This panel discussion follows the workshop "Women for Cyprus' way into the European Union" (June 29 - July 1; closed sessions). The workshop aims at the effective support of women from both parts of Cyprus and from mainland Greece and Turkey in their efforts for a peaceful and viable political solution for the island. For many years, Greek and Turkish Cypriot women's organisations and activists, women politicians and researchers have promoted bi-communal activities on all levels of society and politics. Women from both parts of the island have founded initiatives, established organisations and have tried to influence politicians and decision makers in order to overcome the political division of the island. The perspective of Cyprus' accession to the European Union by the year 2004 has now given a new impetus to and perspective for the ongoing official negotiation process. In order to support this process, members of two NGOs, HAD and WINPEACE, and experts will meet in the workshop. In the panel discussion, they will present their experiences, strategies and future projects in supporting Cyprus on her way to the European Union.

Panelists:

Workshop participants from the following NGOs

HAD: Hands Across the Divide, NGO of Greek and Turkish Cypriot women promoting bi-communal activities, conflict resolution and political dialogue on the island

WINPEACE: NGO established by women from Greece and Turkey promoting co-operation and conflict resolution

Leopold Maurer

European Commission, Director for the Cyprus Accession Negotiation Task Force

Sabine Kroissenbrunner Moderator

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