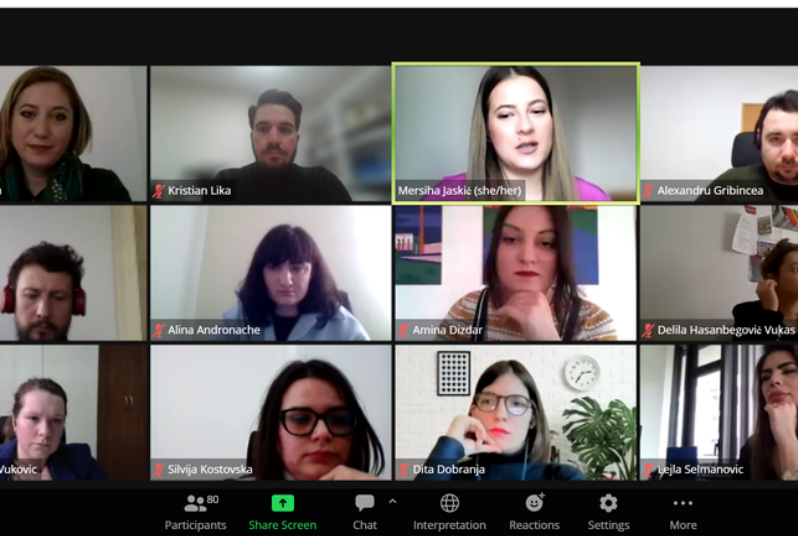




We organized and participated in:



Webinar: Regulating Maternity and Paternity Leave - Influence on Costs and Changing Gender Norms

The Gender Budget Watchdog Network (GBWN) successfully hosted a webinar on March 10th, 2023. The event was held online via the Zoom platform and aimed to raise awareness on the EU Directive on work-life balance for parents and carers, as well as discussing the costs and benefits, including changes to gender norms that can result from the alignment of national legislation with the EU directive. The video recording is now accessible on our YouTube channel via this [LINK](#).

Women in Digitalization

A conference titled "Women in Digitalization" was organized by the UNDP, UN-Women, and the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. At the conference, our team member Ljupka Trajanovska presented research on the career paths of women in technology, biotechnology, and light manufacturing. The event was in line with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), which is "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls."



Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age

From March 6 to March 17, 2023, the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women takes place. As part of our efforts to promote gender equality and empower women and girls, we are participating in the NGO CSW67 Forum parallel events and networking with NGOs worldwide. This year's priority theme is "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls."





How was International Women's Day 2023 marked across our region?



Dignity. Salary. Life.

An informal network called "March 8" organized a protest march in Belgrade, Serbia, with over 80 female activists raising awareness about gender-based discrimination and economic inequality. The Gender Knowledge Hub was present at the protest to support their cause.

We march, we don't celebrate

In Tirana, Albania, hundreds of citizens marched on International Women's Day to protest for women's rights, with the rally starting from "Mother Teresa" square and stopping at various government offices. The protesters called for justice for victims of gender-based violence, stronger services for abused women and girls, and the promotion of feminist education in the education system.



We are not cheap labor force!

CPCD took part in the International Women's Day march in Banja Luka (organized by Oštra Nula and KVART). This year's march focused on the rights of women workers and was titled "We Are Not Cheap Labor Force". Women marches and protests were held across Bosnia and Herzegovina.





Will women survive here?

The Center for Research and Policy Making joined a march in Skopje on International Women's Day to protest against the increasing violence, femicides, social and health injustices, economic insecurity, and poverty that disproportionately affect women and girls in the country. The march aimed to draw attention to the collective neglect of women's rights and demand action from the authorities to address these issues.

“DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality

Resistance to violence and injustice

The Center for Women's Rights organized a march in Montenegro to commemorate International Women's Day under the slogan "Resistance to violence and injustice."

The event saw several hundred participants at Trg Nezavisnosti in Podgorica, where women's rights activists Tanja Markuš, Rebeka Čilović, Milena Blagojević, Leonora Dukaj, and Ivana Stanić, along with the British ambassador to Montenegro Karen Maddox, delivered speeches. Women's Action activists were also present at the march.



We march, we don't celebrate, for a life without violence against women and girls

On 8th of March in Kosovo, a protest march was organized with the slogan "We march, we don't celebrate, for a life without violence against women and girls". As with every year on March 8th, the protest was held to denounce the patriarchal-capitalist, heteronormative, transphobic and racist oppressive system and call for an end to gendered violence in all its forms. The protesters emphasized the need for a collective struggle that leads to the radical transformation of society, free from any violence that creates oppression, exploitation, and division.





FemFest to mark International Women's Day in Albania

FemFest, the annual feminist festival held in Tirana, Albania, was once again organized by BashaArt, with the contribution of the Gender Alliance for Development Center (GADC).

The festival spanned over five days (4-8 March 2023), during which GADC participated in all activities aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls, such as theaters, discussions, rallies and art exhibitions focused on issues such as gender-based violence, sexism in politics, gender-based violence in labour, women's movement and networking etc.

