

Annex III List of articles and press statements published by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) to raise awareness of Malta's low female participation in the political sphere

- *Press Statement* (October 2016) calling for the introduction of measures at candidature stage with the aim of increasing the underrepresented sex in politics.
- *Press Statement* (February 2017) to encourage political parties to present gender-balanced lists of candidates in the general and local council elections; and for proactive efforts to break gender stereotypes, promote a balanced participation in the party structures at all levels, more family-friendly arrangements and support structures within parties.
- *Press Statement* (July 2017) highlighting the importance of measures aimed at reaching gender balance in politics in order to address the current democratic deficit. NCPE explained that gender quotas ensure a balanced representation which concerns the totality of the population.
- *Press Statement* (August 2017) welcoming the LEAD Programme developed by the Labour Party to address the low participation of women in the political sphere and to increase the number of women candidates in its electoral lists.
- *An article published in the Times of Malta* (August 2017) aimed at raising awareness among the general public on how quotas in politics can address historical and structural hurdles that perpetuate the under-representation of women in this sphere.