



WP1: The aim was to
create transnational networks of
Resource centres to
strengthen the role of women
in society

- **Report of Questionnaire.**
- **Activities at FEM-wrc:s during January-April 2007**
- Estonia Poland Latvia Lithuania
- Tartu Lebork Preili Latgale Anyksciai
- Rapla (Leba) * Ludza Latgale Panavesys
- Pärnu Szczecin Talsi Kurzeme
- Võru Debno Bauska Zemgales
- Jöhvi Marionowo (Cesis)*
- * no answer

- **Questions to FEM-wrc:s**
- A. Trainings of unemployed women
 - 12 of 15 wrc:s
- B. Trainings of entrepreneurs
 - 12/15
- C. Advisory services to entrepreneurs
 - 14/15

- Questionnaire to FEM-wrc:s
- Have you as wrc-leader get education in gender issues?
- 14 of 15 wrc:s : Yes
- 10 of 14 had got education at several occasions



- Did you as wrc-leader have had cooperation with
- Municipality 13/15 wrc:s
- Labour office 11/15 wrc:s
- Regional authority 12/15 wrc:s



- FEM-wrc:s
- Follow the criterias that has been defined in WinnetEurope
- Special knowledge to support women entrepreneurs
- Access to advicers for female entrepreneurs
- Nodes of transnational business contacts
- Nodes of networking credit models



Related themes

Regional development and growth, gender equality, governance, competitiveness

Short background

The European Regional Policy for the coming years envisages active agents responsible for shaping their own future. Many regions are engaging in a process of image (re) creation in their efforts to construct a 'special' identity. Identities that can reinforce growth and help the regions adapt to a knowledge-driven economy. The focus of this conference is on Gender equality as an important know-how towards Regions of Economic Change.

Regional and local Women Resource Centres (WRCs) have in the last ten years become key actors for regional development and growth in Sweden. The Swedish WRC model has successfully been disseminated to other countries and in 2006 a European association, for resources centres, WINNET Europe, was set-up. WINNET Europe has today member organisations in 21 of the 27 European Member States. Within the EU Interreg III B Baltic Sea Region Programme the FEM-project, has been implemented years 2004-2007 to enhance women's entrepreneurship in the Baltic Sea Region, including Poland.

Brief description

The Conference aims at sharing experiences and best practices from the innovative work carried out by WRCs in the Nordic Countries, Baltic States and Poland as well as within WINNET Europe. Research findings in the fields of women's entrepreneurship and women's participation in regional development will be also presented during the Conference.

The expected results from the Conference are a long-term action plan for WRCs as drivers for regional development, entrepreneurship promotion in co-operation with key regional stakeholders and an action plan reinforcing women's participation in the European Structural Fund programmes during the period 2007-2013.

Organisers

WINNET Europe in co-operation with the Swedish and the Finnish National Federation of Resource Centres for Women and the Interreg IIIB BSR project FEM.

Financing partners

The Nordic Council of Ministers
The Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (NUTEK)
The Finnish Ministry of Interior

Key note speakers

- Prof. Danuta Hübner, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy
- Mrs. Maud Olofsson, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Enterprise and Energy
- Mr. Mauri Pekkarinen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Finland or
- Mrs. Tarja Cronberg, Minister of Labour, Finland (to be confirmed)

Method

The Conference will combine traditional methods such as speeches, lectures and round table discussions with workshops based on a democratic dialogue. A methodology facilitating the development of concrete action plan on how to implement infrastructures for WRCs.

Target groups

The conference mainly targets participants from the Nordic countries, the Baltic States and Poland but interested actors from other Member States are most welcome!

Representatives for

- Politicians at national, regional and local level
- Regional and local authorities
- Regional and local Women Resource Centres (WRCs)
- Actors within the field of entrepreneurship and regional development and/or gender equality
- Key actors implementing the European Structural Funds Programmes in the period 2007-2013

Location

Hilton Hotel in Stockholm, Sweden

Registration

On-line on the WINNET Europe portal from the 19th of July: <http://www.winneteurope.eu>

Conference language

English

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Participants are requested to arrange their own accommodation!

Payment

The payment for the Conference will be through an invoice sent out by the WINNET Europe Association's Secretariat, SAGA in Gävle, Sweden.

Questions about the conference?

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Welcome!

Britt-Marie S Torstensson
President WINNET Europe

PROGRAMME

Nordic Conference on Women's Entrepreneurship and Regional Development with a focus on Women's Resource Centres (WRCs)
19th of October 2007, Stockholm, Hilton Hotel

Moderator: (to be confirmed)

08.30 Registration and Coffee

09:00 Welcome Address

Proposed speakers: Harry Eljestam, Director of Regional Development, Chair Nordic Council Group on Regional Policy and Sune Halvarsson, Acting General Director of NUTEK

09:15 Opening Speech

Prof. Danuta Hübner, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

09.45 Key Note Speech

Deputy Prime Minister Ms. Maud Olofsson, Minister for Enterprise and Energy, Sweden

A POLICY perspective on how resource centres for women can promote entrepreneurship and regional development.

10.10 Key Note Speech

Minister for Trade and Industry Ms. Maari Dekkarinen, Finland (to be confirmed) or Minister for Employment, Mrs. Tarja Cronberg, Finland (to be confirmed)

10.30 Refreshments

10.45 If Regional Policy was Gender Equal

A RESEARCH perspective on gender mainstreaming in regional policies.

Katarina Pettersson, Senior Research Fellow, NORDREGIO

11.15 Presentation of Best Practices of WRCs

Proposal: Presentations from Nordic countries, Baltic States and Poland with a focus on collaboration between WRCs and other regional actors. Short presentation of the FEM project, the Swedish and Finnish National Federations for Resource Centres and WINNET Europe as infrastructures for WRCs.

12.00 Round Table Discussions

Proposal: Key persons from regional authorities, WRCs, experts, politicians

12.45 Introduction to Workshops

Presentation of workshop themes, the methodology of democratic dialogue and expected results i.e. concrete action plans.

A moderator and process leaders will facilitate the workshops.

Proposed moderator: Inger Danilda, Encounter AB, Sweden

13.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00 Workshops

Proposed overall theme: How can Women's Resource Centres in co-operation with other actors build infrastructures for increasing women's participation in regional development and women's entrepreneurship? Proposed themes to be discussed in the workshops:

1. Gender Equality Perspectives in Regional and Local Policies
2. Women Entrepreneurship and SME Development
3. Gender Equality Perspective on Innovation and ICT
4. Social Inclusion and Women's Opportunities on the Labour Market

Coffee & refreshments will be served during the workshops

15.30 Presentation of Dialogues and Action Plans

16.00 Conclusion of the conference – speaker to be confirmed

16.30 Closing of the Conference







- WinnetEurope
- Application with dead-line 31/7 2007
- Community Programme for employment and social solidarity **PROGRESS**
- 3 year 2008-2011
- At least 15 member countries
- Promoting gender equality

