



# WOMEN<sup>AND</sup> POLITICAL INFLUENCE





RSI HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN POLITICAL EDUCATION, PARTY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. WE BROUGHT THIS EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO THE PROMOTION OF **WOMEN'S EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS**, A THEME WE ADDRESS WITH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SINCE 2007.

## OBJECTIVES

- to help increase women's political participation and influence
- providing assistance that takes into account the different approach and condition of partner parties
- to enable women to lead value and program based parties
- to help recognize, identify and represent the concerns of their electorate in their communities
- establishing and developing women's organizations on the national and local level
- building an expertise-based profile for women's groups
- targeting women for party membership, activism and elected office
- involving women in political activity on a project basis
- advocacy and awareness raising campaigns
- preparing for good performance and effectiveness in political activity



# Women & Political Influence seminars 2016-2018

Countries: 5

INVOLVED PARTIES:

- Action and Solidarity Party
- Association for Hungarian Culture in Transcarpathia
- Batkivshchyna
- Belarusian Christian Democrats
- Democratic Alliance
- Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova
- Petro Poroshenko Bloc - Solidarnist
- Republican Party of Armenia
- Samopomich Union
- United Civil Party
- United National Movement

“You will be surprised how interesting and practical both lectures and cooperation with other students would be! A lot of personal experience that speakers are very open to share is very INSPIRING AND HELPFUL FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.  
(Inna Voloshyna, Ukraine, DA - bureau member of Kyiv city branch)”



166

participants



581

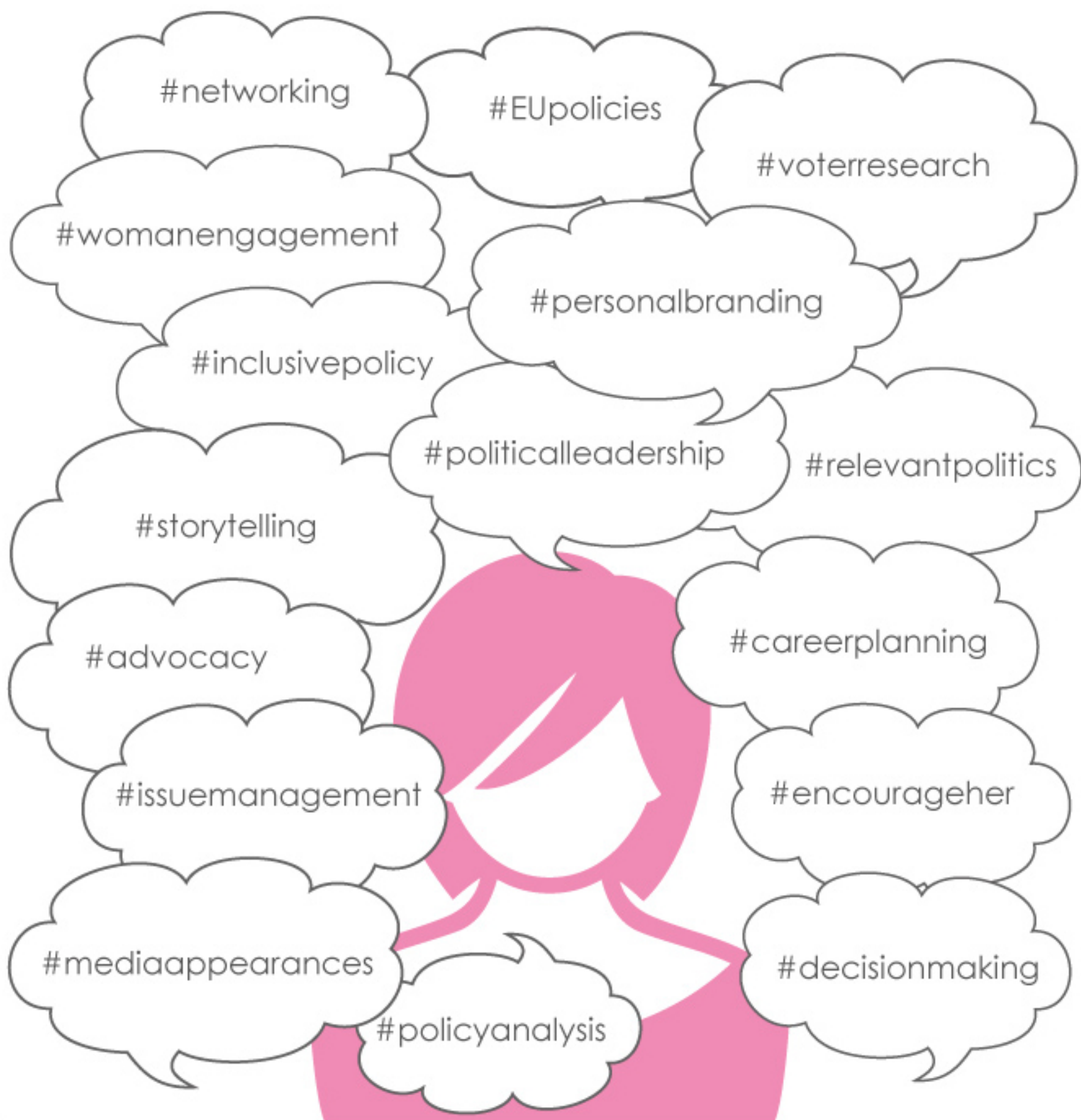
participant days



135

projects





## WHAT WE DO: THE ACTIVITIES

Situation analysis of delegating parties by participants, according to given criteria, first submitted as a paper and later presented in seminar

↳ Seminars 1-2, including skills trainings

↳ Real life transfer to home project 1-2

↳ Follow up events

↳ Study visits for best alumni

↳ Monitoring missions

↳ Making political proposals and campaigns for community impact



## SUCCESS STORIES

**Nino Jintcharadzé** (Georgia) from UNM started the “*Youth for Development*” project. The goal is to promote youth's democratic engagement in a political party, as well as raising awareness towards fair elections as the basis of democratic processes. She trained 50 volunteers for municipal election observation in Ajara region, who were controlling 300 polling stations during the last local elections. For the next elections they plan to cover all Georgian regions.



**Doina Gherman** (Moldova), participant of PAS arrived to our seminar by bus and was appalled by conditions. She conducted opinion research on travel safety and started an advocacy campaign, submitted a petition to the National Auto Transport Agency, formulated recommendations for improving the legal framework and contacted the Consumer Protection Agency.

Additionally, she's recently become President of the PAS Women organisation which she helped found. From now on she can actively participate in political decision making.

**Oksana Straz** (Ukraine), participant from the Samopomich party conducted opinion research on internet security for children in cooperation with the police. After having the topic on agenda of the local party organization and city council meetings, they visited every school with a training lesson for kids, had 10 open meetings on that topic, created an expert group - an official working group with a citywide program on cyber security which also advised on how to change state policy in this field.



RSI gives a great opportunity to gain political knowledge and experience, also to **EXPAND YOUR PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING.**

(Natia Kurtsikidze, Georgia, UNM - member)



“We need to engage more and never let that somebody else diverts us from our goals. **RSI IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO BE.**  
(Ana Rotaru, Moldova, PLDM – former advisor of the party chairman)”

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