

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

SeConS Development Initiative Group

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 26th December 2018 To: 25th December 2020

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that SeConS Development Initiative Group reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Olivera Vukovic

Executive Director

Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

In the last two years SeConS has taken numerous actions in order to support the Global Compact. Some of those actions can be classified as academia, while others can be seen as civil society organizations activities. Those activities are:

- Promotion of the GC and its principles through applied research and thought leadership in relation to the Global Compact and also by delivering education on topics related to the Global Compact
- Participation in Global Compact global and local events
- Joining special initiatives and work streams
- Engage with Global Compact Local Networks

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

- Supported by UN Women SeConS, conducted analysis for inclusion of gender perspectives in COVID-19 short- and long-term response efforts. Main aim was to reveal how the situation caused by COVID-19 affects women in Serbia, especially in terms of their position in the labour market (with a specific focus on certain categories of women), participation in the economy of care and redistribution of unpaid care work. In order to achieve the objective of the assignment, the research team used a holistic approach, combining quantitative and qualitative research methods. Quantitative research included representative survey on the general population of Serbia that have been actively participating in the labour market (**1 603 respondents**), as well as on-line surveys with different categories of women, such as: women entrepreneurs (**50 respondents**), women working in economy of care (80 respondents) and rural women (**80 respondents**). Qualitative part of the research included 10 in-depth interviews with each categories of women.
- In partnership with University of Novi Sad, Nis and Belgrade, SeConS is from 2018, implementing the project "Erasmus+ Programme - Capacity Building project in the field of Higher Education (E+CBHE)". Main aim of the project is designing academic courses in public policy and assessing the capacities and needs for this topic among various actors.
- SeConS, supported by UNFPA in Bosna and Herzegovina conducted Population Situation Analysis (PSA) as a basis for a comprehensive appraisal of the population situation and trends in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), its linkages with sexual and reproductive health and gender, and its impacts on poverty, inequality and development.
- Members of SeConS team participated in regular meetings of Global Compact Local Network
- On Monitoring social situation in Serbia (MONS) online platform, SeConS has published 6 Issues covering various topics, such as: gender equality, public policies, employment etc.
- SeConS conducted initial assessment within UNOPS project in order to contribute to increased social inclusion of women and men, girls and boys experiencing poverty and social exclusion enabling them to live in dignity and take an active part in society. For the purpose of this assignment, more than 50 individuals were interviewed in 30 municipalities.