



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

CONSTITUTIONAL FRAME FOR THE BPW ADRIATIC IONIAN NETWORKING

1. Foundation and Objectives of BPW AdrionNet

- 1.1. Networking of Business and Professional Women, in the area of the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Montenegro, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Greece, which are located on the Adriatic and Ionian Sea defined by EUSDR (<http://www.aii-ps.org/index.php/adriatic-ionic-macroregion>).
 - 1.2. The Networking is related to the political support based on the European Parliament resolution of 28 October 2015 on an EU strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian region (2014/2214(INI)), point 48, which strongly 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>
 - 1.3. The Network is based on Constitutional Aims of BPW International : „C3 4. undertake: • world-wide networking and co-operation between business and professional women • non-profit projects that help women gain economic independence • to present the views of business and professional women to international organisations and agencies, and to business, governments and civil society.“
2. Members of the BPW AdrionNet are the BPW Federations and associated countries in the territory. They aim to the following objectives:
- 2.1. The establishment and the development of mutual relations between business and professional women of the territory;
 - 2.2. Creating intercultural exchange programs between business and professional women;
 - 2.3. Ensure the condition for a successful exchange of experiences and their application with EU programs;
 - 2.4. Increasing awareness of BPW cooperation.

3. The area of action of the BPW AdrionNet is:

Promoting interests of business and professional women especially in the AdrionNet countries, such as:

Business and Professional Lobbying

Fostering promotion of the products and services of women entrepreneurs

Club Twinning

Inter-regional Cultural promotions

Business and ICT workshops ,

Cooperation and coordination with the Adriatic Ionian Initiative

EU Project funding participation.

4. Activities

In order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 1 of this Statute, **BPW AdrionNet** performs the following actions:

A thematic forum combined with business meetings

Self-financing through sponsors

Making contacts with business and politics

Compatibility and collaboration with Regional institutions

Establishment of new clubs in within the AdrionNet

Performing Joint projects

5. Offices and elections

5.1. The BPW AdrionNet is a project for an initial period of three years, beginning with the foundation ceremony in 2017. The project is held by the Initiative committee who appoint the chair for three years.

5.2. If the project is continued after this initial period of three years, new elections for the chair must be held. Candidates for the position of chair must have been members of the BPW AdrionNet for a minimum of one year and must have participated actively in one or more of the tasks listed above. The Chair is elected by the BPW AdrionNet Country Presidents and holds this office for three years. She can be elected for a maximum of a further term of three years.

5.3. A Country representative for each of the BPWAdriatic-IonianNet countries must be appointed by the respective Country President, and she holds this position for three years. She can be elected for a maximum of a further term of three years. The Country President may be in the same period a Country representative.

6. Finances

- 6.1. The BPW AdrionNet may be co-financed by support of Adriatic-Ionian institutions and other sponsors.
- 6.2. The chair is responsible for the orderly use of funds, must keep records as appropriate, and without any financial burden for the BPW International.
- 6.3. All work performed for the BPW AdrionNet by members is voluntary and shall not be remunerated.
- 6.4. The budget, expenditures and revenues for a forum are to be agreed between the host country and the Chair direct, six months before the forum is held. The Chair reports to the ECC Coordinator. No profits are to be made for the country or club hosting the forum. Revenues and surpluses, if any, are to be carried forward into the budget for the following year and are to be used solely for purposes relating to the BPW AdrionNet .

7. Cooperation with the ECC and BPW International

- 7.1. BPW AdrionNet is by subordination principle in close contacts with BPW ECC and BPW International Board.
- 7.2. The ECC Coordinator acts as the contact between the ECC board and the chair of the BPWAdrionNet. The chair reports directly to the ECC Coordinator, and thus keeps her informed of the work and activities carried out by the BPWAdrionNet .The BPW International Board is informed directly or through BPW ECC about the BPW AdrionNet activities.

8. Logo of the Forum

The BPW AdrionNet logo must always be used in conjunction with the BPW logo. Both logos are always to be used in any internal or external printed communications.

9. Social Network

- 9.1. The website is used for gathering information which serves the aims of the BPWAdrionNet . The BPW AdrionNet may actively use the Social Network.
- 9.2. The BPW AdrionNet website is maintained solely by the Chair and the selected team, to whom all information must be sent. The Chair selects appropriate content and puts it on the website.
- 9.3. The inclusion of company advertising, banners and so on will be decided on from case to case by the Chair. Any such inclusion will be undertaken in return for sponsoring. Any revenues from such sponsoring will be channelled into the current BPW AdrionNet budget.

10. Forum

The BPW AdrionNet Forum is organized with the aim to gather respectable number of representatives of business and professional women once a year, each time in a different AdrionNet country. The date and programme for the Forum will be agreed with the BPW AdrionNet Chair and will only be authorised after the Chair has agreed them with the ECC Coordinator. The host country for the next Forum and the year in which is to be held are always to be announced during the Forum currently taking place.

The host country is to ensure that the Forum gives every AdrionNet country the opportunity to involve itself in presentations, workshops, round-table discussions etc.

The host country will draw up a project plan for the Forum nine months in advance.

The host country will inform the Chair and the ECC Coordinator of any non-BPW guests who are invited to attend the Forum, especially high-ranking guests from the fields of business and politics.

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BPW AdrionNet Chair

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