

## Conference & Round Table

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

Organised in the context of the Chairmanship of Bosnia and Herzegovina of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

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**Hotel Terme Ilidža, Sarajevo**

### Programme



**DAY 1 / OCTOBER 12**

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

## DAY 2 / OCTOBER 13

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

## DAY 3 / OCTOBER 14

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