

Conference & Round Table

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: FOSTERING NEW SYNERGIES IN THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN MACRO-REGION

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Hotel Terme Ilidža, Sarajevo

Programme



DAY 1 / OCTOBER 12

	Registration of participants
13.00-14.00	Welcome lunch/coffee
Opening session	
14.00- 14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Miloš Lučić Minister for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina○ Ingrid Macdonald UN Resident Coordinator in BiH○ Amb. Marco Di Ruzza Italian Embassy in Sarajevo○ Amb. Miloš Prica National Coordinator of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative, Bosnia and Herzegovina○ Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco Head of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative Permanent Secretariat
1st working session	<i>Perspective of gender equality and equal opportunities in economic empowerment: experience and best practice from the Adriatic and Ionian region</i> <i>All Permanent Secretariat</i>
Moderator:	
14.30 – 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Valentina Disoska President, Association of Business Women, North Macedonia○ Lejla Mešanović, Board Member, Association of Business Women in BiH○ Joze Tomaš, President of the Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce and President of the Split Chamber of Economy○ Prof. Dr. Jenny Pagge Professor at the School of Education of the University of Ioannina (Greece) and representative of Greek Universities in the UniAdrion Governing Board (online)○ Pia Pohjolainen Women's Entrepreneurship Committee of the Chieti-Pescara Chamber of Commerce (Italy) (online)○ Stinela Dashi Ministry of health and Social Protection of Albania

DAY 2 / OCTOBER 13

2nd working session Supporting and financing women's economic empowerment: experiences, lessons learnt and the way ahead towards innovative approaches (including gender responsive budgeting and statistics/a way of systemic approach to gender mainstreaming)	
<i>Moderator:</i> Zdenka Lončar, UN Women Bosnia and Herzegovina	
10:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mariella Pagliuca Expert, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for Equal Opportunities, Italy ○ Gloria Valentini, Equal Opportunities Authority, San Marino ○ Iva Prpić City Office for Social Protection, Health, War Veterans and People with Disabilities, Zagreb, Croatia, (online video)
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
Continuation of 2nd working session	
12:00 – 13:00	International organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gianluca Vannini Head of Operations Section III (Social Development, Civil Society and Cross Border Cooperation) Delegation of the EU to BiH ○ Lisa Curman Project Coordinator, SIDA BIH ○ Amna Muharemović National Programme Specialist, UN Women ○ Alessandra Antolini Advisory, Women in Business Programme European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
3rd working session Connecting the Region: Regional coordination of gender institutional mechanisms and opportunities for cooperation in the Adriatic and Ionian Region	
<i>Moderator:</i> Samra Filipović-Hadžiabdić, Director, Agency for Gender Equality of BiH, MHRR BIH	
14.00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Višnja Ljubičić Ombudsperson for Gender Equality, Croatia ○ Jelena Kotević Head of Department, Office of Commissioner for Protection of Equality, Serbia ○ Biljana Pejović Department for Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, Montenegro ○ Elena Grozdanova Department for Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, North Macedonia

DAY 3 / OCTOBER 14

4th working session Role of civil society and youth in economic empowerment of women	
<i>Moderator: Dženana Alađuz, Infohouse, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>	
10:00 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Teresa Albano Economic affairs officer and YDEAS project coordinator, OSCE (online)○ Nada Drobnjak external expert, Montenegro○ Milica Borjanić Nation Youth Council of Serbia○ Edlira Ćepani National Coordinator Women’s Network Equality in Decision Making, Albania
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
Concluding session	
12:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ms. Samra Filipović- Hadžiabdić Director Agency for Gender Equality Bosnia and Herzegovina, MHRR BiH○ Couns. Matteo Evangelista Deputy Head of Mission Italian Embassy in Sarajevo
12.30-13.30	Lunch break and departure of participants