

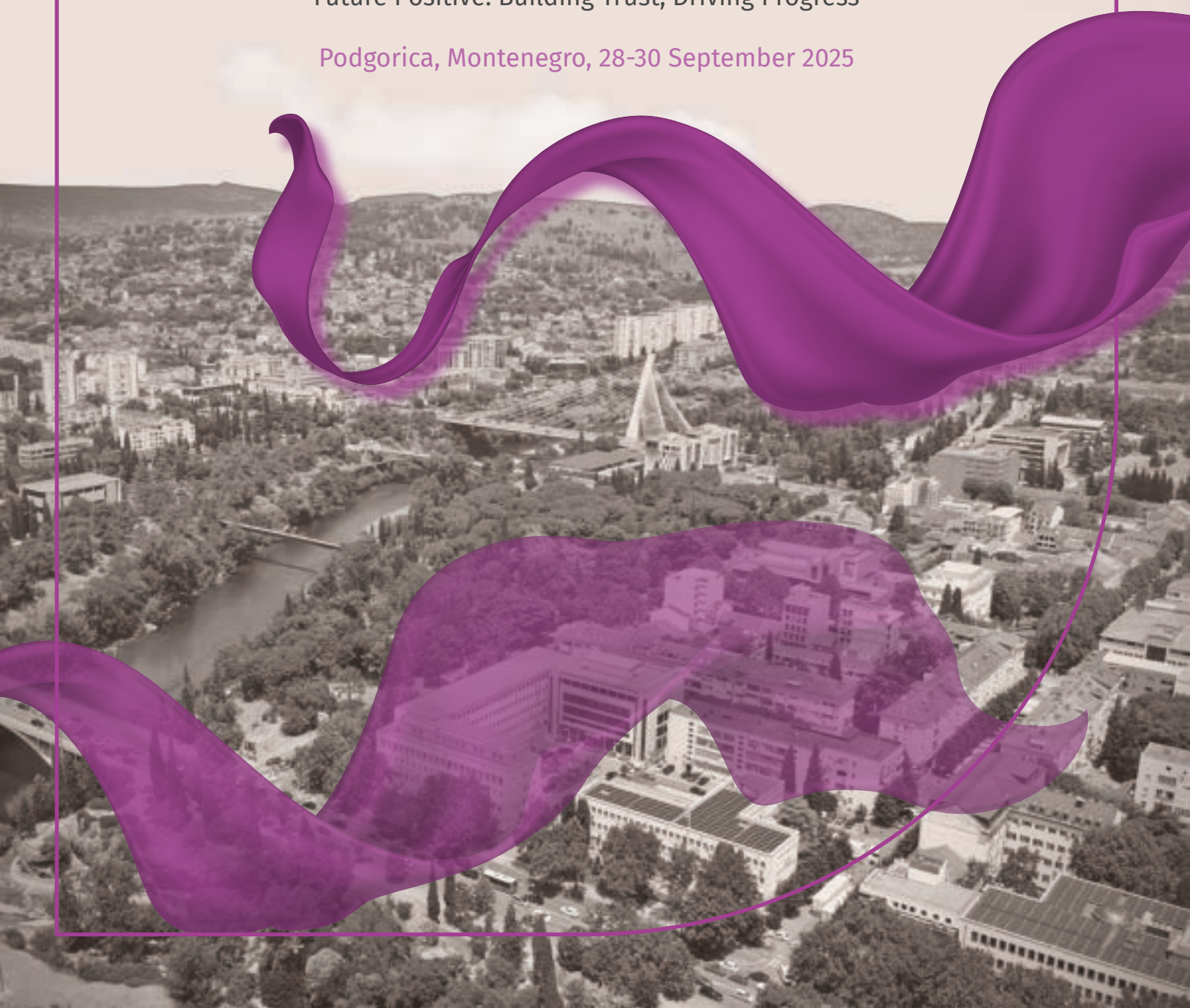


WPL SUMMIT MONTENEGRO 2025

Montenegro is calling!

Future Positive: Building Trust, Driving Progress

Podgorica, Montenegro, 28-30 September 2025



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In an era defined by geopolitical uncertainty, democratic erosion, and the transformative rise of digital technologies, political leadership must rise to meet new demands with courage, clarity, and credibility.

