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## ***FURTHERING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS***

**Project title: Gender in Housing - Women as property owners**

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The issue of equal access to rights is governed by all relevant international laws, resolutions and other acts; however, numerous studies and insights point out that the reality is different and that women are property owners in far lesser extent than men.

We find out that problem in this area is the presence of traditional stand according to which men, as marital partners, are, as a rule, the answers to solving the housing issue. In that connection, men are in most cases registered in the land register as owners of real estate, although the property was acquired in marriage. According to the data from the 2013, the share of women in the B&H population is 51.08% and men 48.92%, while in the land register, out of the total number of owners, 37.8% are women and 62.2% man. Ultimately, the improvement in the process of resolving this issue lies in more proactive intervention of notaries or in regulating the obligation of notifying in the land register that the property in question is matrimonial property.

***Overall project objective:*** *Improving position of women in housing through raising awareness of women's rights and promoting gender equality in the process of Bosnia and Herzegovina's accession to the European Union.*

***Specific project objectives:***

1. Enhance the capacities of CSOs to effectively engage with governments, EUD/EUO, other CSOs and other CSOs in the region, making these actors more aware of the gender dimensions of the EU Accession process, their importance and agency:
2. Improve accountability of governments and EUD/EUO in implementation of responsibilities related to gender equality and women rights during the EU accession process.

***Result 1:*** Increased knowledge of governmental officials in reforms related to gender equality EU accession, monitoring of improvement of cooperation relations with local and FB&H governmental officials and other relevant actors

***Result 2:*** Increased cooperation, networking and exchange of know-how and best practices (mentorship) between CENSOR and Housing and Tenants Organization (HTO) in N. Macedonia, applied in strengthening governmental accountabilities in implementation of duties related to gender equality during EU accession processes

***Result 3:*** Increased and improved capacities of CENSOR and HTO for monitoring, gender analysis, inclusion of gender equality principles and advocating in relation to EU accession process.

***Activities 1&2:*** Conducting of advocacy actions based on policy briefs should initiate a more equal position of both sexes in the process of exercising the right to access resources, property ownership and safe housing with promoting gender equality. Regional partnership would be a platform for initiatives to be undertaken in creating policies, strategies and support programs for



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fair development, based on guaranteed fundamental human rights and freedoms. Raising awareness of EU officials and collaboration with them through CENSOR's representatives already established and recognized positions and role in the regional and international networks.

**Activity 3:** Sharing the results with the relevant state bodies is important in order to find women's rights and housing problems of women in the housing sphere in official documents. This is of great importance because it ultimately contributes to the inclusion of a gender perspective in the relevant legislation, the inclusion of the principle of gender equality in programs in the areas of housing policies.

**Activity 4:** Transfer of know-how to the regional partners. Project methodology and results which is formatted into the packages, that will be offered to be adjusted to their own local context in North Macedonia.

**Activity 5 & 6:** Identification of the key legal and institutional shortcoming in the housing market in B&H and mapping of the relevant stakeholders through the comprehensive research especially with regard to the fact that women rarely appear as property owners. The analyses should also contain the draft measures which will be specific to different groups and which will, as such, be proposed to decision-makers in their support programming processes. Conducting research and analysis which will cover both urban and rural areas. The analyses should also contain the draft measures which will be specific to different groups and which will, as such, be proposed to decision-makers in their support programming processes.

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