# NETWORK OF WOMEN FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES (NWRC)

## **Organisations**





A legal entity – A full member or partner status

The Network is open to:

- a) Adult education providers, especially those working with women in rural areas

  Whether or not engaged with NWRC, they produce valuable knowledge and skills and deliver services that intertwine with NWRC goals.
- b) Entities dealing with women's issues, gender equality, social inclusion or engagement in the field of agriculture:
- CSOs/NGOs, associations, cooperatives, organisations, groups, institutions, public-private partnerships, universities, public entities public bodies and agencies, etc.

Membership in the Network is open and based on free will.

The possibilities of cooperation are broad open, as well as involving new partners.

We invite all organisations and interested parties of similar interests to join us!

If you would like your organisation to join the NWRC, please:

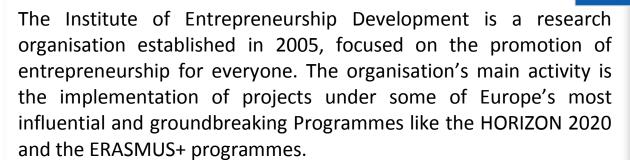
- enter contact information with a brief description (where part of your educational work would be highlighted agriculture, the inclusion of women, rural development, etc.)
- upload your logo
- attach signed the Memorandum of Understanding NWRC\_MoU

Read the Memorandum of Platform and fill the questionaire by clicking in the button bellow.

**Memorandum** 



### **IED - Institute of Entrepreneurship Development**







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### **EDUFONS – Centar za celoživotno obrazovanje**

EDUFONS is NGO founded to strengthen the social community through lifelong learning, improving information flow, promoting active democratic citizenship, respecting for diversity and earning key competences. The focus is on three areas: Education, Empowerment and Development, all with social inclusion and gender equality as crosscutting issues.

EDUFONS advocates freedom, equality, and solidarity for everyone and a society in which people have control over their lives, in an economic and every other way. Activities concentrate on the empowerment of vulnerable groups, young people and women predominantly in areas that cover global challenges, including agriculture and rural development; entrepreneurship and innovation; community development; critical thinking and media literacy.









UDRUGA "ISTARSKO - EKOMUZEJ IZ VODNJANA" (ISTRIAN de DIGNAN - ECOMUSEUM) is a nonprofit, non-government organisation established in the City of Vodnjan-Dignano, in the Region of Istria. The main aim of the organisation is to improve the quality of life of the local community by increasing and valorising its resources, fostering cooperation, unity and solidarity among its members. To reach this goal the association promotes research, care, conservation and promotion of historical rural cultural heritage and traditions. Through the valorisation of human work products, it strives for the creation of a recognisable cultural and touristic identity of Vodnjan-Dignano as a prosperous destination, rich of local natural products.

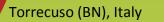


## Gramigna Associazione di Volontariato

Gramigna ODV is an Italian Association that offers social inclusion and Sustainable Development for disadvantaged people in social farming (refugee, migrants, people with psychiatric disorders, prisoners).







#### **AENOL SA Development Organisation of the Prefecture of Larissa SA OTA**

The Development Company of the Prefecture of Larissa, Development Societe Anonyme OTA with the distinctive title "A.E.NO.\Lambda. A.E." was founded in June 1992, following a decision of the main "social partners" of the region of Elassona and on the occasion of the need to manage - implementation of the LEADER program for the Province of Elassona. Company objectives: Informing policies - local bodies for the creation of development initiatives - development conditions and the provision of technical support for the preparation and submission of investment plans and proposals / Collection and documentation of data on the current situation and existing development trends in the region / Undertaking design studies of new productive activities and studies of organisation and business administration / Design, implementation, evaluation of training programs and actions of the European Social Fund / Elaboration and implementation of networking, publicity programs, organisation of conferences, lectures, interviews, etc. / Development of cooperation with respective bodies of other regions at National and International level, with the aim of creating joint activities and mutually beneficial exchanges. Many activities of the company benefit minority groups and disadvantaged people that work or try to gain knowledge on the fields where the company is active.





