**Strong Women for a Stronger Adriatic-Ionian Region**

Conference

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

**July 4th**

13:00 – 14:00 Registration and lunch

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

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

**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)

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**16.30 Coffee break**

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

**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 5th**

3rd session Strategy goes green – **women entrepreneurship in rural tourism** – moderated by drsc. **Tihana Kovačiček**, Agriculture University, Zagreb

**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**

4th 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

**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

**13.15**

* **Andrea Čović Vidović,** deputy headof Representation

European Commission, Zagreb

* **Maria Luisa Esposito,** Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE)



**13.45 Lunch for all participants**