For more women in politics

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Why going into politics?

• Try to change the city and living
• Question of staying or move out of the city?
• City had a high unemployment rate (22%), young people were moving out
• We were mining city for over 200 years with heavy industry
Gender quotas?

• **Slovenia**: gender quotas on candidate lists in 2006.

• **For six years**, Slovenia ranked above the EU average with a share of women above 30%, in 2018 it fell below the EU average again.

• **In 2020**, 26.7% of women deputies will work in the Slovenian Parliament, which ranks the country 17th among all EU members.

• **Mayors**: 2014 (16 women mayors out of 212), 2018 (22 women/212)
My political path in Slovenia

- 2010 became a member of municipal council in Trbovlje (age 25) because of gender quotas and a member of Committee of the Regions.
  - 2012 (at age 27) became a Deputy Mayor of Trbovlje.
- 2014 won elections (5 male candidates with political background and me as female) and became a mayor of Trbovlje (at age 29).
- 2018 won second elections at age 33.
What it’s like to be a woman in politics

• Hard; you feel like you do not belong to the „group“ of politics
• Words and thoughts of others: what can this women do?
• Underestimation, ridicule
• you have to work twice as hard for the same result
• you have to prove yourself all the time
• your communication must be based on facts, arguments, not enough flat claims
Najboljša ekipa za občinski svet

Znanje in ofišnost, ekpo do novih uspehov za nasje mesto

Leta 2023

V nasje mesto

Prej 2013

Za nasje mesto

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Do not give up!

• Be a lot out there with people (live and social media!)
• Listen to what they have to say and then do that, solve problems, make life better
With perseverance, with hard work... we are changing society and their perception.