

## WOMEN ECONOMIC FORUM & G100 MEETING – BALKANS 2024

### AGENDA

Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia, 2-3 October, 2024, Hotel Marriot Skopje

#### Day 1

Wednesday, 2nd October 2024

09.55 **Welcome Address: A powerful start to the Women Economic Forum - Balkans 2024.**

Stay tuned for a special guests who will set the tone for empowerment and collaboration!

10.00 **Ms. Lenka Ugrinovska**, PhD Honors, Country Chair of North Macedonia, G100 Communication, Advocacy and Mediation Wing, North Macedonia

**Ms. Linda Pereira**, Global Chair, G100 Communication, Advocacy and Mediation Wing, Portugal

10.15 – 10.30 **Keynote Speech**

**Empowering Women in Businesses for Long-lasting Positive Changes**

**Dr. Harbeen Arora Rai**, Founder G100 & Women Economic Forum, India

10.30 – 12.00

**Panel 1: Integrating Sustainability in Businesses via ESG Reporting**

Moderator:

**prof. Makedonka Dimitrova**, ECOS Skopje | Former Energy Globe Ambassador for Macedonia | G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing, Zlokukjani Chair | Macedonia

Panelists:

- **Ms. Zsuzsanna Hargitai**, Managing Director, SME Finance & Development, EBRD, UK
- **Ms. Ivana Gažić**, CEO, Zagreb Stock Exchange, Croatia
- **Ms. Maja Stevkova Shterlieva**, PhD, CFO at Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje | President, Macedonian Banking Association | G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing, Skopje North Region Chair | Macedonia
- **Ms. Didem Dilara Alp**, Director for SMEs, Halkbank, Türkiye
- **Mr. Marjan Stojiljkovic**, Senior Sustainable Finance Expert, Climate Lens Advisors, USA

12.05 – 13.35

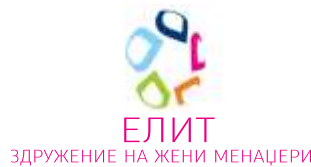
**Panel 2: A Step Forward with Women in STEM**

Moderator:

**prof. d-r Blagica Novkovska**, Associate Professor at Economic Faculty, University of Skopje | G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing, Kriva Palanka City Chair | Macedonia

Panelists:

- **Ms. Aneta Antova Peseva**, CEO, Ultra | Honorary Consul of Canada in North Macedonia | President, Assembly at MASIT ICT Chamber of Commerce | G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing, Skopje East Region Chair | Macedonia



- **Prof. d-r Ksenija Dumcic**, Chair of the Committee on Women in Statistics (CW-ISI) at the International Statistical Institute (ISI), Croatia
- **Ms. Bojana Kovac**, Digital Marketing Consultant, Red Queen | G100 Country Chairs for Digital Media & E-Commerce Wing, Serbia
- **Ms. Aleksandra Boskovic Delagic**, CEO, Bild Studio | G100 Country Chair for IT Services and Innovations | Montenegro IT Cluster, President of Board, Montenegro
- **Prof. d-r Jana Klopcevska**, Associate professor at Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University | Macedonia

13.35 - 14.25 Networking Snacks Break

14.30 – 16.00

### **Panel 3: Shaping a Business Landscape for Women's Career Success**

**Moderator:** **Ms. Irena Jakimova**, Leadership Coach, Founder of Inspirit Coaching | G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing, Karpos Chair | Macedonia

#### **Panelists:**

**Ms. Lidia Pavlin**, CEO, Nicha Agency | G100 Country Chair for Healing Circles Wing | Slovenia

**Mr. Orde Gjorgjoski**, PhD., HR Manager, Vitaminka AD Prilep | Macedonia

**Ms. Tatjana Nikolova Manevska**, PhD., Human Resources/EHS Manager, ARC Automotive | Macedonia

**Ms. Tjasa Ster**, CEO, Step One | Gorenjska Region Chapter Chair Slovenia

**Ms. Elena Mladenovska Jelenkovic**, CEO, M6 Educational Center | Macedonia

16.00 - 16.10 Closing Remarks Day 1

19.00 – 21.00 VIP Networking Cocktail, Vodenica Restaurant

## **Day 2**

Thursday, 3rd October 2024

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 - 10.15 Opening Speeches

- **Ms. Anita Angelovska Bezoska**, PhD, Governor, National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia | Macedonia
- **Ms. Irena P. Radović**, PhD, Governor of Central Bank of Montenegro, Global Chair Financial Inclusion and Board Readiness Wing | Montenegro