#### Cultural Association of Dolichi "I Tripolitida"

The Cultural Association of Dolichi "I TRIPOLITIDA" was founded for the support of tradition and popular culture by active Dolichians on 15-2-1979 in Dolichi. Its establishment has the following purposes: The strengthening of relations between the members of the Association and the development of mutual help and solidarity between them and villagers. The upgrading of the educational and cultural level of the members of the Association and the inhabitants of the village. The preservation and protection of the natural environment. Efforts and actions for the execution of public utility projects by the authorities or any other competent person. Cooperation with similar Associations and groups (other than political parties or organisations) Also the Folklore Museum was founded by the Association and it operates now.ed people that work or try to gain knowledge on the fields where the company is active.





#### **Tsaritsani Educational Association**

The Tsaritsani Educational Association is a cultural association based in Tsaritsani in the prefecture of Larissa. It was founded in 1978 to fill the cultural gap that existed, mainly expressing the anxiety of the youth of the time and their thirst for creation and progress. Among the aims of the Association are the raising of the cultural level of the people of Tsaritsani, the utilisation of the rich historical and folklore heritage of the place, the popularization and wide dissemination of practical and useful knowledge of every science and art. Women have a very active role in this association since they are organising most of the promotional events. In many cases, there are events with local dishes and products and the women who live or come from the area are in charge of the planning and realisation of these activities. Also, they try to inform participants and guests about local products during these events.



Tsaritsani, Greece

#### Perravia Network

The "Perravia Network" was founded in Elassona in 2007 on the initiative of 54 Associations of the Province of Elassona and Expatriates of the Province of Elassona. It is a secondary Non-Governmental Organisation and its members are cultural, sports and environmental associations of the area. Many members or volunteers that are active within the Network come from minority groups, are unemplyed women, farmers, or people living in rural areas.

Members of the Perravia Network are associations of the Province of Elassona and Associations of Elassonites from all over the world. The aim of the Network is to contribute to the cultural development of the area and to the promotion of the historical and archaeological heritage of the Province of Elassona, approaching these issues with a high scientific criterion. The purposes and actions of the Perravia Network move around the fields of: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, CIVILIZATION, SOCIAL ECONOMY, SOCIAL SOLIDARITY, and DIGITIZATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE.









#### **BPW (Business and Professional Women) Pula**

BPW (Business and Professional Women) is a non-governmental international organisation founded in Geneva in 1931, with federations and affiliates in 112 countries worldwide, which has consultative status of the first category in UN bodies. BPW First Croatian Club Pula is the first such association in Croatia and in the region of Southeast Europe. Club has two hundred members and friends in the county and across Croatia. The main program of BPW Club is to provide the business information, education and lobbying. The club was founded on 3rd March 2001. In accordance with its program, BPW First Croatian Club Pula regularly holds monthly meetings of Club members, with the presentations of various economic issues, and it promotes the networking of women through the projects Lobbying for Shopping and Preclusterization. It is located in Pula, Croatia.







#### **Udruga Informo**

INFORMO is a civil society non-profit organisation particularly focusing on education. The main activities are addressed to impact territorial, business, professional and personal development. Since its establishment, in 2004, Informo gained valuable experience in organising and performing training and workshops, as well as in contributing to the development and internationalisation of local, regional and national projects, through the participation in European and international partnerships. Informo's challenge is to produce an effective contribution to social development through educational programs that produce visible changes. The association is promoting European values and citizenship by encouraging people to undertake a pro-active role in society, promoting the values of solidarity and tolerance. Informo experience in delivering professional training courses in the area of European projects and Adult Education has being enhanced through the years thanks to the involvement in the development of the My-Europa platform. Now Informo coordinates International development centre (IDC- initiator of sustainable development projects) in cooperation with the municipality of Fažana and national and international partners to ensure a high level of education, information, and networking. The IDC works with the aim of territorial, professional, business, and personal development through education, information, networking, collaboration, and design. The users of the Center are potential, beginner and experienced entrepreneurs, unemployed - especially vulnerable groups (young people, women, people with special needs...), youngsters, local community, civil, private and public sector employees, decision-makers.









