

**THE BPW ADRIATIC-IONIAN NETWORKING MEMORANDUM
BPW ADRIONNET**

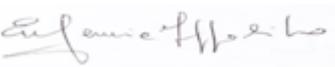
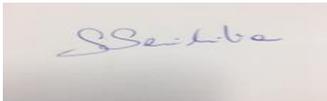
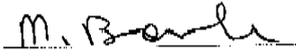
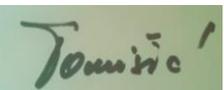
We, the Members of the Adriatic - Ionian Networking of Business and Professional Women Initial Committee (BPW ADRIONNET) ;

1. Guided by unanimously accepted Resolution during the 15th BPW Europe Conference of October 1st 2016 in Zurich, Switzerland, under the principles and statements expressed and confirmed by the BPW Europe and BPW International;
2. Based on the previously signed Memorandum of Understanding between BPW clubs ;
3. Acknowledge the role of BPW ADRIONNET in strengthening cooperation of the BPW clubs in the Adriatic Ionian Region, good neighbourly relations among the Participating BPW ADRIONNET clubs, and their bilateral and multilateral cooperation;
4. Underline that enhanced regional cooperation is an effective incentive, instrumental to foster Women entrepreneurship, thereby making it the most solid basis for the economic, social and cultural progress of women;
5. Emphasize the importance of BPW Regional cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian basin as a tool for fostering balanced and sustainable development of women entrepreneurship, and reaffirm their commitment as an important platform for achieving that scope;
6. Welcome the BPW International and BPW Europe commitment to support regional cooperation also through specific BPW strategies addressed to the development of various aspects of fostering women in employment, crafts and entrepreneurship ;
7. Underline the significance of regular contacts with other civil societies focussed on fostering women entrepreneurship in our broader region, in order to exchange information on activities and best practices, explore possible common grounds;

In order to:

- a. facilitate further promotion of BPW partnership, mutual cooperation and networking at national and international level
- b. intensify the exchange of information and the promotion of viewpoints within the network
- c. support cooperation and implementation of joint projects financed from the funds of the EU and other international funding sources
- d. provide support for institutional lobbying at all levels
- e. raise the profile of business and professional women
- f. promote the dissemination of "best practices"
- g. strengthen civil society at regional, national and international level
- h. encourage better conditions for women to promote a balance between work and private life;

Members of the Initial Committee of the Business and Professional Associations in Adriatic-Ionian Area

1. Alida Perkov **PhD**,  Chair of the Initial Committee BPW
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8. Nellina Basile  BPW International Twinning Taskforce
Chairperson
9. Nives Tomišić  Vice-President BPW Pula Croatia

Have adopted the principles of the Adriatic and Ionian Networking of Business and Professional Women and have signed this virtual BPW Adriatic-Ionian Networking Memorandum .

Pula, February 13th 2017.