

Conference

STRONG WOMEN FOR A STRONGER ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION

4-5 July 2023

Hotel Hilton Garden Inn / ZAGREB

PROGRAM

EUSAIR/AII CROATIAN PRESIDENCY



Tuesday / July 4th

- 13:00** ● Registration and lunch
- 14.00** ● **OPENING SESSION**
- 14.15** ● **OPENING REMARKS**
Lidija Pansegrau Hadrović, Croatian Presidency EUSAIR/All
- **Andreja Metelko-Zgombić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia
- **Fabio Pigliapoco**, Ambassador, Head of the Permanent Secretariat of Adriatic and Ionian Initiative
- **Helena Sundblad Schäfer**, EC DG REGIO
- **Monika Udovičić**, Director General, Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Croatia
- **Helena Štimac Radin**, Governmental Office for Gender Equality, Croatia
- **Zrinka Raguž**, State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia
- 15.15** ● **STEMAZING WOMEN**
Moderated by Andrea Čović Vidović, Deputy Head of Representation, European Commission Representation, Zagreb
- **Martina Dimoska**, first female analog astronaut in North Macedonia and the Balkans
- **Nina Drakulić**, Montenegrorobotics, Montenegro
- Prof. dr. **Samra Mujačić**, STEM Academy & University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Professor **Cristiana Carletti**, expert/adviser, Department for Equal Opportunities/Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy
- 16.30** ● Coffee break

17.00**WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Moderated by **Mirjana Čagalj**, Vicepresident, Croatian Chamber of Commerce, honorary EUSAIR/AII Ambassador

Biljana Ščekić, EBRD, Western Balkans and EU countries, SME Finance and Development team – how to start and develop business in the region

Joze Tomaš, President of the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce

dr. **Sanja Popović Pantić**, Institute Mihajlo Pupin, Head of Science and Technology Policy Research Center and Chair of the EEN Thematic Group Women Entrepreneurship The challenges of women entrepreneurship today

18.15**LEADING YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROCESSES IN THE EUSAIR REGION**

Krisela Hackaj, Executive Director, Cooperation and Development Institute (CDI), Albania - Leading Youth Empowerment processes in the EUSAIR region

18.30

Networking dinner for all participants

Wednesday / July 5th**9.30****STRATEGY GOES GREEN – WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL TOURISM**

Moderated by **Elena Di Federico**, EU CAP Network

Dijana Katica, Croatian Association for Tourism and Rural Development The Village Membership Club

Nada Šarić, S.O.R. Narcis, Posušje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vicky Stroumpou, Ministry of Tourism, Greece

10:45

Coffee break

11:15

CIVIL SOCIETY – STRENGTHENING ROLE OF YOUTH IN THE REGION FOR THE FUTURE (AIE, AI-NURECC PLUS)

Moderated by Maria Luisa Esposito, Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion

Eva Kotnik, President, National Youth Council, Slovenia

Nataša Gligorijević, Director, Centre of Sustainable Development Serbia (Difusse hotels)

Nikolina Adžić, founder of Youth Network, Montenegro

Tomislav Jeleković, Board Member, youth organisation Status M, Croatia – The role of boys and men in gender equality

12:30

CONCLUDING SESSION

Andrea Čović Vidović, Deputy Head of Representation, European Commission Representation, Zagreb

Maria Luisa Esposito, Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE)

13:00

Lunch for all participants