#### Lentamente Società Cooperativa Agricola

The agricultural cooperative "Lentamente" manages a farm that deals with the production of ancient grains, barley, hemp, grapes, olives and vegetables using crop rotations. The company started its operations in September 2013. The company uses production methods that do not include the use of synthetic chemicals even if it does not boast organic/biodynamic brands (albeit in the transition phase towards the organic regime). The Lentamente cooperative operates in a public farm, "Casaldianni", located in the Municipality of Circello, owned by the "Rummo Hospital" of Benevento and managed by the "Provincia di Benevento" body, on land belonging to the ASL BN near Benevento, a San Marco dei Cavoti, a Solopaca and in Pietrelcina. We have 2 buildings and also public buildings located at the Casaldianni company for educational activities. We also have a sales point in Benevento, in the social farm "Orto di Casa Betania". The structures have an entrance on the ground floor and do not have stairs or other obstacles for the disabled. The classrooms themselves are arranged on one level and so are the toilets. The farm also has at its disposal a sales point in the city of Benevento where it carries out direct sales by aggregating the production of other producers as well.



# Torrecuso (BN), Italy

#### CIA Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori – Benevento

Founded in 1977 as Cic - Italian Farmers Confederation, derived from the National Alliance of Farmers of 1955, in 1992 it became CIA - Italian Farmers Confederation. Among the interests of the Confederation: the protection and development of the figure of the agricultural entrepreneur and his business, the safeguarding of farmers' income, the rights of agricultural work exercised as a business, the affirmation of the primary sector in the Italian economic system, competitiveness of companies on the markets, the affirmation in society of the culture of the earth understood as a limited and non-reproducible good for all. The CIA-Italian Farmers focuses on sustainable agriculture with attention to quality, safety, food education, protection and enhancement of the environment, agritourism, forests, organic farming, alternative energy; among its fields, also publishing and agricultural legislative information. The CIA-Agricoltori Italiani has its national headquarters in Rome and is present in about five thousand Italian municipalities, with regional, provincial and zonal offices, as well as having a representation in Brussels. He is among the members of COPA (Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations of the European Union) and of WOM (World Farmers' Organisation). The Confederation also gives a voice to the approximately 400,000 members of the National Pensioners Association ANP. About 37 thousand the number of young people in agriculture (Agia), 10 thousand women entrepreneurs represented in "Women in the Field".





#### Forum Giovani Torrecuso

The Youth Forum is a body for participation in life and democratic institutions that ensures young people the conditions to intervene directly in the confrontation of municipal policies relating to the planning of activities relevant to the community. The Glovani Forum works for the development of the human person both in social terms and in terms of support in economic and entrepreneurial development. Promote Promote educational and cultural workshops for Eorum Giovan the rural areas of Torrecuso.





#### Cooperativa Immaginaria

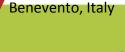
The Imaginary Social Cooperative was born in 2012 and operates in various areas of intervention. The Territory as a material and immaterial system of values, identities, uses, customs, typicality, symbols, signs, constraints, history and culture, represents a living subject, a non-reproducible common good to be cared for and on which to base territorial development policies. and socio-economic sustainability. Inland areas, be they rural or urban suburbs, in a trend that unites Italy to many European countries, are experiencing a negative demographic balance that is reflected in the depopulation resulting from the abandonment of the now impoverished and frayed communities. The isolation and desolation of urban suburbs, villages and rural areas entail the slow extinction of many forms of traditional knowledge linked to the surrounding nature and places, but also the development of cooperation between people. Today, those with a good level of education, with a cultural background that has grown over the decades and who dream of a job adequate to the course of study done and the needs necessary for a peaceful life, feel forced to abandon their homeland. The possibility of creating a job opportunity based on the skills acquired, on the reference territory and on traditions - and therefore on the roots of belonging - is an unrealisable dream. We are in fact convinced of the possibility of developing personal skills through artistic / performative and cultural activities that enhance places and protect them from abandonment.





