

# The second round table – “Rights for moms”

On December 16th, the Institute for Development and Innovation held the second round table “Rights for moms!” and gathered representatives from the government, civil sector, and independent institutions. At the second round table, we have tackled diverse topics and identified the main issues unemployed mothers are facing in the labor market.

The event was opened by Ana Milenković, the manager of the program for public finances and economic development, and the director of the Institute for Development and Innovation Nenad Jevtović, who presented the existing data regarding the position women and unemployed mothers hold in the labor market.

During the presentation, Mr. Jevtović stated that the position of mothers in the labor market is not determined by the number of their offspring. He stated that in 2020, one out of ten women faced difficulties finding a job, while in 2010 one out of five faced the same issue. This trend indicated an improvement in the market. During the presentation, he pointed out that in 2019 Serbia had 64.399 mothers, out of which 53.769 were economically active, 10.630 economically inactive out of which 6.237 were unemployed housewives.

Innovative approaches were given by the representatives from: Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs; The commissioner for the protection of equality; Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-government; Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation; “Mame su zakon” (Moms are law); “Pre svega JA!” (Me before anything) civil society; Ženska solidarnost (Female solidarity).

At the end of the event, Ms. Milneković thanked the participants and gave a summary of the main points agreed upon. It was decided that the main focus of the study will be to develop a policy paper proposal aimed at the parents returning to work after the birth of the child and child care, creating gender-sensitive analysis, and using different sources of information such as Questionary about the labor force, Demographic statistics and the register of the National Employment Service.