



**FemCities Danube Region**  
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**FemCities Danube Region** 

= a project within the [ **FemCities** ] network  
 coordinated by the Women's Department of the City of Vienna

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- **Women's Department of the City of Vienna**
- **FemCities**
- **FemCities Danube Region:**

**Fostering Equal Opportunity Policies in the Danube Region**

**Project:**

**„Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities Danube Region“**

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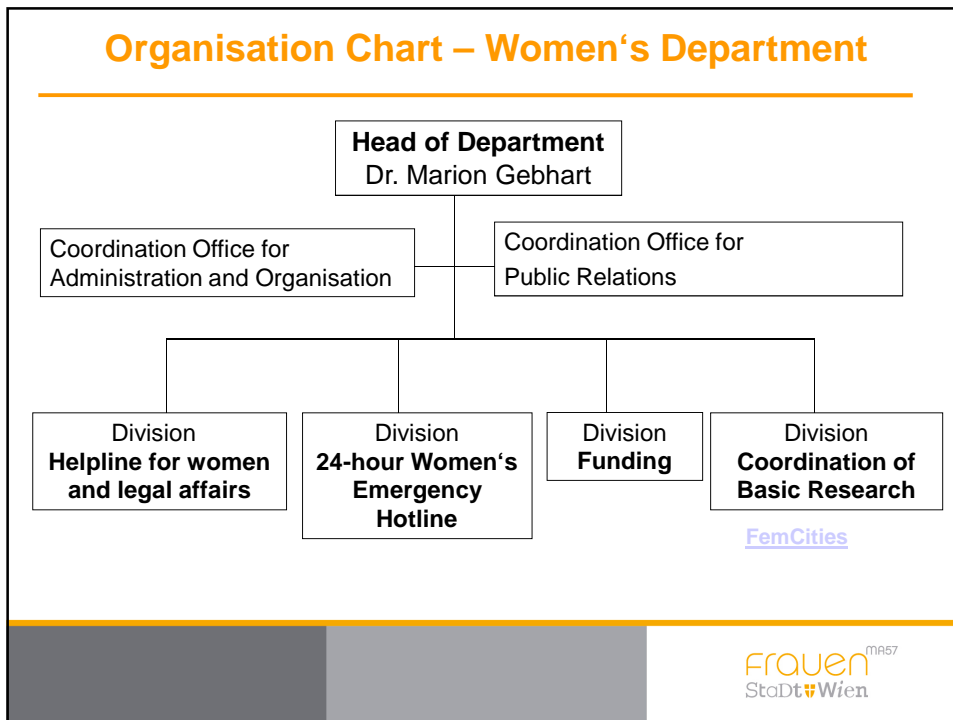
## **Strategic objectives**

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- Empowerment for women and girls
- Equal opportunities for women and men in their private and working lives
- Combatting of gender-specific violence
- Equal pay for women and men
- Overcoming gender-specific role stereotypes
- Sustained and secure funding for women-oriented projects and NGOs

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## Organisation Chart – Women's Department



## Divisions: Helplines for women and legal affairs

- **Helpline for Women**  
Legal and social counselling with focus on marriage and family law  
Clearance and transfer point to other counselling centres for women
- **24-hour Women's Emergency Helpline**  
Crisis assistance, counselling and accompanying for women and girls who have experienced sexual, physical and/or psychological violence  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year  
Telephone, in person and online counselling

## Division: Subsidisation / Financing of Services

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promotion of women's initiatives and subsidisation of organisations which offer information and counselling specifically for women and girls

80 % of the Department's budget goes to

- 4 women's shelters to protect women and their children from violence (166 places) – fully funded
- transition housing: 52 apartments (108 places) – fully funded
- counselling centre of the women's shelters in Vienna – fully funded
- 30 women's NGOs/NPOs (partially financed for 1 or 3 year/s)
- around 40 small-scale projects (once max. 5.100 EUR)

## Division : Coordination of Basic Research

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- to develop concepts for gender equality
- to promote and implement projects in the field of research into women's issues and to commission studies
- to process data for policy makers (statistics, information from NGOs)
- to assess draft laws and make statements
- to implement a gender-specific viewpoint as experts within the city administration, in working groups and networks
- International networking → [www.femcities.at](http://www.femcities.at)

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**Foundation:** in 1997 as MILENA network,  
from 2005: FemCities

**FemCities**

= (informal) network of administrations in European cities and municipalities that aims **to promote women and gender equality**

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**Network partners**

= specialist departments in European cities and municipalities  
(in the field of gender equality/equal opportunities/women)

Basel Stuttgart Graz Baglar Zagreb  
Baden-Baden Offenburg Klagenfurt  
Frankfurt Marburg Belgrade  
Bern Linz Sarajevo Vienna St. Pölten

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### Associate partners

= other than administrative units of cities and municipalities such as NGOs and administrative units of provinces, federal states or cantons.

