
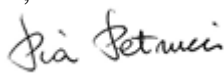

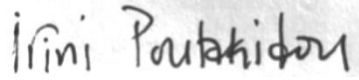





**BPW AdrionNet**  
THE NETWORK OF BUSINESS  
AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN  
IN THE ADRIATIC IONIAN  
REGION

## BPW ADRIONNET ACTIVITIES REPORT

- I. The first approval of the initiative was at Presidents' meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, on October 2016. During the BPW Europe congress. The article 10. of the President's Meeting Minutes declares: "*The Resolution presented by BPW Pula – Croatia to establish networking through neighboring countries through Euro Regions with the target to reinforce the exchange of goods and services and promote cultural and political relations, has been adopted unanimously.*"
- II. The Euro – Regions have political support in EU, and each Region has its reporter in EP. The EUSAIR Reporter to the EP is MEP Ivan Jakovčić (Croatia). The best practice of political support is BPW Danube net active involvement in EUSDR, with whom Alida Perkov, PhD, had positive experience as former Chair of the BPW Danube net (2009-2016) . More on: <https://www.bpw.hr/en/bpw-danube-net-en.html>
- III. The European Parliament resolution of 28 October 2015 on EU strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region (2014/2214(INI), art. 48., recommends Institutional support to women entrepreneurship in the Adriatic-Ionian Region ., <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2015-0383+0+DOC+XML+V0//en>
- IV. The informal kick off of the BPW AdrionNet has started on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 during the twinning between BPW Pula Croatia and FIDAPA BPW Bagheria Italy.
- V. **The following BPW Presidents in Adriatic-Ionian Area:**
  - a. Alida Perkov PhD,  Chair of the Initial Committee BPW AdrionNet ;
  - b. Pia Petrucci  National President FIDAPA BPW Italy ;
  - c. Doris Sošić,  President BPW Rijeka, Croatia ;
  - d. Irini Poutakidou  President BPW Thessaloniki Greece;
  - e. Ioanna Lagoumidou  President BPW Athens Greece ,  
**have adopted the principles of the Adriatic and Ionian Networking of Business and Professional Women and have signed the virtual BPW Adriatic-Ionian Networking Memorandum in Pula, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.**
- VI. The formal kick-off of the BPW AdrionNet has started in Bari on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 during the Twinning BPW Pula and BPW Bari.
- VII. BPW AdrionNet had first inter-regional activities during the 11<sup>th</sup> BPW Danube Net Businesswomen forum at the Hofburg in Vienna/Austria in 2017.  
In the presence of the President BPW International Amany Asfour, ECC Coordinator Pinella Bombacci, finance officer of BPWI Giusy Seidita, BPW AdrionNet

representatives from Greece, Italy and Croatia and BPW Danube net countries, the Chair of BPW Danube Net Marion Volk and Chair BPW AdrionNet Alida Perkov, have signed the Memorandum of Understanding between BPW AdrionNet and BPW Danube Net in Grand hotel Wien, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

- VIII. The BPW AdrionNet is the widest Network of Business and Professional Women in the Adriatic-Ionian Territory. It has 304 clubs in Italy, Croatia and Greece, with 11.500 members.
- IX. The First Forum BPW AdrionNet was held in Athens, Greece, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, October 2018, under auspices of Athen's Chamber of Commerce, and hosted by President BPW Athens Ioanna Lagoumidou. The Topics of the Forum was Women Entrepreneurship - New Horizons . Report on:  
<https://bpw.ch/images/Calendar/bpwadrionnetflyereng1.9.18.pdf>  
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- X. The Second Forum BPW AdrionNet was held in Benevento (Italy) on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019, under auspices of University Sannio and hosted by FIDAPA BPW Italy. The Forum was held as a part of the event Women In Business Female Entrepreneurs And European Economic Development, in programme Kinetes.  
[https://www.kinetes.com/uploads/6/8/7/0/68706149/programma\\_winb.pdf](https://www.kinetes.com/uploads/6/8/7/0/68706149/programma_winb.pdf)  
Picture gallery <https://bpw.hr/en/photo-gallery/event/adrionnet-2019.html>
- XI. The Third Forum BPW AdrionNet was held in Pula ( Croatia) on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. under auspices of President of the Republic of Croatia and Croatian Parliament, and fully organized by the inspired team of BPW Pula. Due to pandemic, the Forum was held for the first time in a hybrid form i.e. there were about hundred face-to-face participants and the rest, about fifty virtual participants, through digital platform. Among virtual participants there were BPW EC Pinella Bombacci, and many Italian and Greek representative. Highest representatives were President BPW International Amany Asfour, Representative of the President of the Croatian Republic, two members of the Croatian Parliament, representatives of the Istria Region and City of Pula. The event had great media visibility  
Full report on: <https://www.bpw.hr/en/adrionnet.html> .

**Next planning steps:**

1. Continuing business cooperation on BPW Euro-Regional, European and BPW International level.
2. Creating and funding web page [www.bpw-adrionnet.com](http://www.bpw-adrionnet.com) under auspices of BPW International and BPW Europe.
3. Establishing Database of the persons in BPW clubs willing to be involved in women entrepreneurship projects and have experience in writing EU projects
4. Continuing the Twinning between BPW AdrionNet clubs as a main networking tool in Adriatic Ionian Region.
5. Planning 4th BPW Adrionnet Forum in Palermo, Sicily, under auspices of FIDAPA BPW Italy, on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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President BPW Pula Croatia  
BPW AdrionNet Chair 2017-2021  
Past Chair BPW Danube net 2009-2016**

