



Women's Peace Dialogue Partners

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Statement of Purpose

The Women's Peace Dialogue Platform builds solidarity among women peace leaders and gives them the opportunity, resources, and tools to move women to new levels of leadership and action, mobilizing them to influence change in their home communities and regions for a more secure, inclusive, and peaceful world.

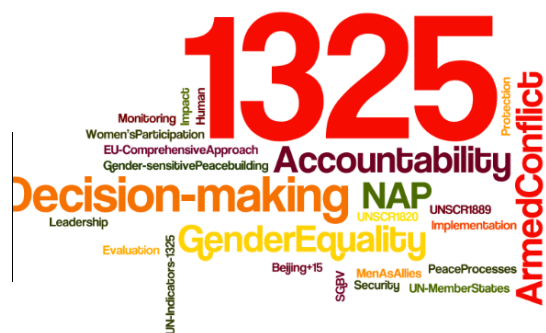
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Introduction

The **Women's Peace Dialogue**, initiated in 2015 as a bilateral dialogue between women civil society actors of Ukraine and the Russian Federation, **expanded in its second round** in 2016 to include women peace leaders from 10 countries across the Eastern and Southern Europe and Central Asia region, allowing it to address multiple conflict contexts and threats. The participants of the second round of dialogue founded the **Women's Peace Dialogue Platform** to serve as a permanent forum for conflict mediation, resolution, and prevention in the region, in conjunction with key international instruments such as UNSCR 1325. The Women's Peace Dialogue Platform will boost women's solidarity by **amplifying partnership and innovative cooperation** between women and women's organizations to counteract the demise of the women's movement which poses a direct threat to the region's democratic base.



Outcomes

The first round of dialogue in Istanbul, Turkey created **a sustainable network** of women, who went on to continue the work of the dialogue through local, on-the-ground initiatives in their own countries.

Based on the success of the first round, the second round of dialogue in June 2016 held in Burg Schlaining, Austria, was **expanded** to include women from more than 10 countries of the region.

Recognizing a need for a permanent forum for conflict mediation, resolution, and prevention in the region, the participants of the second round of the project established the **Women's Peace Dialogue Platform**.

The WPDP will function as a framework providing women with the space, tools, and expertise they need to influence change and **act towards peace**.

During the third round of dialogue held in June 2017, the Women's Peace Dialogue brought together **25 women peace leaders** from civil society of the OSCE sub-region, including women from disputed territories, to attend as participants and engage in capacity building, in view of their potential Platform membership.

Among the outcomes of the third round of dialogue was the development of **gender-sensitive analytics** of conflict regions and the Platform's joint action strategies and the sharing of best practices with women from the Balkans and the Women's Lobby.

The Women's Peace Dialogue will continue to expand until it functions in a **global capacity**.



Envisioned Women's Dialogue Global Expansion

Countries of Previous Participants

Azerbaijan Georgia Moldova Tajikistan
Armenia Kazakhstan Russia Ukraine
Belarus Lithuania Kyrgyzstan Latvia

Why Women's Dialogue

While often lacking resources and formal opportunity to influence their situation in a context of conflict, **women** can offer innovative approaches to peace restoration and contribute to post-conflict rebuilding. Recognizing the **value** of this contribution and experience for sustainable progress towards increased regional security, the Women's Peace Dialogue promotes **cooperation across conflict lines** and among women living in countries affected by conflict to enhance women's roles and **visibility** in the processes of peace and trust building, conflict resolution, and reconciliation.

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