The WPL Summit 2025, co-hosted with the Parliament of Montenegro, will convene women political leaders from around the world in the Western Balkans for the first time, and is an invitation to women political leaders across the world to shape the global future by rebuilding trust and driving forward momentum where it matters most.

Set in **Montenegro**, a country whose path from fragmentation to international cooperation reflects notable institutional resilience and global engagement, this WPL Summit offers a unique platform for political leaders to connect, collaborate, and lead boldly across borders.

Together, we will explore what it means to lead with integrity, collaborate across borders, and take meaningful steps to build trust and shape a better tomorrow.



Why Attend?

- Engage in high-level discussions that address the strategic frontiers of modern leadership: from energy diplomacy and inclusive multilateralism to ethical AI and sustainable investment.
- Learn from and contribute to candid conversations with global peers who are building credibility in crisis and trust in transition.
- Be part of a worldwide network of elected and appointed women leaders who share a commitment to future-positive governance — leadership that is principled, effective, and prepared for what lies ahead.
- Experience Montenegro's unique cultural and political heritage as a bridge between past resilience and future cooperation.
- Return with new alliances, strategies, and actionable insights for future-ready leadership.

Join **women Presidents, Prime Ministers, Parliamentarians, and Ministers** from around the world. Represent your nation. Elevate your vision. Drive real change.

"This WPL Summit is about more than dialogue; it's about action. At a time when the foundations of trust are being tested, women in political leadership are uniquely positioned to shape a future defined by courage, clarity, and cooperation."

Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President & Founder, Women Political Leaders

"We are proud to welcome global women leaders to Montenegro, a country whose history reminds us that even the smallest nations can shape meaningful dialogue and regional stability."

Zdenka Popović, Vice President, Parliament of Montenegro

A Summit that Builds More than Dialogue

The WPL Summit is not only a convening, it is a call to action. With concrete outcomes, coalition-building, and peer learning at its core, the WPL Summit equips participants to return home with renewed conviction, actionable insights, and stronger alliances for governing with integrity and impact.

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Programme Highlights

Podgorica | Cetinje | Kotor | Tivat

28–30 September 2025

The WPL Summit 2025 features inspiring venues, immersive local visits, and powerful political dialogue set across Montenegro's historic and cultural capitals.

Key Sessions Include:

- **The New Energy Diplomacy**
Trust in the green transition: How to lead equitable climate transformation and attract credible climate finance.
- **Digital Futures, Ethical Foundations**
Addressing AI regulation, data sovereignty, and democracy protection in the digital age.
- **Investing in Stability**
Creating national environments that build investor trust and support long-term growth.
- **Tourism as a Bridge**
Harnessing culture and soft power to drive economic revival and diplomatic dialogue.
- **Cultural Diplomacy and National Identity**
How identity, heritage, and the arts shape a nation's standing in the world.

Special Highlights:

- WPL Trailblazer Awards Ceremony in Cetinje's Government House
- National Delegation Statements in the Parliament of Montenegro
- Regional spotlight through "The Adria Moment" in Tivat
- A symbolic journey aboard a diplomatic cruise across the Bay of Kotor

Dear friends,

Welcome to Montenegro,

a hospitable and open-hearted, peace-loving country that many consider the jewel of the Mediterranean.

Framed by azure mountains, with a pearl-like coastline and lake-filled mountain eyes, it has always welcomed every guest with sincerity. Its land holds valuable traces of diverse civilizations, woven over centuries into a rich tapestry of multiethnic and multiconfessional coexistence.

Modern Montenegro is a country of parliamentary democracy, where power is divided into legislative, judicial, and executive branches. The legislative power is exercised by the Parliament of Montenegro, a unicameral body composed of 81 members. Their primary duty, in a representative democracy, is to represent citizens—their views and interests.

