



**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS AND THE ROLE OF
WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS**

Agenda

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organised in collaboration with:
**The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and
Rural Development, Republic of Croatia**

Venue:

Hotel INTERNATIONAL ****
Miramarska 24

Zagreb, Croatia

Dates: 17- 18 November 2010

Aim of the conference:

The main objective is to analyse the actual situation of the role of women in rural areas in Western Balkans and Turkey and to present the experience of EU Member States in this area.

The conference also aims to introduce to a wider public the following topics:

1. Education of women in rural areas
2. Development of employment possibilities for women in rural areas
3. The role of woman in rural tourism
4. Improvement of social services and health care in rural areas

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Chair of the conference: Ms. Jelena Đugum & Ms. Karmen Sinković, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, Republic of Croatia

<Day 1 > Wednesday, 17th of November 2010

Time	Session	Speakers
08:45	Arrival and reception of participants	
09:15	Opening ceremony with a short cultural arts program	
09:30	Welcome speech	<p><i>Mr. Paolo Berizzi, Counsellor, Head of Political and Economic Section, Delegation of the European Union to Croatia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Petar Čobanković, minister Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Jadranka Kosor, Croatian Prime Minister</i></p>
10:00	Short Break	
10:10	Short presentation of the TAIEX Instrument of the European Commission	<i>Ms. Diletta Dischinger, Ms. Joana Ziecina, European Commission</i>
Promoting gender equality in Croatia with a focus on rural areas		
10:20	Activities of the Gender Equality Committee of the Republic of Croatia	<i>Ms. Gordana Sobol, Head of Committee for Gender Equality - Croatian Parliament</i>
10:35	Activities of the Office for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Croatia	<i>Ms. Helena Štimac Radin, Head of Office for Gender Equality</i>
10:50	Protection of the human rights – activity of the Office for human rights	<i>Mr. Luka Mađerić, Head of Office for Human Rights</i>
11:05	Coffee break	
Education of women in rural areas		
11:20	The importance of women education in rural areas	<i>Ms. Ingrid Jurela Jarak, Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, Croatia</i>
11:40	The education and training for women in rural area in the context of lifelong learning: challenges and opportunities, the Slovak experience	<i>Ms. Luba Pavlovova, Regional Development Agency Senec – Pezinok, Slovakia</i>
12:10	Lifelong education of women in rural area	<i>Ms. Sandra Kantar, College of Agriculture at Križevci, Croatia</i>
12:30	Promotion of entrepreneurship through education in rural areas	<i>Ms. Maja Ljubić, South-East European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, Croatia</i>
12:50	Questions & answers	
13:00	Lunch	

Social services and health care in rural areas

14:00	Health care for women in the rural areas	<i>Ms. Dunja Skoko-Poljak, Ministry of Health and Social Care, Croatia</i>
14:20	Improvement of social services and health care in rural areas	<i>Mr. Simo Manilla, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland</i>
14:50	Rural Childcare – An analysis of its importance to the social and economic future of women in rural areas	<i>Mr. Martin McDonald, Northern Ireland Rural Development Council</i>
15:20	Questions & answers	
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

The role of women in promoting economic development with emphasis on rural areas

15:45	Role of women in the development of rural tourism	<i>Ms. Tatjana Gredičak, Ministry of Tourism, Croatia</i>
16:10	The role of women in rural tourism (French examples)	<i>Ms. Dominique Legrand, Chamber of Agriculture- region Rhône-Alpes France</i>
16:40	Participation of women in the decision-making process at local level	<i>Mr. Sten-Rune Lundin, County Administrative Board of Dalarn, Sweden</i>
17:10	Questions & answers	
17:25	<i>End of the 1st day</i>	

<Day 2 > Thursday, 18th of November 2010

Time Session Speakers

Opportunities for employment and self employment of women in rural areas

09:00	Unemployment, employment and self-employment of women in rural areas	<i>Ms. Marina Nekic, Croatian Employment Service</i>
09:20	Local employment in social services	<i>Ms. Julijana Radnić, Ministry of the Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity, Croatia</i>
09:50	Women's employment and unemployment in Turkey	<i>Mr. Sinan Ok, Turkish Employment Organization</i>
10:20	Employment of women in rural areas. New employment opportunities	<i>Ms. Bettina Bock, , Department of Social Sciences, Rural Sociology Group, Wageningen University</i>
10:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	

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11:05	Development of Women's Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas	<i>Ms. Ana Vincent Šepić, Ministry of the Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship, Croatia</i>
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| 11:25 | Business services supportive to women's projects | <i>Mr. Sten-Rune Lundin, County Administrative Board of Dalarna/ Sweden</i> |
| 11:55 | Promoting women enterprises in the Hungarian LEADER Program | <i>Mr. Peter Keller, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary</i> |
| 12:25 | Social farming. Example of best practices | <i>Ms. Bettina Bock, Department of Social Sciences, Rural Sociology Group, Wageningen University</i> |
| 12:55 | Questions & answers | |
| 13:10 | Lunch | |
| 14:10 | Integrating farm women into rural development strategy in Slovenia | <i>Ms. Majda Črnič Istenič, Biotechnical Faculty, Ljubljana University</i> |
| 14:40 | Property rights issues | <i>Ms. Sally Shortall, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast</i> |
| 15:10 | Coffee break | |
| 15:20 | The analysis of the gender balance in the agricultural sector in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | <i>Ms. Dori Pavloska-Gjorgjieska, International Business College of Mitrovica</i> |
| 15:50 | Gender implications of the Common Agricultural policy | <i>Ms. Sally Shortall, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast</i> |
| 16:30 | Final roundtable and conclusions | |
| 17:00 | End of the conference | |

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