

**Invitation to the Interreg IVC Capitalization project Winnet 8
Final Conference 12-13-14 September, 2011 in Greece**

**“Women Resource Centres Promoting Innovation in Gender Equality
across Europe, tackling the gender segregation on the labour
market, influencing policy and actions, promoting good practices”**

Venue: Kastoria city, Western Macedonia, Greece (www.kastoria.gr)
Opening Ceremony: Cultural Center of Argos Orestiko
Conference Hall: EDIKA, Permanent Furs Exhibition Center, at Chloe,
Kastoria City



- ✓ The organizers will arrange a transfer for the guests, from the airport of Thessaloniki to Kastoria at 12/09 and back at 14/09
- ✓ Coffee breaks and lunches, prepared by the Women Cooperatives of the Western Macedonia, will be offered by the organizers
- ✓ A sightseeing tour at 13/09 will be organized for all the guests
(All the above are free of charge)

Note: at the 15th of September we will organize a visit to Ergani Center (WRC), in Thessaloniki, after the request of some partners, please inform us if you are interested in.

Monday 12 September 2011

17:00 – 18:30 STEERING GROUP MEETING (only for the members of the SG)

Venue: Hotel Vyssinokipos, Aposkepos, Kastoria

19:00 - 20:30 PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT (in Greek language): **Thematic Session "Women and Politics in Greece"**

Venue: Cultural Center of Argos Orestiko

Moderator Ms Alexandra Lygoyra and Mrs. Pery Dimitriadou

Key note speaker: Mrs. Efi Bekou, president of the Politic Association of Women

Panel members:

- Mayors and politicians
- Members of the Regional and Municipal Councils of the Region of Western Macedonia, Gender Experts and members of the MAG

20:30 – 22:30 OFFICIAL OPENING & RECEPTION

Venue: Cultural Center of Argos Orestiko

20:30 – 21:00 Registrations – Visit to the Archaeological Museum of Argos Orestiko

21:00 – 21:30 Welcome Speeches

Moderator: Ms Alexandra Lygoura, responsible for the project on behalf of the Region of Western Macedonia

Welcome by the host of the venue, Mayor of Argos Orestiko, **Mr. Panayiotis Kepaptsoglou** and the hosts Project Partners and the Leader Partner

- **Mr. George Dakis**, Head of the Region of Western Macedonia
- **Mrs. Georgakopoulou-Basta**, General Secretary of the Decentralized Administration of Epirus and Western Macedonia
- **Mr. Symeon Danielides**, Mayor of Neapoli-Sykies
- **Mr. Nils -Åke Norman**, Mayor of Älvdalen, Sweden
- **Ms Lena Rooth**, The Swedish Agency for Regional and Economical Growth,
- Representative from EU Commission DG Regio, to be confirmed

21:30 – 22:30 Buffet dinner with regional delicacies, prepared by the women cooperatives of the Region of Western Macedonia

Folkloric music and dances by local cultural groups

Tuesday 13 September 2011

08:45 – 09:15 Registrations

Venue: EDIKA, Permanent Furs Exhibition Center, at Chloe, Kastoria City

Moderator from Greece

09:15 - 09:30 OPENING

Welcome by the host mayor of Kastoria, **Mr. Manolis Chatzisyneonidis**

Project presentation, **Carin Nises**, project manager

09:30 – 11:00 INTRODUCTION

Presentation of the state of play of the programme INTERREG IVC, **Mr Michel Lamblin**, the programme director, **INTERREG IVC Joint Technical Secretariat**

Introductory speeches:

"Challenges for regional policy -a gender perspective", **Dr. Ewa Rumińska-Zimny**, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

"Gender Budgeting", **Ailsa McKay**, Professor of Economics and Vice Dean, Glasgow School for Business and Society, Glasgow Caledonian University

"Gender Equality and Positive Action in Regional Development and Growth", **Ms Rosi Hoffer**, the Swedish Agency for Economical and Regional Growth

Questions, Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30 Presentation of the results from the Winnet 8 researcher group network

- **Dr. Liisa Horelli**, PhD Adjunct Professor Aalto University, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Finland, "Researching Winnet 8 - summary and results".

