

Report by Pinella Bombaci – International Executive - BPW Europe Regional Coordinator

“Dream it, plan it, do it ”

Dear BPW Presidents of the Europe Region and BPW Delegates,
It is my pleasure to report all the activities and results of my first four months as Regional Coordinator.

First of all a big thank you to my teammates, you are the true strength of the European Coordination Committee:

Alexandra Preuß - Finance Officer

Kikoula Cotsapas - Secretary

Benedetta Palermo - Young Representative

But also a special thank to

Raffaella Femia, BPW EU Policy advisor, for her constant and daily contribution spent in publishing the most important news from European Institutions on a dedicate Facebook Page.

BPW Europe started its activity with the interesting and rewarding news from the European Parliament that, together with the European Commission and Council, adopted the **European Pillar of social rights**.

An important document concerning several matters of BPW Interest, like Gender equality, Equal opportunities, Work-life balance and Child care. I hope that this document, that I sent to all of you, will inspire your action.

Step by step, with the other ECC members, my dream Team, we have traced important moments of this fascinating path.

Last November I was in Vienna for the Danube - net, also the International President Amany Asfour participated in: that was her first official BPW visit after the election.

The Danube - net is a network for business women in the countries of Danube Region; a formidable platform to share ideas, opinions, information, actions in the fields of work, business and culture.

Last November also, I went to Estonia for the 25th Anniversary to participate in the Conference: “Woman and career. Do I have a chance?”

Last January, as ECC, we went to the green Ireland to organize the **European Conference 2019** in Galway, with the strong and appreciated support and cooperation of PBW Irish Members.

In the same month, we organized the bidding and the electronic voting to choose the venue of the **European Conference 2022**; in the end a special one has been chosen: **BPW Iceland** will host this event in Reykjavik.

Both in the months of February and March we have done, and we keep on doing, every efforts to organize the **Presidents meeting** in parallel with **the Symposium of Young in Vienna** from 27 to 29 April 2018, in order to share common moments of friendship, between Young and... less Young!

So, save these dates:

- **17 – 19 August 2018** in **Latvia Riga** for the 25th Anniversary
- **19 – 21 October 2018** in **Moscow** to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Moscow II, a unique occasion to meet all members of BPW Russia.

Concerning the activities of Federations and Clubs we are proud to present the **most important projects, all towards the Agenda 2030**, as per International Theme.

BPW Pula - Croatia Topic of the project: Network - BPW ADRIO - net - to establish cooperation activities between business and professional women through Adriatic Ionian Region

BPW La Valetta - Malta Topic of the project: Young Orientation and Careers - BPW Careers Day, this year with the special participation of the Countess of Wessex and Marie Louise Coleiro Preca Republic President

BPW Thessaloniki Greece Topic of the project: BPW towards agenda 2030, to achieve development of the professional business and leadership potential of women on all levels in Thessaloniki.

BPW Belgium Topic of the project: 5 challenges to become an eco hero. Women in green economy and energy Women and Environment, (water and sanitation)

BPW Italy

Topic of the project: Women in economy - promoting gender equality and women's access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), education and careers.

Topic of the project: Charter of the Girl's rights - to disseminate the New Charter of the Girl's rights, approved during the 2016 Presidents meeting in Zurich

BPW Prague I Czech Republic in the matter of Equal Pay Day

BPW Switzerland in the matter of Equal Pay Day and Women on Boards

BPW Estonia: Project with Moldova, in the matter of "Equal possibilities in working life for women of Moldova".

Project in cooperation with Coca Cola Company: "Everything is possible. Women in business"

BPW Spain Project in the matter of Women Digital Gap - to promote the women training to improve their digital knowledge in the women companies.

Project: Training/Mentoring and Networking weekend - to promote the knowledge between Spanish memberships and Morocco. Granada 10 – 11 May

BPW Cyprus

Projects in the following matters:

Cervical Cancer Prevention campaign

Equal Pay Day campaign

Gender Equality promotion.

BPW Nicosia

Project ANTICANCER - The Preventive Power of Food

Natural cosmetics to replace everyday industrial cosmetics

Maternity - Natural Birth - Breastfeeding

Dear European Presidents these are only the first four months of our and your activities.... **I'm very proud of all of you!**

During the Presidents meeting, we will discuss about the other points of my action plan for the future.

At the end I would like **to extend to all of you this nice compliment** I received from the International President Amany Asfour: *"Pinella, you are a very shining star in the sky of Europe... and of the world!"*

Yes, dear Presidents of BPW Europe... you are a very shining stars in the sky of Europe... and of the world!

Grateful for your attention.

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