#### Consorzio Sale della Terra Onlus

The Sale della Terra Consortium brings together 15 social, agricultural and renewable energy cooperatives in the Benevento area. In an internal, marginal area, at high risk of abandonment, only a courageous choice was able to reactivate agricultural and artisan businesses to enhance local specificities. Cohesive agriculture is the basis of the Consortium's activities. This is why not only local farmers are involved in the project, but also unemployed young people, people with disabilities or psychiatric suffering, migrants welcomed into the Sprar system, people who come out of social deviance. All workers who, thanks to decent employment and adequate to their abilities, enter the production circuit, passing from being a "minus" in the balance of public finances to being a value for companies and the community. Preserves, jams and pickles, oil, wine and small crafts are the products made by the Consortium obtained following the entire processing cycle, from sowing to packaging. sale della









#### Rural Women's Association (Ruralno udruženje žena – RUŽ)

RUŽ is a non-profit organisation founded to achieve goals directed to achieving gender equality and achieving inclusive and sustainable rural development by improving the socio-economic position, health and employment of women in rural areas of the Republic of Serbia. The idea of founding the RUŽ association is to improve the socio-economic position of women in rural areas, bearing in mind that in order to achieve the sustainability of rural regions, we all need to participate equally in this process.

Vision: Creating a modern society built on equality and respect for diversity in which women exercise all guaranteed rights and participate equally in all segments of life in the community.







#### Association of women farmers of the Kolubara district

The Association was formed in 2020 to make it easier for women from the Kolubara district to sell their products. The online store Women's Market (https://zenskapijaca.rs/) is owned by the Association of Women Farmers of Kolubara District, and its launch was supported by the Women's Association of Kolubara region (ŽUKO). The working principle is simple, and in addition to online shopping, delivery to customers in the Kolubara district and the capital is also possible. 22 female farmers from the territory of Valjevo, Ub, Lajkovac, Mionica, Ljig and Osečina sell their products in this way. In addition to the direct individual benefits of sales, the goal is for women to understand that they are part of a group and support each other by supporting each other in further developing their business ideas or in overcoming everyday problems.







#### Association of women "Jasike"

The Women's Association "Jasike" is dedicated to preserving tradition and improving the women's position and quality of life and health.

The association, independently or in cooperation with relevant institutions other related domestic and foreign organisations and volunteers, organise social programs, cultural-artistic activities and workshops for women.

With the motto "More women, more activities", they invite all women from rural areas to dare and take an active part in the life of their local communities.





Jasika (Kruševac), Serbia



#### Women's Association "Ariljke" (Udruženje žena "Ariljke")

"Ariljke" was created as a result of improving gender equality and strengthening the economic, social, cultural and social position of rural women in Arilje. Through professional training and practical examples, on professional trips, seminars and forums, rural women from the territory of our municipality received relevant and applicable knowledge in the field of women's associations, their empowerment and the empowerment of the community in which they live Women's Association "Ariljke" is engaged in production and services through basic or ancillary activities, such as organic fruits (raspberries, blackberries, blueberries), vegetables (asparagus, kale, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, etc.), honey (meadow, sunflower, acacia), cheeses (from cow's and goat's milk with the addition of spices and organic herbs), sweet and sour winter, liqueurs and wines from domestic fruits and herbs, rural tourism. Also, we carry out cultural activities and activities to preserve our tradition (singing, production of folk costumes, embroidery, knitting and various handicrafts).









#### Akademie für Politische Bildung und demokratiefördernde Maßnahmen

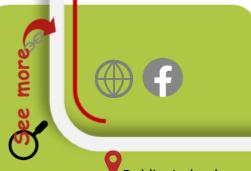
The "Akademie für Politische Bildung und demokratiefördernde Maßnahmen" is a non-profit association dealing with civic education, equal opportunities for unemployed and employed people of all ages, migrants, and especially for women in the labor market, as well as innovative, digital learning offers. The core competencies of our association's work are to support people to actively participate in society and to strengthen active citizenship, European citizenship. In our workshops, our participants often learn through simulation games how to apply and use these skills such as media literacy, social entrepreneurship, communication strategies, intercultural dialogue, human rights, and environmental, economic, and social sustainability. It is located in Austria, Linz.



