

<b><i>Full name of Association, when and by whom founded:</i></b>	
All-Ukrainian Association of Women Entrepreneurs founded in November 2001 by Galyna Pidkaminna..... ...	
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<b><i>Membership (number) and information on regional/local divisions:</i></b>	
The All-Ukrainian Association of Women entrepreneurs is comprised of ninety-eight members. They represent seventeen regional divisions (oblasts) of Ukraine.	
<b><i>Aims and objectives:</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To defend the rights and lobby for the interests of women entrepreneurs</li> <li>• To create a positive and supportive environment for the development of small business</li> <li>• To create a positive image of women entrepreneurs.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Profile of Activities and highlights (please use bullet points):</i></b>	
The Association was recently established. The future goals of the Association are:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct business training seminars to prospective businesswomen and university students</li> <li>• To offer business consulting services to prospective businesses</li> <li>• To seek collaboration with other international women's business organizations.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>Cooperation with associations in other countries:</i></b>	
The idea of the All-Ukrainian Association of Women Entrepreneurs was first formed after the members' attendance at the First International Forum organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.	
The Association is devoted to co-operating with international partners. For this reason, it is interested in being a member of the UNECE. It has also researched the possibility of forming a connection with the Center for Women's Global Leadership (which is based in New Jersey, USA)	

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<p>The Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women (DRLBW) was registered by the Justice Department of the Donetsk Region on May 8, 1996 (n 177). From June 15, 1997, after an extraordinary regional conference, the League has been called the Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women</p>	
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<b><i>Membership (number) and information on regional/local divisions:</i></b>	
<p>Membership is individual, collective or Honorary. Individual and Collective members pay an entrance fee, the amount of which and method of payment is established by a decision of DRLBPW's conference.</p> <p>The rank of the Honorary Member's rank is awarded by the decision of a regional conference guided by the recommendation of the Board of DRLBPW:</p> <p>There are 154 Individual members in the League.</p> <p>There are 16 local divisions of the League. They are: Donetsk city, Makeeva, Soledar, Selidovo, Torez, Velikaya, Novoselka, Artemovska, Dokuchaevsk, Telmonovo, Hartsizsk, Mariupol, Shahtersk, Slavyansk, Gorlovka, Krasnoarmeysk and Enakievo divisions.</p>	
<b><i>Aims and objectives:</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To unite efforts of business and professional women, women specialists and entrepreneurs for the purpose of upholding and protecting their lawful social, economic and political interests</li><li>• To provide assistance and support in nurturing and developing women's business initiatives and entrepreneurship</li><li>• To enhance the role of women and their influence in the economic, political and social life of the society to a level truly equal with men.</li><li>• To eliminate all gender discrimination in economic and social life.</li></ul>	

**Profile of Activities and highlights (please use bullet points):**

- In 1996, a special business incubator “School of Survival for Women” was started. In June 1999, the business-incubator was reformed into the Women’s Business Support Center. It provides necessary knowledge for the development of business plans, starting business, and successful operation of business and subsequent financing of selected business plans on a competitive basis by the Credit Union “Well Being”. The training course is a 9 week period. (Financed by Winrock International)

**Until 01.11.2001:**

- ✓ 1007 women came into the Center and received individuals consultations
  - ✓ 356 women took part in one-day selections trainings “How to start my own business”
  - ✓ 198 women attended two-month learning courses
  - ✓ Owing to received knowledge, 36 women started their business, 32 women developed their business
  - ✓ They created 100 new working places
  - ✓ 48 women got employed after the course
  - ✓ 5 family spouses studied at the center
- Since December 1999, the “Hotline” supporting entrepreneurs has been in operation. (Financed by USAID and League).

**Until 01.11.2001:**

- ✓ Taxation- 32.7%
  - ✓ Checks by state bodies- 51.7%
  - ✓ Commercial activity- 14.4%
  - ✓ Comprehensive accountant and statistical reports- 7.7%
  - ✓ Organization of business- 6.2%
  - ✓ Simplified system of taxation- 4.6%
  - ✓ Licensing- 2.8%
  - ✓ Labour Regulations- 2.1%
  - ✓ Allowing system- 1.7%
  - ✓ Other questions- 12.1%
- On the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2001, League was chosen as an Information center for implementing the Voucher Program. Under this program an entrepreneur can receive a voucher which will give him/her a discount when receiving training services on business issues.

**Until 01.11.2001**

- ✓ 74 vouchers were given out.

In December 1999, the Center “Women for Women” was created. It helps women in crisis situation who suffer for, violence and become victims for trafficking. The work of the Center includes a 24 hour women’s support line “Telephone trust”, individual consultation providing information, legal and social-psychological help and help in obtaining employment. It also conducts training on “Women’s Leadership”, “Women’s Human Rights”, “Life Abroad, myths and reality”, “My choice- life without violence”, “How to get a job”, “Women’s Business is a Successful one”, “I want to be an entrepreneur” and “Through self-employment to business” provides training on the use of computer, fax, copier, work on the internet, fundamentals of office work, speaking business English, stenography, computer accounting, elements of computer graphics, ‘waitressing’ skills and knitting for the whole family, support groups and self-defense groups (Financed by Winrock International).

Until 01.11.2001:

- ✓ 10 959 women have received individual consultations
- ✓ 12710 women have received telephone consultations on the 24 hour hot-line for women
- ✓ in the 366 trainings conducted, 6922 women participated
- ✓ 4654 women acquired skills in various professional and other courses
- ✓ 749 women found jobs

- In September 1997, the **First** International Scientific-Practical Conference “Women and Business” was held (Financed by Businesses of Donetsk).
- In October 1999, the Second International Scientific-Practical Conference “Women and Business” was held, using as a foundation the results of the sociological research (Financed by Business of Donetsk). The Third International Scientific-Practical Conference “Women and Business” is preparing for 2002.
- In 1998, sociological research was begun on the problem “Women in the Labour Market”, “Women and Business”, “Analytical Report ‘Women of the Donetsk region and Small Business’”, prepared for publication of the book “Anatomy of Success, or Portraits of Self-Made women”. We also began to prepare for the publication of the book “Golden fund of businesswomen of Donetsk Region”.
- In 1996, League created a the program “Lessons of Survival” on regional state television which aired until 1998. In 1998, the program was re-titled “To be a woman”. From May 1999, the program became a monthly 30 minute television show “Women for Women” (Financed by the Ukrainian State Committee of information policy. Broadcasting and television).
- From 25 November to 10 December 2000 Action on “16 days against Violence in Donetsk Region” (Financed by Foundation Open Society Institute and the League). Now the action 2001 “16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence in the Ukraine is in the midst of preparation. (Financed by the Foundation Open Society Institute, Winrock International, BPW Great Britain, League)
- In May 2000 League prepared and conducted the First in Donetsk- five kilometers Fun-Run “Youth without drugs”, the second Fun-Run took place in September 2001 (Financed by USA Peace Corps in Ukraine)

***Cooperation with associations in other countries:***

The Donetsk Regional League of Business League of Business and Professional Women is a member of BPW International and therefore co-operates with mostly all BPW-clubs worldwide, sharing information and experience. Also League started the implementation of the Twinning Project with BPW-Bern (Switzerland).