- **PhD Malin Lindberg**, researcher at Luleå University of Technology, Sweden, "Action plans for gender in regional growth policies - summary & analysis"

12:30 - 13:15 Lunch

13:15 - 15:15 Presentation of the Action plans from 9 European regions

Moderator: **Ms Chatarina Nordström**, Winnet Sweden

Presentations: the responsible from each partner region

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00 Presentation of Winnet 8 Final EU Policy Recommendations for EU Cohesion and EU 2020 strategy

Moderator: **Lena Rooth**, the Swedish Agency for Regional Development & Growth
Panel

Public Consultation: **Maria Von Schantz**

East zone: **Marta Hozer Kocmiel**

South Zone: **Patrizia Daneluzzo**

West zone: **Hazel Smith**

North zone: **Britt-Marie S Torstensson**

17:00 end of the day

18:30 – 19:30 Visit to the Cave of the Dragon, the monastery of Mavriotissa and the Museum of Folk life of Kastoria

20:00 Join Dinner (at guests expenses)

Wednesday 14 September 2011

09:00 - 13:00 Group Sessions Moderator from Greece

THEMATIC SESSIONS & CONCLUSIONS

THEMATIC SESSION1: Moderator: Pia Ramirez-Måård, Winnet Sweden

- Presentation of the Winnet **8 policy recommendation on how WRCs promotes Innovation in Gender Equality** across Europe and strengthening of the Winnet Europe network and partnership for the next ROP,

Key note speakers: Maria Von Schantz, the Swedish Agency for Regional Development & Growth and **Britt-Marie S Torstensson**, Winnet Sweden, responsible partners

Representative DG Regio, EU Commission, **Ms Liesbet De Letter** to be confirmed

Good practice presentation: to be confirmed

Panel members (from Winnet8 partners) to be confirmed

THEMATIC SESSION 2: Moderator PhD Malin Lindberg, researcher at Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

- Presentation of a future WINNET Excellence Centre focusing in research and innovation concerning Women Resource Centers. The excellence centre will be created in co-operation with Winnet Europe in order to establish a strong link

between researchers and practitioners to secure gender mainstreaming in regional growth policies.

Key note speaker: Ewa Gunnarsson, to be confirmed

Good practice presentation: to be confirmed

Panel members: **Ms Marta Hozer-Kocmiel**, University of Szczecin Poland, Professors **Katerina Sarri** and **Ifigenia Vamvakidou**, University of Western Macedonia, Greece, Professor **Marcos Olympio**, University of Evora, Portugal, **Ms Ewa Ruminska** University of Warsaw, Poland, representative from Helsinki University, Ruralia Institute and **Ms Liisa Horelli**, Adjunct Professor Aalto University, Finland to be confirmed

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

THEMATIC SESSION 3: Moderator Popi Sourmaidou, Greece

- ✓ Women and Entrepreneurship, in urban and in rural areas

Key note speaker: Professor Katerina Sarri, University of Western Macedonia and **Dr Anna Trichopoulou**, PhD in Sociology

Good practice presentation: the DVD "Show case of 4 women entrepreneurs and 2 women rural cooperatives from Western Macedonia", beneficiaries from the Integrated Interventions for Women

Panel members (from Winnet8 partners) to be confirmed

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

**14:30 - 15:00 Panel debate and Plenary Session:
All key note speakers, policy makers etc**

15.00 Conclusions

15.30 Closing of the Conference

Target groups and invited contributors

- ✓ Public Authorities from European, national, regional and local Levels
- ✓ Academia and NGOs organizations from the EU member states within Interregional and Regional Programs (e.g. Quadruple helix Perspective)
- ✓ The National and/or Managing Authority in each Winnet 8 partner Regions/countries and non-partner regions/ country
- ✓ Winnet 8 partners, key stakeholders
- ✓ The Regional Operation Program partnership representatives from the other NUTS 2 regions in Winnet 8 partner countries regions and non-partners
- ✓ Representatives from Winnet 8 partners; Regional Operational Program (ROP) partnership of politicians and decision makers
- ✓ Elected Members (Politicians and/or their Representatives) from both Local, Regional, national and EU levels
- ✓ Non partner's representative from Public Authority, ROP, at regional, local levels as well as organizations, NGO's and WRC's from North, South, West and East Zone of EU 27 member states and non-member states in Europe
- ✓ Representatives from DG Regio, DG, Employment and Social Affairs, DG Info So and Media, DG Research, DG Justice at the EU Commission responsible
- ✓ Business owners and members of women cooperatives

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