



# Strong Women for a Stronger Adriatic-Ionian Region Conference

**Venue: Hilton Garden Inn, Radnička cesta 21, Zagreb**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

13:00 – 14:00 Registration and lunch



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Opening session

**14.00**

- Opening remarks - **Lidija Pansegrau Hadrović**, Croatian Presidency EUSAIR/AII

**14.15**

- **Andreja Metelko-Zgombić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia
- **Drita Abdiu Halili**, State Secretary in the Secretariat for European Affairs, and Deputy Chief Negotiator with the European Union, North Macedonia
- **mr.sc. Helena Štimac Radin**, Governmental office for gender equality, Croatia
- EC (tbd)
- **Josip Pavić**, State Secretary, Ministry of tourism and sports, Croatia

1<sup>st</sup> Session **STEMazing women** – moderated by **Andrea Čović Vidović**, deputy Head of Representation, European Commission Representation, Zagreb

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**15.15**

- **Martina Dimoska**, first female analog astronaut in North Macedonia and Balkans
- **Nina Drakulić**, Montenegrorobotics, Montenegro



- **Prof. dr. Samra Mujačić**, STEM Academy & University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Marche University**, Italy (name tbc)



### 16.30 Coffee break

2<sup>nd</sup> Session **Women in business** – Moderated by **Mirjana Čagalj**, vicepresident Croatian Chamber of Commerce, honorary EUSAIR/AII Ambassador

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### 17.00

- **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 Chamber 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*

### 18.30 Networking dinner for all participants



## July 5<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> session Strategy goes green – **women entrepreneurship in rural tourism** – moderated by dr.sc. **Tihana Kovačiček**, Agriculture University, Zagreb

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### 9.30

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



## 11.15 Coffee break

4<sup>th</sup> session **Civil society – strengthening role of youth in the region for the future (AIE, AI-NURECC PLUS)**, moderated by **Maria Luisa Esposito**, Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion

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### 11.45

- **Krisela Hackaj**, Executive director, Cooperation and Development Institute (CDI), Albania - *Leading Youth Empowerment processes in the EUSAIR region*
- **Eva Kotnik**, President, National Youth Council, Slovenia
- **Nikolina Adžić**, founder of Youth Network, Montenegro
- **Tomislav Jeleković**, board member, Youth organisation **Status M**, Croatia – *role of boys and men in gender equality*

Concluding session

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### 13.15

- **Andrea Čović Vidović**, deputy head of Representation European Commission, Zagreb
- **Maria Luisa Esposito**, Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE)

13.45 Lunch for all participants

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