## AKADEMIE für Politische Bildung und demokratiefördernde Maßnahmen

#### European Academy for Education and Social Research

The European Academy for education and social research Ltd is a social enterprise. We enjoy developing a better society, providing Masterclasses and Coaching. We love to engage our participants in learning by doing activities and real-life challenges. Our methodology is always following the circular economy principles with a focus on the efficient valorisation of the resources and the effectiveness of the results. We are fostering effective, sustainable and responsible development by helping individuals, experts and organisation to design and implement changemaking projects. We are developing the European Projects Accelerator and the International Development Centre in partnership with the European Projects Association and the Association Informo and the Institute for Adult Education Sophia. Through these projects we are helping experts from any sector of the society to share their knowledge with their audience from public bodies and private organisation, including civil society, academia, research, SMEs, start-ups, multinational companies... Our Masterclasses are Classroom-based, Web-based or Tailor-made. The Coaching activities are planned on demand. It is located in Dublin, Ireland.





Dublin, Ireland

#### Out of the box Europe

OTB EUROPE is a company whose main aim is to empower clients to gain and effectively manage grants, improve their performances in policy initiatives and build sustainable partnerships. We are an enthusiastic, efficient, straight-forward and professional bunch driven by the motto "Old ways won't open new doors". We bring together different actors working on social innovation, striving to create and shape novel policies in social entrepreneurship, social cohesion, open digital environment and further enhancement of the European project. OTB EUROPE's mission is to become a platform for think-tank transfer of expertise on European policies and programmes along with the promotion of European values in order to fortify the European project. OTB EUROPE's vision is an innovative Europe with equal access to democratic and social life for all, unified by solidarity and driven by a vigorous economy based on social values. We believe that the future belongs to creative-thinking, innovation, and active civic participation all of which are bound to make our societies better, more sustainable and just. It is located in Bruxelles, Belgium.





Bruxelles, Belgium

#### **European Projects Association**

The European Projects Association asbl (EPA) is a politically independent nonprofit organisation focused on research and development, innovation and internationalisation of good practices in European projects and trainings in the field of adult education. It is based in Brussels (Belgium) since 2008. The use of innovative information and communication technologies is a distinctive characteristic of this cooperation network dedicated to the European project's stakeholders. It is located in Bruxelles, Belgium.





Bruxelles, Belgium



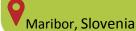
#### Mednarodni institut za implementacijo trajnostnega razvoja, MIITR Maribor

(International Institute for the Implementation of Sustainable Development, MIITR Maribor)

The International Institute for Implementing Sustainable Development (MIITR) is a private NGO, established in 2017 in Maribor, Slovenia. Its main activity is research and development in the fields of sustainability, comprehending environmental, economic, social, and lately smart and digital dimensions, especially when considering innovative forms of learning. Thus, the mission of the MIITR is to provide research, education and awareness raising as well as consulting in the fields of sustainable development, highlighting the importance of social and green entrepreneurship, social innovation, circular economy, youth inclusion and up-to-date non-formal e-learning to accelerate society towards a more sustainable one.







#### DISORA - Association for education and social development (DISORA Association for **Education and Social Development)**



various projects, the association provides non-formal education programs for young people

and adults on the topics such as sustainability, entrepreneurship, critical thinking and basic

Vision: Contribute to a more tolerant and economically equal society.

Mission: Contribute to the social and cultural integration of vulnerable target groups through their empowerment and strengthening of basic skills.

Main Activities: providing opportunities for informal lifelong learning of various vulnerable groups such as migrants, deprivileged youths, seniors and the unemployed. It is located in Slovenia, Maribor



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Association for Education and Social Development



