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The main topic of the meeting is building strategies for mainstreaming gender into the work of the UBC member cities. Despite many positive changes in mainstreaming gender in Europe, the issue of gender equality still requires special attention, as women remain a vulnerable group, and special measures need to be introduced to ensure their bigger participation in decision making and secure their stronger position at the labour market.

Violence against women, including trafficking, women's health and above all, overcoming gender stereotypes, which prevent women and men from sharing parental and care responsibilities equally, need our special attention.

At the moment we also have to focus on special needs of immigrant women in the UBC region. Therefore building strategies for mainstreaming gender into the work of the UBC member cities has been defined as the key topic for the meeting. The direct aim of the meeting will be to discuss the role of GE WG and its plans concerning concrete next steps: which commissions we should meet this year and how we are going to work and meet.

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