“Le Café des élues”

Being a female politician: issues and perspectives
Intersecting views of Tunisian and European locally elected women
24 April 2019, 14:00 - 16:00, Saphia Guolli Hall, City of Culture, Tunis

Concept: the event will aim to promote a direct exchange between Tunisian and European locally elected women and with the citizens on the experiences and challenges of women’s political participation in relation to political and socio-economic issues in societies in constant change. On the eve of the 2019 Tunisian legislative and presidential elections, this meeting will encourage Tunisian-European reflection on the opportunities for co-operation between elected women at the local level in the framework of the decentralisation process.

Programme:

14:00 Welcome of participants - welcome remarks
14:05 Introduction to the exchange: the political representation of women in figures
14:15 Testimonies of Tunisian and European elected women: how to position oneself as a local politician?

Sub-themes: inclusion of women in local governance; decentralisation as a means of bringing decisions closer to citizens and providing the most appropriate responses; improvement of public services; role of elected women in improving the status of women and in building inclusive and peaceful societies;

15:00 Discussion
16:00 Cocktail and networking
Expected results:

- The elected women share their experiences and good practices on subjects of common interest;
- Collaboration and partnership are promoted: the participating elected representatives undertake to foster collaboration and the establishment of partnerships within the framework of activities for the exchange of experience, training and internships under the coordination of Actions in the Mediterranean;
- Awareness is raised among participants to the role of women elected representatives in the management of local affairs and the need to promote women's political participation;
- A positive image of elected representatives in the service of citizens is promoted, thus contributing to building trust between citizens and elected women and, more broadly, to rebuilding trust between citizens and politics;
- Recommendations to promote collaboration/exchange opportunities between European and Tunisian local elected representatives are proposed.

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals:

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
Goal 11: Ensure that cities and human settlements are inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable