



Annual Report

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Report 2012 - WINNET Europe

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Report

The Basic aim of the work programme for year 2012, of WINNET Europe was to reinforce and secure the build – up and running of transparent, cost effective work organisation for the co-operation of women resource centres from all EU Members States.

The Name of the Association

The name of the European Association of Women Resource Centers (WRC) – is **WINNET Europe**.

The Association's mission

The Association's mission is, in a collaborative effort among EU member states regional, local national/federal organizations in Europe, to support and reinforce the activities of regional and local resource centers for women and or other similar women organizations to work to advocate the following:

- That women claim their share of society's resources
- That women's competence is utilized in society
- That women's and men's efforts are evaluated equally

The Association shall work to influence opinion and spread knowledge about the conditions of life for women. The Association shall, through influencing and co-operating with organizations and authorities locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, work to bring about a society in which women's capabilities, rights and obligations are safeguarded. The Association shall work to promote the establishment of equal conditions and opportunities in matters of work, working conditions, scope for development and entrepreneurship for women and men, and that an equal distribution among the sexes of power and influence is effected.

The Association shall aim to promote cooperation across national boundaries.

The association can develop any activities to reach it goals.'

The Associations domicil

The Association's domicile is in *Stockholm*, Sweden. The work of the Association managed with the assistance of a Secretariat and an Internet-based network portal - www.winneteurope.eu - serving as the virtual office and communication tool between the members of the Association and with the European Commission and its institutions.

WINNET EUROPE board meetings 2012

The WINNET EUROPE board have had **6** board meetings the AGM included 2012

4 board meetings have been by phone and the board members have had an intensive communication online in between the board meetings

The WINNET EUROPE, Board Members 2012

1. Britt-Marie S Torstensson, Sweden, Chairwomen,
2. Popi Sourmaidou, Vice chairwomen & treasure
3. Dr Christiane Bannuscher, FIW /IDB, Germany
4. Maria Sanguliano, Risorse Donna, Italy
5. Daniela Diethör, Frau und Arbeit, Austria
6. Marta Hozer Kocmiel, University of Steetin, Poland

Proxies

1. Chatarina Nordström, Winnet Sweden, elected 2011
2. Connie Greven-Frühmann, Austria

Auditor

- Sara Markus, Winnet Sweden, Sweden,

Deputy Auditor

- Bodil Nilsson, Winnet Sweden

The Key Objectives of WINNET Europe activities for 2012 have been; To strengthen the role of WRC s as key drivers of gender equal regional development and growth and thereby shows for implementing the gender mainstreaming strategy in European, national, regional and local level as a democratic agents for women's voice in Europe within this issue.

The WINNET Europe members has been supporting and promoting the WRC s as an actor to integrate the gender perspective in regional growth and development through different actions and follow up of for example.

Winnet Europe was invited of DG Research at the European Commission, to contribute to the next research program Horizon 2020 and how to implement the gender perspective, in 30 June – 1 July, 2012, the chair participated.

Winnet Europe was invited and participated in the EIGE workshop on gender training in November 2012. The Chair participated.

South Baltic Sea program project Going Abroad and activities;

Success teams started their activities, 22nd to 25th of March 2012,

One Cross border meeting took place in Kristianstad, Sweden and 18 women entrepreneurs from Sweden and Germany, cooperated together during 2012 in their teams. They met via Skype, blog and Facebook, exchanged of experience in entrepreneurship. They developed new common ideas for projects and co-operation. Five national Success Teams started to work in Lithuania after the training of moderators and business women in February 2012. In April the first dissemination conference was in Rietavas, Lithuania. All partners presented their results and achievements. In September the second Cross border Meeting was held in Rostock. All teams made a in the Evaluation of their results. In 2013 the next step is the start of international Success Teams- business women from Sweden, Lithuania and Germany together.

Partners: Region Skane, Regional Resource Centre for Women, Malmö

Women into Business, Rostock, Germany

Hanseatic City of Rostock

Winnet Kronoberg, Sweden

Kretinga Women's information and training centre Lithuania Rietavas Business Information Centre, Lithuania Christina- the association for enterprising women, Sweden

Associated partners;

Rotorwek Project Services Rostock, Germany

Winnet Sweden

Winnet Europe

the Municipality of Växjö, Sweden

the Municipality of Kristianstad, Sweden

University of Szczecin/WRC Poland

To support the start -up training for how to start and run a WRC s in all member states with an empowerment perspective

WINNET Europe association has been functioning as a supportive system for members that want to start up and run WRC s.

A digital version of the WRC handbook has been disseminated on the website. 400 Copies in a printed version has been created of Winnet Sweden and spread out to important actors in Europe as well as at global level, such as Boswana, China, Australia and in connection to Winnet 8 disseminations seminars and other meetings.

To continue strategic membership building so that WRC s from all Member States and acceding countries are represented in WINNET Europe

The presentation of WINNET Europe Association has been ongoing to secure WRC s as strategically partners and a supportive system has been distributed to the WINNET Europe network and to different European actors at different levels. WINNET Europe has been updated on the Interreg IVC Capitalisation Winnet 8 project in which Winnet Sweden is responsible for the Communication and Dissemination component and Winnet Europe is seen as external expertise and will be the organisation that will take care of the result and be the driving force to secure the result on a European level.

Winnet Sweden has been responsible for Communication and dissemination in close cooperation with WINNET Europe and the Winnet 8 website is still in function with support of Winnet Sweden, for internal as well as external dissemination of Winnet8s result.

Winnet Europe participated in The European Employment Forum 2012 to highlight the importance to use WRCs as actors to increase women's participation on the labour market, in ICT or Entrepreneurship.

Support women's entrepreneurship, start-up and running of new SME s counselling and career guidance for future education and labour market issues.

It is on-going in all member countries;

Frau & Arbeit / Austria in 2011: Development of support tools for female entrepreneurs and female business starters (especially small and medium enterprises). In addition to counseling and seminars/trainings/workshops, we offer a virtual networking and communication platform, a virtual market place, regional Success teams, a self-evaluation tool regarding entrepreneurial skills and much more.

To support women's literacy increased use of ICT and involvement in ICT by building up the role of WRC s as democratic agents for a European Centre for Women and ICT, research and development

A seed finance application to establish a BSR, Partnership Platform for Gender & Economic Growth, Winnet Center of Excellence was approved in December 2012, with start 1 January, 2013, to development of a Flagship project within the Baltic Sea Region Strategy and actions, with focus on gender – Innovation, entrepreneurship and ICT. Winnet Europe is involved through Winnet Sweden. It will be a test bed and role model for all EU member states and how to implement Winnet8 s result in BSR, 2014-2020

To carry out an offensive marketing of the organization on European, national and regional level

WINNET Europe has secured the payment of the WINNET Europe website through the “clone” to Winnet Sweden website and Winnet 8 project which is more cost effective and cheaper than the previous portal. The new web site address: winneteurope.org

To ensure the associations sustainability with and through a constant dialogue with the European Commission, parliament and EU institutions and EU programmes 2012-2020

WINNET Europe have had a constant dialogue under 2012 with the European Commission, DG Regional Policy and for the presentation of the Interreg IVC Winnet 8 Capitalisation project final results. Meetings with DG Regional Policy, Gender Equality and at the EU Parliaments board for gender equality and women´s right as well Region development in Brussels.

Finally

The year has been and is still a so called middle year. The partners in the Interreg IV C Winnet 8, was invited to become members, Finland paid the member fee for 2012. There is still an interest to become members from OSCE organisation.

WINNET Europe needs to secure their existence which is needed to secure women´s participation in Europe for sustainable growth and development.

SIGNATURES

For the WINNET Europe Board
2013-04-02

Britt-Marie S Torstensson
Chairwomen

Popi Sourmaidou
Vice chairwomen and treasure

Maria Sanguiliano
Secretary

Christiane Bannuscher

Marta Hozer-Kocmiel

Chatarina Nordström

Danielle Diethör

Auditor

My audit report was issued in Gävle, Sweden 2013-04-02

Sara Markus
Auditor

Request certificate

The undersigned Chair of Winnet Europe hereby certifies that this copy of the financial statements is true, and that the income statement and balance sheet established at the Annual General Meeting 2013-05-23. The Meeting also decided to approve the Board's proposed performance disposition.

Britt-Marie S Torstensson