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INVITATION

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Budapest within the framework of its regional programme "Gender Equality in East-Central Europe" and FES Bratislava in cooperation with the Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia, the NGO ASPEKT and the End-of-Cheap-Labour-Initiative cordially invite you to a discussion on

Going beyond social policy measures

Politicizing poverty from a feminist perspective in East-Central Europe

25 May 2017

Venue: Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia
Palisády 29
811 06 Bratislava

["Poverty, gender and intersecting inequalities in the EU"](#) – the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) recently published a report highlighting the gender dimension of the problem of poverty. It shows among other things that there are specific reasons that women become poor and that specific groups of women are at more risk than others. We want to use the report as an occasion to look not only at special social policy measures to mitigate these problems but also look at the root causes.

How does poverty develop through global and regional inequalities? Who has the responsibility to make systemic changes? What are the specificities of women's poverty and how can we tackle them? How to deal with reproductive labour and the crisis of care work? How do social inequalities relate to the legitimacy of our liberal democracies? How can we generate political will to change things for the wellbeing of all? How can we include low-income women (and men) into these struggles?

We kindly invite you to discuss these and related questions together with experts and activists from Hungary and Slovakia.

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PROGRAMME

Chairs: Barbara Tiefenbacher, FES Bratislava and Eszter Kováts, FES Budapest

- 11:30 - 12:00** Registration; Small snacks available
- 12:00 - 12:10** **Opening Remarks**
Dušan Chrenek, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia
- 12:10 - 13:15** **State of Play**
“Poverty, gender and intersecting inequalities in the EU” –Report of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
Oľga Pietruchová, Director of the Gender Equality Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Slovakia
Absolute Poverty in Slovakia
Jarmila Filadelfiová, Institute for Labour and Family Research, Slovakia
Q&A
- 13:15 - 14:15** **Global Inequalities, Poverty and Gender – Social Policy and Beyond**
Tamás Gerőcs, Institute of World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Dorottya Szikra, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Q&A
- 14:15 - 14:30** Coffee Break
- 14:30 - 16:00** **Women’s Poverty as a Political Question – Panel Discussion**
Oľga Pietruchová, Director of the Gender Equality Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Slovakia
Maria Erdősné, Member of HANEM, Homeless Women for Each Other, Hungary
Alexandra Szarka, Social Worker, Member of The City Is for All, Hungary
Alexandra Ostertágová, ASPEKT, Slovakia
Milan Kuruc, End-of-Cheap-Labour-Initiative, Slovakia
- 16:00 - 16:30** Wine and Informal Discussion

English-Slovak interpretation will be provided.

Please register no later than Tuesday, 23 May at the following email address: lukacova@fes.sk
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