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The Embassy of the Republic of Serbia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, has the honour to enclose the copy of the invitation to the first Belgrade Women's Conference RISE 2025: Rights, Inclusion, Sustainability and Empowerment – which will take place on 30 September 2025 in Belgrade, Serbia sent by H.E. Ms Tatjana Macura, Minister without Portfolio for Coordinating Activities in Gender Equality, Preventing Violence Against Women and Economic and Political Empowerment of Women addressed to H.E. Ms. Liisa-Ly Pakosta, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs of the Republic of Estonia.

The Ministry is kindly requested to forward the Letter to its highest destination.

The Embassy of the Republic of Serbia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia the assurances of its highest consideration.



Helsinki, 6 August 2025

To
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Estonia
TALLINN



REPUBLIC OF
SERBIA

RISE 2025

Belgrade Women's Conference
Rights, Inclusion,
Sustainability &
Empowerment



Excellency,

It is my honor to invite you to participate in the first Belgrade Women's Conference – RISE 2025: Rights, Inclusion, Sustainability & Empowerment, an International Ministerial Conference on the Political and Economic Empowerment of Women, which will take place on 30th September 2025 in Belgrade, Serbia.

In a time marked by growing global crises, persistent inequalities, and shifting political landscapes, women around the world increasingly recognize that leadership is not about dominance or rivalry, but about solidarity, shared responsibility, and collective vision. As a society, we cannot afford to overlook the transformative power of women's participation in politics, the economy, and community life.

RISE 2025 represents a new international platform that places women at the center of dialogue on building inclusive and sustainable futures. It will bring together ministers, political leaders, experts, entrepreneurs, civil society actors, and international organizations from countries committed to advancing gender equality, social inclusion, and systemic change.

It is our special honor to announce that the President of the Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vučić, will officially open the conference.

The Republic of Serbia is increasingly recognized as a country dedicated to building inclusive societies and supporting women's leadership through progressive national policies. With RISE 2025, we aim to create a space where women's voices are not only heard but amplified—where rights are transformed into opportunities, and where empowerment becomes a shared standard, not an exception.

Through live interviews, thematic panels, and regional roundtables, the conference will provide a platform for exchanging experiences, identifying innovative solutions, and promoting collaboration across borders. One of the key sessions will be organized in cooperation with the United Nations Office in Serbia, further strengthening the international relevance and reach of this initiative.

RISE 2025 does not seek to replicate old formats—it aspires to become a movement, a rhythm of mutual support and joint progress. In Belgrade, a city known for building bridges between cultures and regions, we will work together to shape a future where women can be both professionally fulfilled and personally free.

We would be honored by your presence and participation in this unique gathering. Ministers relevant to the topic of the conference from the Central European Initiative member states, Southeast Europe, Nordic and Baltic countries, as well as special guest countries and international partners, have been invited.

We kindly ask that you confirm your participation by **20th August 2025**, and further information regarding the concept note and conference programme will be shared with you shortly.

Please send your confirmation or any related inquiries to: bwc.rise2025@jednakost.gov.rs.

Leadership without rivalry. Together we rise.

Ms. Liisa-Ly Pakosta
Minister of Justice and Digital Affairs
Republic of Estonia
Tallinn



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Against Women, and Economic and Political
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RISE 2025 represents a new international platform that places women at the center of political and economic dialogue on a sustainable future. The conference brings together ministers, political leaders, representatives of international organizations, the business community, and experts from various sectors and countries that recognize women's empowerment as a prerequisite for the progress of society as a whole. One of the panels during the conference will be organized in cooperation with the **United Nations Office in Serbia**.

The conference will be held in Belgrade, in a country increasingly recognized as a leader in gender equality policies and the inclusion of women in decision-making processes and the economy. With this initiative, Serbia positions itself as a bridge between developed countries and those still striving for a more equitable position of women in public and private life.

This is a space for the meeting of diverse visions and experiences, a forum for jointly shaping policies that open opportunities for women, guarantee their rights, remove barriers, and allow them not to have to choose between career and family, but to be both professionally fulfilled and personally free.

RISE 2025 is a place where leadership is not measured by titles or positions, but by the depth of support we are willing to offer one another. Conceived as a movement and a rhythm, the conference will, through live interviews, thematic panels, and roundtables, provide a space for exchanging experiences and ideas. Rather than linear narratives of struggle, we promote the idea of a circle: empowerment through solidarity, support through understanding, and progress through collective action.

Belgrade, as a city of connections and bridges, is a natural place for such a gathering. **RISE 2025** invites us to expand the circle so that women's voices are not only heard but connected, empowered, and recognized as key to shaping the future. So that we not only speak of rights but transform them into opportunities. So that sustainability is no longer an ideal but becomes the foundation of everyday politics. So that women's empowerment is no longer an exception but a standard.

RISE 2025 marks the beginning of a new rhythm, a rhythm in which we do not run alongside one another but walk together. Boldly and united.



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