

**2022 Korčula School Think Tank**  
**Korčula, 25-26 August 2022**  
**Hybrid (in person/ZOOM)**

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**– Transforming Politics through a Gender lens –**  
**Recover, Restart, Retool 2022**

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**PROGRAMME**

**Overarching topic: “Hard Political Choices Call for Imperative Ideological Responses”**

**Crosscutting topic: “Gender Equality and Sexual and Reproductive Rights in the crux of the Ideological Divide”**

It is our 11<sup>th</sup> Korčula School Think Tank session. The programme is designed to discuss political, economic, social and cultural aspects of gender equality, as well as women’s political leadership in the broader context of social democratic and progressive politics. Regional political, economic, and social developments are high on the agenda from the perspective of social justice, equality, and solidarity.

**Part I (Thursday, 25 August 2022) – Partnerships and specific issues**

- i. Participatory Democracy – are we there politically (PESW/CEE Gender Network)**
- ii. Sustainable development – a comprehensive package for Europe (FES/CEE Gender Network)**
- iii. Gender pay gap – challenges and in-roads (FEPS/CEE Gender Network)**
- iv. Inclusivity and social justice (Solidar/CEE Gender Network)**

**Part II (Friday, 26 August 2022) – Politics, ideology and socialdemocracy in the region**

- i. European integration, Ukraine crisis and Regional trends – a political and geostrategic discussion** – addressing the geopolitics and potential instability, peace and security, authoritarianism and the right vs progressives and socialdemocrats, the ideological and political divide, dealing with corruption and corrupt practices
- ii. Socialdemocracy present and future in the region**– progressive and socialdemocratic parties’ strategies, tactics, political priorities, political choices and alliances, party capacities and strengthening
- iii. Is gender equality a reality in the Western Balkans -a case study of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia** – review of political positioning, forms of response (political/ideological) and the activities of women’s forums (analysis done by CEE Gender Network and FEPS), regional gender equality platform review

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**Saturday, 27 August 2022 morning – CEE Gender Network Board and Advisory Council meeting**

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The Korčula School has a think tank and informal format to foster a free, open and substantive debate among participants. For the benefit of our stakeholders, the meeting will be recorded. Recommendations and political messages from each session will feature, without attribution, in the final report. The meeting will be in English with interpretation into Croatian.