GLOBAL DISCOURSE, LOCAL CHANGE?
DEVELOPING A WOMEN'S AGENDA
FOR PEACE IN ARmenia AND
AZERBAIJAN

This research explores the impact of conflict on women’s civil society activism in Armenia and Azerbaijan. It focuses on tensions between the international Women, Peace and Security framework for promoting women’s participation in peacebuilding (e.g. UNSCR 1325), and the lived realities of women whose rights have been affected by conflict and political oppression.
Justification

- Identifies gaps between the international discourse on Women, Peace and Security, and the needs and interests of women’s rights activists working in conflict-affected regions
- Provides critical feminist engagement with hegemonic western discourses on women and peacebuilding
- Highlights the potential of European diplomacy (including civil society) in promoting peaceful integration between former Soviet states
Expected outcomes

- Constructive critique of international diplomacy in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict
- Strengthening discourse on women’s rights, gender and peacebuilding in the South Caucasus
- Raising the voices of women working towards conflict resolution in Armenia and Azerbaijan
- Critical analysis of UNSCR 1325 based on local women’s perspectives on peacebuilding