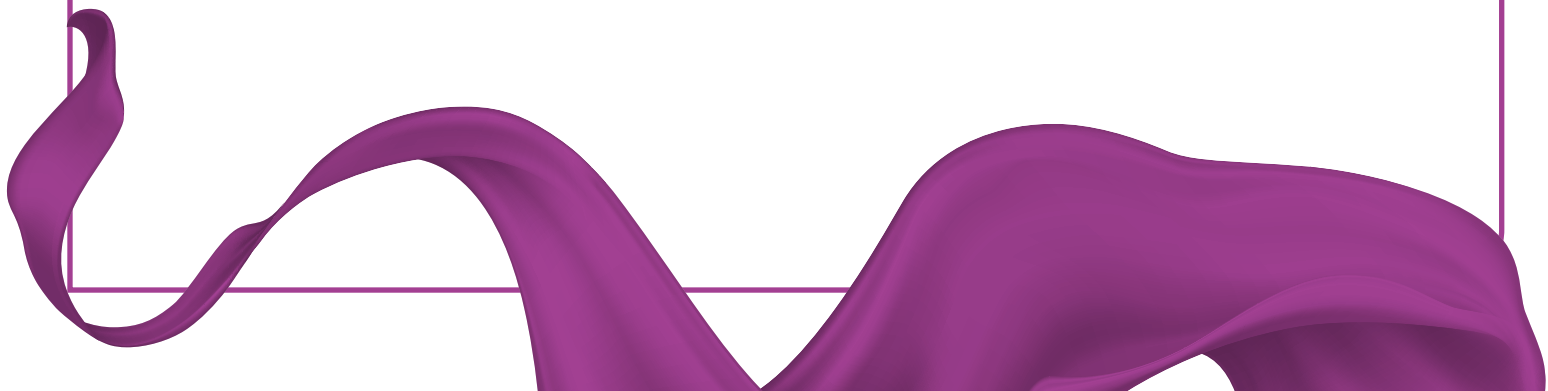
That is why it is my great pleasure to announce that the Parliament of Montenegro, together with Women Political Leaders (WLP) of the largest global network of women politicians, will host the WLP Summit 2025, “Positive Future: Building Trust, Driving Progress”, from September 28th to 30th this year, in Podgorica.

We look forward to your presence on this special occasion in Montenegro—to connect more deeply, strengthen our ties, and move forward together into a Positive Future, building trust and driving progress!

With that in mind, I warmly greet you and wish you a heartfelt welcome.

ZDENKA POPOVIĆ

Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro





About WPL

Women Political Leaders (WPL) is the global non-partisan network of women politicians. With members in over 130 countries, WPL aims to increase both the number and the influence of women in political leadership.

The WPL Summit is the world's foremost gathering of women political leaders, having convened over 2,500 Parliamentarians and 40+ women Presidents and Prime Ministers.

Past WPL Summits have been co-hosted in Belgium, Ethiopia, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Lithuania, Mexico, Rwanda, and the European Parliament.



Fun facts about Montenegro

Ksenija Petrović Njegoš was considered a highly educated, intelligent, and talented woman. She was born on April 22, 1881, in Cetinje. She is remembered as the first woman in the Balkans to drive a car and the only princess who practiced photography.

Montenegro declared itself an ecological state on September 20, 1991, by adopting the Declaration on the Ecological State in Žabljak. This date is significant because Montenegro became the first country in the world to formally commit to this obligation.

A Country with “Black Mountain”

The name Montenegro means “Black Mountain” in Italian, referring to the dark, dense forests that once covered Mount Lovćen.

Despite its small size, Montenegro is incredibly diverse - you can drive from snowy mountains to sunny beaches in under two hours.

The Bay of Kotor is one of the most stunning coastal areas in Europe, often compared to Norway's fjords.

The Tara River Canyon is the deepest in Europe and second deepest in the world after the Grand Canyon. It's part of Durmitor National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Near the town of Bar, there's an olive tree over 2,000 years old - and it still bears fruit

Montenegro has four UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the natural and cultural-historical region of Kotor and the Durmitor National Park.

Velika plaža (The Long Beach) in Ulcinj stretches for 13 km, making it the longest beach on the eastern Adriatic coast.

Lake Skadar - A Birdwatcher's Paradise Shared with Albania, Lake Skadar is the largest lake in the Balkans and home to over 270 species of birds, including rare pelicans.

For such a small country, Montenegro has an impressive five national parks: Durmitor, Biogradska Gora, Lovćen, Skadar Lake, and Prokletije.

