***Workshop #6 on Violence against Women and Girls***
**18 November (14.00-15.30 CEST)**

## Intro

In the framework of the 15th anniversary of the European Charter for Equality between Women and Men in Local Life, CEMR is organising a series of workshops to reflect together on how the Charter could be improved.

This workshop will focus on articles 21, 22 and 23 of the Charter, which address violence against women and girls:

- Article 21: *"Safety and Security"*
- Article 22: *"Gender-Based Violence"*
- Article 23: *"Human Trafficking"*

Together, participants will have a chance to exchange on the challenges they face in implementing these articles and share their experience on what practices have worked--or not--in order to establish recommendations based on field experience.

This will also be the occasion to replace any outdated information and brainstorm on new ideas that could be included to strengthen the Charter and its relevance for Europe's local and regional governments (LRGs). These series of discussion workshops will culminate in a final report with recommendations for actions to update the Charter and its tools in 2022-2023.

## Aims

- Help signatories reconnect with the Charter by engaging a dialogue about the text
- Understand how the Charter has been interpreted/implemented by the signatories
- Gather opinions on the current state of the group of articles
- Brainstorm on possible improvements of the group of articles and come up with recommendations

## Stakeholders and target audience

- CEMR member associations (staff and political representatives)
- Charter signatories
- Civil society (feminist/women's rights groups)



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## Programme

The workshop will last 1 hour and 30 minutes

1. Housekeeping: **Jaimie Just**, CEMR Policy adviser – gender equality & diversity | 2'
2. Welcoming words: **Silvia Baraldi**, Chair CEMR Standing Committee for Equality | 2'
3. EU level: **Paola Panzeri**, EPSU | 10'
4. City experience: **Nicole Lassal**, Head of the Equal Opportunities Office for City of Munich | 10'
5. Small group discussions | 50'
6. Regroup and conclusions | 10'

**Questions for participants to consider during small group discussions**

- *How should the Charter text be in order to be valid for you in your daily work?*
- *What are the opportunities and challenges for your work on these articles in terms of your administration's responsibilities and relation with other levels of governance in your country?*

## Practical info

Fill in the registration form which includes questions on your preferred languages and articles for discussion.

Link to join via WebEX
Join by meeting number
Meeting number (access code): 2375 163 2011
Meeting password: NVvv9zagv72 (68889924 from phones and video systems)

## Next up

- 7 December – European Charter for Equality - 15th anniversary final seminar | Registration*TBC*

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