

Fostering the Young Women Entrepreneurship in the Danube Region

Kick-off Dissemination Event "Business Women in the Danube Region" took place on **17th July 2018 in Varna, Bulgaria**, hosted by the Lead Partner – **Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations – Varna (RAPIV)**.

The event is part of the activities under project DTP2-048-1.2. WOMEN IN BUSINESS „Fostering the Young Women Entrepreneurship in the Danube Region” which is co-funded under the second call for proposals under the INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme 2014-2020r., Priority Area 1 “Innovative and socially responsible Danube Region”, specific objective 1.2 “Increase competences for business and social innovations” with lead partner RAPIV. The consortium includes 14 partners from 9 countries from the Danube Region.



The event started with welcome speeches by **Mr. Yani Yanev, Chairman of the Management Board of RAPIV** and **Mr. Antonios Melas, representative of Danube Transnational Programme Joint Secretariat**.

The project aims to stimulate young women with innovative ideas to start and develop their own business in order to achieve market success through different approaches for increasing of their competences for business and social innovations, including establishment of Women Entrepreneurship Centres and innovative training models elaboration for improving skills.



More than 50 participants had the opportunity to get together and exchange experience and knowledge in the field of fostering young women entrepreneurship.

Dr. Judit Schrick-Szenczi, coordinator EUSDR PA 8, Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden-Württemberg, presented the working groups included in the PA 8, their main activities, tasks as well as the provided opportunities for cooperation for to be achieved the EUSDR objectives.

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Ms. Ralitsa Zhekova, RAPIV, introduced the project WOMEN IN BUSINESS including the project goals, implementation logic as well as the key elements of the project.

Partners took part also in the Kick-off event contributing with high level presentations introducing their institutions and role in the project. The morning session ended with presentations of several initiatives for entrepreneurship support including trainings, networks of women business angels.

The afternoon session was dedicated to exchange of experience, synergies searching and capitalisation activities with other DTP projects co-funded in the 1st call for proposals: Excellence in ReSTI, DA-SPACE, CITYWALK and WOMEN project (Interreg CE).

Kick-off Partners Meeting took place on **18th of July 2018 in Varna, Bulgaria**, hosted by the Lead Partner - ***Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations - Varna (RAPIV)***.

Full coverage of partnership participation was ensured in the Kick-off meeting where partners discussed the frames of common work procedures and shared the knowledge on the content of the project as well as administrative, management and financial issues clarifying the obligations and responsibilities in accordance with the timeline and sequence of actions.

A positive feedback from DTP JS was received at the end of the Meeting.