Biogradska Gora - One of Europe's Last Rainforests

This national park contains one of the last three remaining primeval rainforests in Europe, untouched for thousands of years.

Island Church Built on a Rock - Our Lady of the Rocks

In the Bay of Kotor, there's a tiny artificial island with a church built in 1630, created by sinking old ships filled with stones.























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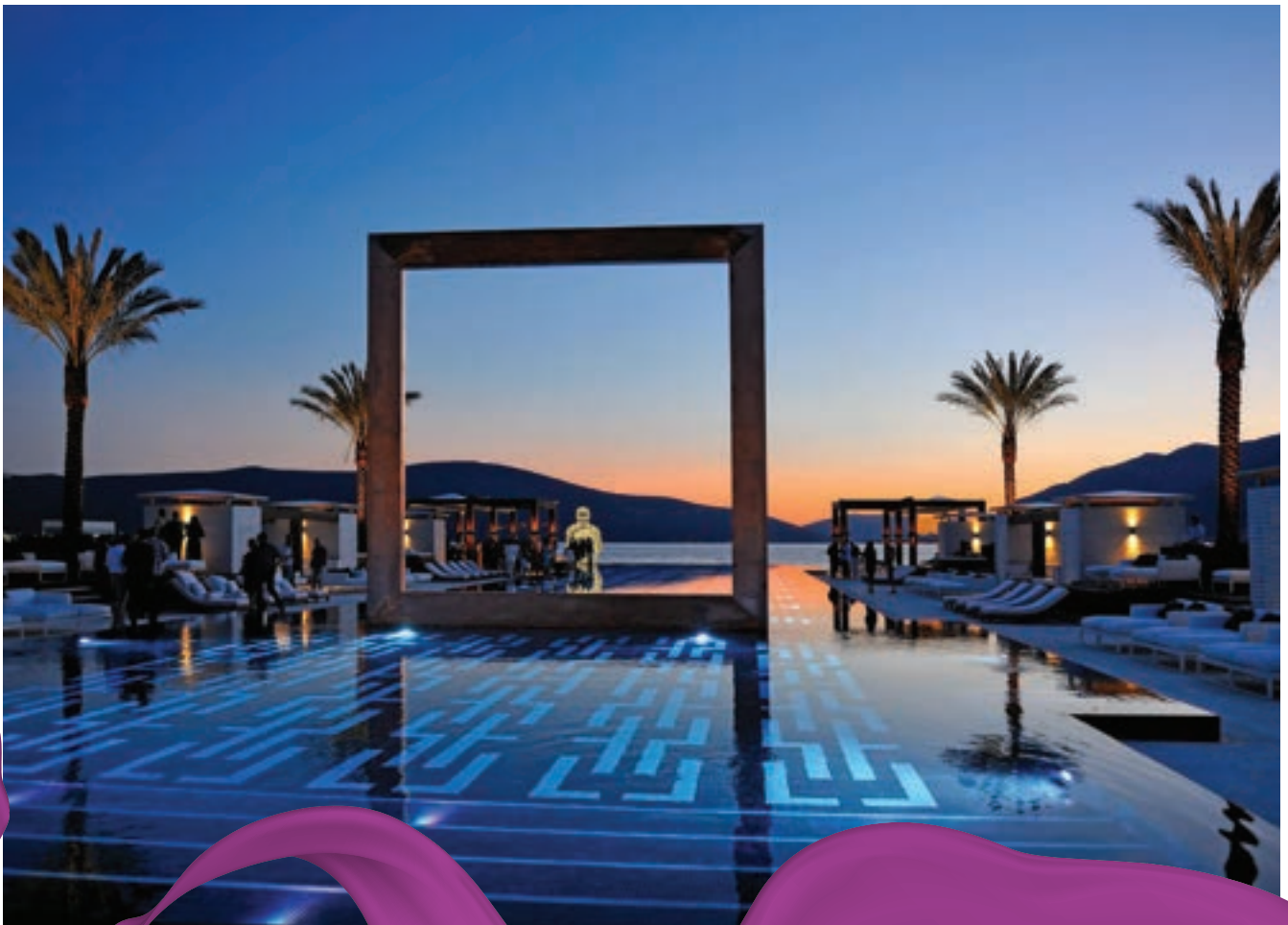






































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