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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR WOMEN'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Full name of Association, when and by whom founded:</i> Professional and Business Women's Association (PBWA) founded: July 1992 (de facto), 16.05.1994 (de jure) by: Flutur Xhabija	
<i>President and Board members:</i> President: Flutur Xhabija Vice-President: Selamije Dinaku Members of Board: Shaniko Goxhaj, Albana Mullahi Administrative Coordinator: Silvana Barci	
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<i>Membership and information on regional/local divisions:</i> The Association has 500 members and 19 branches in Albania: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shokdra, Durresi, Kruja, Tirana, Kavaja, Elbasan, Fier, Kucova, Berati, Pogradeci• Gramsh, Korca, Ballsh, Tepelena, Gjirokastra, Saranda, Vlora, Burrelli, Lezha	
<i>Aims and objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to enforce the cooperation of Albanian businesswomen• to create a feminine economic lobby• to facilitate the legal practices in doing business• to be close to the businesswomen during all difficulties and challenges• to strengthen the status of the businesswomen in the community• to be an advocate for its members and the communication of their cases with governmental representatives• to obtain training on managing and marketing• to help with opportunities provided by international contacts including obtaining visas, participating in fairs, organisation of travelling, fairs and exhibitions etc• to facilitate access to bank credits and to find alternative financial sources	

Profile of Activities and highlights:

- to catalogue the businesswomen at the Balcanic and European Business
- to be equipped with new communication technology like e-mail and internet
- to create a business data base on a national level
- to support start-ups and promote already established successful businesswomen
- to search for partners in the European net
- to publish monthly the newspaper "And Manager" with the presentation of one business member
- to be part of the national economy with special emphasis on the preparation for new market requests
- to take part in the decision making process
- to ensure permanent training

Cooperation with associations in other countries:

- International Organizations:
ILO - International Labour Organization, Italy
A.I.D.D.A. - International Association of BusinessWomen, Italy
W.I.N. - Women International Network, Milano Italy
- Chambers of commerce:
Chamber of Commerce Washington D.C., USA: CIPE -Center for International Private Enterprise
Chamber of Commerce & Industry Tirana, Albania
American Chamber of Commerce Tirana, Albania
Austrian Economic Chamber of Vienna, Austria
Chamber of Commerce of Gijon, Spain
- Associations:
SHEERA - Business Women Association of Gjakova, Kosovo
FRAUENBETRIEBE - Association of Business Women, Frankfurt, Germany
Association of Entrepreneurial Women, Romania
- Others:
B.W.N. - Business Women Network, USA
FIDAPA - Italian Federation of Arts & Businesswomen, Palermo, Italy
ARCIDONNA - Italy
VSO's East European Partnership, London, United Kingdom
TIPS - Trade, Information & Technology Promotion System, Romania