10.15 – 11.45

### **Panel 1: Breaking Glass Ceiling and Shaping the Future of Women in Business**

**Moderator:**

**Ms. Gabriela Kostovska Bogoeska**, Co-founder & Executive Director, Foundation for Management and Industrial Research | Board President, Youth Entrepreneurial Service Foundation | WEgate Community Coordinator | G100 North Macedonia Country Chair for MSME Wing | Macedonia

**Panelists:**

- **Ms. Anna Chernyshova**, Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in North Macedonia



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- **Ms. Sanja Popovic Pantic**, PhD., Head of Science and Technology Policy Research Center, Institute Mihajlo Pupin | President, Association of Business Women in Serbia | EEN TG Women Entrepreneurship Chair | G100 Global Chair for MSME Wing | Serbia
- **Ms. Poleksena Jankulovska**, Regional Marketing Manager, AD IMLEK | Serbia
- **Ms. Daniela Dimitrievska**, Executive Director, Macedonian Women Lobby | Skopje Centar City Chair, G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing | Macedonia
- **Ms. Zvezdana Oluić**, Co-Founder, Business Women Association of Montenegro | G100 Montenegro Country Chair for MSME | Montenegro

11.50 – 13.20

### **Panel 2: Women as Catalysts of Sustainable Development and Green Transition**

**Moderator: prof. d-r Filip Ivanovski**, Executive Director, Pakomak | Denim Advisor to North Macedonia Country Chair, G100 Communication, Advocacy & Mediation Wing Macedonia

**Panelists:**

- **Prof. d-r Doaa Salman Abdou**, FHEA, Head of Economics Department, Vice Dean for Graduate Studies & Scientific Research, Faculty of Management Sciences, October University for Modern Sciences & Arts (MSA) | Egypt
- **Ms. Jadranka Ivanova**, Team Leader/Approximation Expert, Support Albanian EU Negotiation in Environment, Chapter 27 (SANE27) | Macedonia
- **Ms. Brunhilde Schram**, Managing Director, ECCO Standards & More KG | G100 Global Chair of SDGs Wing | Austria
- **Mr. Natasa Heror**, G100 Country Chair for Ecocivilisation and Water Wing | Serbia
- **Ms. Jasminka Dimitrova Kapac**, President, Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency | Macedonia

13.30 – 15.00

### **Panel 3: Access to Finance and Power of Networking**

**Moderator: prof. d-r Elena Bundaleska**, Head of the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee, University American College Skopje | Macedonia

**Panelists:**

- **Ms. Iva Vuksanović**, Senior Advisor for MSMEs, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia | G100 Serbia Country Chair for Business Networking | Serbia
- **Ms. Teuta Sahatqija**, CEO at TDSconsulting LLC | Women in Tech Kosovo Ambassador | G100 Global Chair of Diplomacy & Negotiations Wing | Kosovo
- **Prof. d-r Gordana Nikolić**, Founder, PAR University of Applied Sciences | G100 Global Chair for Education | Croatia
- **Ms. Eleonora Zgonjanin**, CEO, FULM Saving House | Macedonia
- **Mr. Gligor Mihailovski**, Executive Director, SEG Holding | President, Management Consulting Association-MKA 2000 | Macedonia

15.00 – 15.10

**Closing Remarks and Key Messages: prof. Makedonka Dimitrova & prof. d-r Blagica Novkovska**

15.10 - 16.00 Networking Lunch

16.00 – 17.30

**G100 Meeting - Balkans 2024: Internationalization of Businesses**



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