



Promoting women entrepreneurship in European regions – opening doors to a brighter future

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Programme

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From 9:00 Opening of the building / Registration

9:30 Welcome and opening

- Dr. Murat Yalçıntaş, President of the İstanbul Chamber of Commerce
- Orhan Albayrak, Vice-President İstanbul Provincial Council
- Monica Carlsson, Chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Equal Opportunities, Assembly of European Regions
- Håkan Sandgrén, Chairman of AER Committee on Economy and Regional Development (1)
- Muammer Güler, Governor of İstanbul
- Nimet Çubukcu, Minister of Education of Turkey
- Selma Kavaf, Minister of State in Charge of Women and Family

11:00 **Enterprising women – Practical experience and implications for SME policy and regional development**

- Aynur Bektaş, Chair of Board of Women Entrepreneurs of TOBB
- Birgit Arens, EUROCHAMBERS Women Network
- Anna Danti, European Commission DG Enterprise and Industry
- Prof.Dr. Yıldız Ecevit, Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology; Head of Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Program.

Moderation: Monica Carlsson, Chairwoman AER Standing Committee on Gender Issues.

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Regional good practice in supporting women entrepreneurship**

- Dr. Salih Kenan Şahin, Mayor of Pendik, Women Business Development Center, KİŞGEM (TR)
- Iris Kronenbitter, Ministry of Economics Baden-Württemberg (D), National Agency for Women Start-ups & Entrepreneurs
- Gunilla Lindner, Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship – practical steps implemented in Västerbotten, Västerbotten Chamber of Commerce (SE)

- Celia Ortega Ruiz, Directora general, Dirección general de la Mujer y por la Igualdad, Comunitat Valenciana (ES)
- Dr. Bulent Uygun Secretary General of Denizli Chamber of Industry : Women in the Textile Sector.

16:00 End of conference