Full name of Association, when and by whom founded:

Women's Textiles Workshop Network

Full name of President and Board members (please attach the photo of the President and/or Board members):

President: Sandra Sankovic

Board Members: Mirjana Glisic-Milojev, Sonja Greguric

Address: Phone: + 381 11 637 086

Membership (number) and information on regional/local divisions:

The association has over 100 women involved in the project. This Association caters primarily for women who are refugees, single mothers and internally displaced women of all ages and origins from the Former and present Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Aims and objectives:

The organisation encourages creative thinking and expression in achieving personal development, self-sustainability and independence.

The objective is to develop and promote a systematic approach towards self-sustainability so as to provide a menas of obtaining a regular income.

Profile of Activities and highlights

- Training courses on specific crafts and other needed skills
- Raising public awareness of the workshop and therefore providing sustenance and continuation of old craft techniques
- Technical, professional and financial support to achieve regular income
- Networking with other NGOs, small businesses, groups, workshops and allies
- Organising presentations for the placement of one-off pieces in our showroom, museums, galleries, trade fairs, festivals etc.

Cooperation with associations in other countries:

World learning Star Network- Women's Economic and Political Leadership (Washington DC, USA)

Full name of Association, when and by whom founded

Association of Business Women of FR Yugoslavia

founded: 30 July 1998

by women entrepreneurs, professional women and business women

President and Board members:

President: Sanja Popovic-Pantic Vice-President: Velika Markovic Secretary: Mirjana Stevanovska

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Membership and information on regional/local divisions:

The Association has 111 members and local partners in different regions. The Association is also a member in two regional women NGO networks: KARAT and CEBWA, and the Regional Initiative SEELIDA (South EAST European Leadership Initiative: Dialogue for Action)

Aims and objectives:

- to promote women's business interests
- to improve the conditions for private businesses in local communities particularly by supporting creation of equal opportunities for women-led companies
- to support its member's projects
- to establish relations with similar associations abroad
- to organize training, seminars, and workshops for women entrepreneurs with an emphasis on special aspects of initiating and conducting business
- to encourage the establishment of a specialized centre for small and medium-sized enterprises
- to advocate with the local governments for support of women's entrepreneurship
- to promote continuously businesswomen in the media

Profile of Activities and highlights:

- to provide educational training, workshops, and seminars for women, who want to start-up
- to do research of the economic position of women in FR Yugoslavia
- to publish the bulletin "Spiritus Women"
- to develop women networks at local and regional levels:
- regional conference: "Regional Women's Economic Network"
- series of workshops: "Businesswomen For Better Good Governance" and "Professional Women For Better Women's Business Governance"
- regional project (SEELIDA): "Women Leaders for the 21st Century: Building Successful Local, Regional, and International Partnerships For Democracy"

Cooperation with associations in other countries:

- Member of CEBWA with a network of Women's business associations in six countries (Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Czech Republic, FR Yugoslavia)
- Initiator and member of the "Regional Women's Economic Network" established in 2000 in FR Yugoslavia, which is a network of women's associations from three countries (Slovenia, Macedonia, FR Yugoslavia)
- KARAT Coalition Network of Women's NGOs and individual ALS of 13 countries
- Member of the SEELIDA Regional Initiative covering ten SEE countries