Canton of Basel-Landschaft	<b>Ministry of Equal Opportunities Luxembourg</b>
City Council Linz	
<b>Gender Equality Unit, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Prague</b>	NGO "Women for Peace" Leskovac
WAVE (women against Violence Europe)	

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### Core objectives:

- the promotion of **networking activities between specialist departments** (*in the field of gender equality/equal opportunities/women*)
- the **exchange of good practices**

### Benefits for FemCities network partners:

- network of administrative specialists on a local level – easy access
- learning from each other – exchange of best practices
- mutual argumentative support for the implementation of gender equality concerns

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### Cities 4 Gender Equality:

Topics:

- Gender mainstreaming and gender equality in cities
- Tackling violence against women: responsibilities of cities
- Gender budgeting
- Advancement of women through public procurement
- Migrant women
- Sexist advertising
- Promotion of young women and girls – Girls' Day
- Gender sensitive town planning
- Employment of women: effects of the economic crisis
- European charter on equality between women and men in local life
- International obligations for the implementation of gender equality

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### FemCities activities:

- website, publications [www.femcities.at](http://www.femcities.at)
- international FemCities conferences

### **FemCities Conference 2015**

Effects of economic crisis on the employment of women in  
European Cities: Similarities and differences. Strategies for Cities.

1- 2 June 2015

Zagreb

- periodic network meetings on gender equality issues
- implementation of the project „FemCities Danube Region“

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**EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR):**

**PROJECT: *FemCities Danube Region***

**Implementation:** June 2011 - December 2016 / 2017

**Project goals:**

**Using the Impetus of the strategy to**

- 1) revive networking and cooperation activities in the field of local women's and gender equality policy in Central and Eastern Europe (MILENA network!)
- 2) extend contacts in the Danube Region

**Create impulses for interregional and institutional cooperation and exchange** in the context of women's promotion and gender equality in the Danube Region

**Encouraging the civil society to get involved** in gender equality projects

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### **Project activities:**

The project is divided into separate modules in order to keep the implementation of the project realistic and feasible and to ensure sustainable, lasting results:

<b>Module 1</b> FemCities Danube Network	<b>Module 3</b> Vienna Girls' Day goes FemCities (2012 - 2017)
<b>Module 2</b> Website "FemCities Danube Region"	<b>Module 4</b> FemCities.media



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### Module 1: „FemCities Danube Network“ (2011 - ongoing)

- inviting city and municipal administrations in the Danube Region to be partner in the FemCities network
- building up concrete cooperation and exchange with selected partners in the Danube Region

Results: (selection)

FemCities D-A-CH Coordination (Stuttgart/Baden-Wuerttemberg)

Exchange of best practices in Belgrad/Serbia

### Module 2: Section “FemCities Danube Region” at FemCities site:

[http://www.femcities.at/danube\\_region.html](http://www.femcities.at/danube_region.html)

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### Module 3: Vienna Girls‘ Day goes FemCities Danube Region

### Girls‘ Day – a multi level tool for Gender Equality

- inviting interested city administrations to learn about the project “Wiener Töchertag” (Vienna Girls‘ Day)
- offering coaching for one city administration (per year) which plans to implement a girls‘ day for the first time

2012: Zagreb

2015:

2013: Belgrad

2016: → **your city?**

2014: Sarajevo

2017:

Interested?

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### Module 4: FemCities.media (2015 – 2016)

- sensitising media to be relevant partners in promoting women and in making de facto gender equality a reality
  - building on milena.media contacts (**MILENA network**)
- organising international workshops and expert talks in the Danube Region

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Summary:

Becoming a network partner

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Sharing good practices and projects

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FemCities Conference 2015: 1 - 2 June 2015 Zagreb

**FemCities Danube Region Projects**

- **Vienna Girls' Day goes International**

→ Partner City 2015, 2016, 2017?

- **Exchange and Networking**

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