivanou, moderator

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19.10 Input

Carolina Gustafsson, Chairperson of the Women's Organization of Vänsterpartiet (The Left Party), Sweden

19.25 **Gaby Bischoff**, MEP, Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament (tbc)

19.40 **Maria Stratigaki**, Associate Professor of Social Policy, Panteion University, former Deputy Mayor of Athens

19.55 **Angeliki Papazoglou**, Municipal Councilor of Kifissia, member of the Committee for Equality of KEDE, former coordinator of the department of feminist policy / gender at SYRIZA

Discussion

Moderation: **Vassiliki Katrivanou**
[Coordinator of the FES program "Women in Politics"]

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There will be simultaneous English-Greek translation.

The event will be recorded.