



INVITATION

International Conference March 19th-20th, 2025

**From the Ballot Box to the Government:
The Political Participation of Women in the Baltic Sea Region**

In January 2024, the state government of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern adopted the strategy for cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region „MV Baltic Sea Strategy“ (www.mv-balticseastrategy.de).

Key focus of the MV Baltic Sea Strategy is the development of exchange on women's and gender equality policy issues in the Baltic Sea region. Against this backdrop, we cordially invite you to our international conference on

March 19th-20th, 2025 in Schwerin

on the topic

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The event is a joint project of the Office for Women and Gender Equality at the Ministry of Justice, Equality and Consumer Protection Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the Institute for Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Rostock and the Mecklenburger AnStiftung.

The conference will be held in English. Interpretation in English and German will be provided at the first day.

For better planning, we kindly ask you to register February 28th, 2025, at leitstelle.fg@jm.mv-regierung.de.

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DRAFT AGENDA

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**From the Ballot Box to the Government:
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Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

Venue: Schwerin Castle, Conference Center, Demmlersaal, Lennéstraße 1, 19053
Schwerin

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| 2 pm | Words of welcome |
| 3 pm | From the Ballot Box to the Government: The Political Participation of Women (Keynote)
Kathrin Mahler Walther, Executive Chairwoman, EAF Berlin |
| 4 pm | Conference break |
| 4.30 pm | Political Queen's Gambit: A Crisis of Representation in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern?
Dr. Ludmila Lutz-Auras, Chairwoman, Mecklenburger AnStiftung
Dr. Dennis Bastian Rudolf, Head, Task Force for the Establishment of the Anti-Discrimination Office Mecklenburg-Vorpommern |
| 5 pm | Presentation of posters on the situation of political representation of women in various countries of the Baltic Sea region |
| 6 pm | End of conference day one
Castle Tour and Joint dinner at the Castle Café |



Thursday, March 20th, 2025

Venue: Neustädtisches Palais, Goldener Saal, Puschkinstraße 19, 19055 Schwerin

9.30 am Welcome

10 am Workshops on the following topics:

1. 'Partisan Capital': Recruitment and Promotion of Women in Political Parties
Moderation: Dr. Pierre Gottschlich, Julia Heinschel, University of Rostock
2. Compatibility of professional and private life as a prerequisite for political participation
Moderation: Manuela Müller, Cécile Weidhofer, EAF Berlin
3. Collaboration with civil society actors and institutions
Moderation: Dr. Dennis Bastian Rudolf, Ministry of Justice, Equality, and Consumer Protection Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
4. Youth work, political education, and recruitment of young talent
Moderation: Dr. Ludmila Lutz-Auras, Bettina Lorenz, Mecklenburger AnStiftung

12 pm Lunch break

13 pm Continuation of the workshops

14 pm Presentation of results and outlook

15 pm Get Together

16 pm End of conference