

Violeta Neubauer (Slovenia)

Date and place of birth: 31 March 1954, Postojna
First language: Slovene
Working language: English
Other languages: fluent in Italian, Serbian and Croatian, basic in French

Current position/function

- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities
- Secretary of one and member of four working bodies, established by the decision of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (on human rights and coordination of national activities in the intergovernmental organizations)
- Member of working groups at ministerial level (Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs)

Main professional activities

1992- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities:

- Representation of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in committees/bodies in charge of defining and implementing the activities for the promotion of gender equality of the Council of Europe, European Union, Stability pact for South Eastern Europe and Alps Adriatic Working Community
- Coordination of preparation of the national reports under CEDAW
- Member of national delegations, presenting national reports at sessions of the human rights treaty bodies, member of national delegations participating at the Fourth World Conference on Women and regional and global follow-up process, participation at European ministerial and other conferences on gender equality
- Consultative and advocacy work to support the development, implementation, monitoring and assessment of national gender equality legal and policy measures
- Coordination of national activities for gender-balanced participation in political and public decision-making
- Coordination and development of national positions on proposals and draft documents of European Union institutions and European Union member States on gender equality issues
- Assistance in the formulation of gender equality priorities and perspectives for the forthcoming Slovene presidency of the European Union
- Counsellor for gender equality terminology in the process of translation of legislation of the European Union and national legislation

- Organization of national and international conferences on gender equality at national level

- 1989-1991 Unpaid leave to Kuwait (due to appointment of the family member as a resident consultant based on bilateral agreement between the two States)
- 1976-1989 Editor and translator, Publishing house Cankarjeva založba

Educational background

- 1973-1977 Studied Sociology at Faculty of Social Sciences in Ljubljana

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- 2005- Vice-chair, Group of Specialists on Gender Equality Standards and Mechanisms, Council of Europe
- 2004- Member, National Committee of the Central European Centre for Women and Youth in Science
- 2004-2005 Member, Ad hoc Committee on action against trafficking in human beings (instructed to prepare a Convention of the Council of Europe on action against trafficking in human beings), Council of Europe
- 2004- Resource person, Expert Group Meeting on the role of national mechanisms promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women: achievements, gaps and challenges, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- 2003- Consultant in the UNIFEM projects in Moldova, Georgia and Azerbaijan aimed to foster an enabling environment that encourages the development and implementation of de jure and de facto gender equality
- 2001-2003 Founding member of Association Ključ — Centre on fight against trafficking in human beings and Chair of its Supervisory board
- 2001- Member, Slovene National Commission for UNESCO
- 2001- Founding member and one of the two coordinators/speakers, Coalition for gender balanced participation in public decision-making
- 2000-2004 Active role in the process of changing the Constitution of the Republic of Slovenia, which in 2004 resulted in the adoption of a new constitutional provision, which provides for the introduction of special legally binding measures to ensure equal representation of women and men on all candidate lists for all elections and subsequently in the introduction of positive measures in electoral legislation
- 1999- Advisory board member and national GTF focal point, Stability pact for South Eastern Europe, Gender task force

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| 1999-2001 | Chair and Vice chair, Steering committee for equality between women and men, Council of Europe |
| 1997-1999 | Member, Multisectoral Group on action against trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation (instructed to prepare the draft recommendation to Member States on action against trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation), Council of Europe |
| 1997- | National and regional projects coordinator, project board member and trainer within regional and transnational projects, aimed to promote women's advancement through mainstreaming gender equality in national and local political agendas, legislation and practice |
| 1996- | Consultant in the cooperation activities of the Council of Europe and independent expert in projects aimed to promote gender equality in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Ukraine, Serbia and Montenegro |
| 1994- | Speaker, trainer, lecturer, moderator or chair of sessions in a significant number of national, regional and international conferences, seminars and workshops, aimed to promote women's human rights and gender equality |
| 1990- | Member, Association of scientific and technical translators of Slovenia |

List of most recent publications

Books

Co-editor or editor of 11 books on gender equality and human rights issues

The first ten years of the Office for Equal Opportunities, 2002. Author

Human being — not for sale: selected international documents on measures against sexual exploitation and abuse of children, 2005. ISBN 961-6285-40-8. Author of Introduction

Women and Politics in Slovenia: in "Handbuch des politischen Systems Sloweniens", Schriftenreihe des Oesterreichischen Ost- und Suedosteuropa-Instituts. In print by Verlag für Geschichte und Politik, Wien in Verlag Oldenbourg, München

Other publications and articles

Gender mainstreaming in the European Employment Strategy, Conference: Women and men in an enlarged Europe, 1-3 April 2004, conference intervention http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/equ_opp/malte/interventions_en.htm.

Institutional mechanisms for gender equality in Slovenia, EGM/National Machinery/2004/RP.9

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/egm/nationalm2004/documents.html#RP>

Special supplement to Delo, Slovene daily newspaper on gender balanced participation of women and men in political decision-making, 2002. ISBN 961-6285--2-X. Co-author and co-editor

Main principles: accountability and autonomy: in Giorgia Testolin, Council of Europe, "Handbook on National Machinery to promote gender equality" (EG/2001/7), 2001