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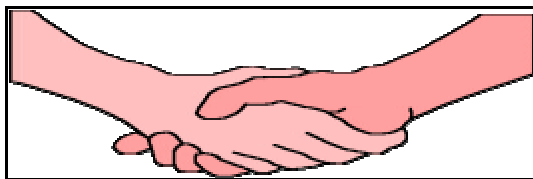
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The UNECE Network of Women Business Associations is an online network, which aims at facilitating contacts as well as the exchange of views and experiences on:

- The situation of female entrepreneurs in individual countries
- Gender specific barriers in development of women headed enterprises
- Best Practises and Policy issues

The network consists of 21 women's business organisations from a total of 15 countries.

Interested Associations are welcome to join the Network. The easiest alternative is to access our website www.unece.org/operact/enterp/women/network.htm, complete the Questionnaire, and send it back to Ms. Ewa Ruminska-Zimny, Regional Adviser on Gender and Economy by Email: ewa.zimny@unece.org or Fax: +41 22 91 917 0178.

<p>The Network of Business Women Associations' leaflet was prepared by Ms. Katarzyna Kubis, Assistant to the Coordinator of the Second Forum of Women Entrepreneurs.</p>

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UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

Professional and Business Women Association (PBWA)

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Administrative Coordinator: Silvana Barci

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Objectives

- enforce the cooperation of Albanian businesswomen
- create a feminine economic lobby
- facilitate the legal practices in doing business
- strengthen the status of the businesswomen in the community
- be an advocate for its members and the communication of their cases with governmental representatives
- help with opportunities provided by international organisations
- facilitate access to bank credits and to find alternative financial sources

Activities

- Catalogue the businesswomen at the Balkan and Europe
- Implementation of the new communication technology
- Creating a business data base on a national level
- Supporting start-ups and promote businesswomen
- Searching for partners in the European net
- Publishing monthly the newspaper
- Taking part in the decision making process
- Ensuring permanent training

Partners

- ILO - International Labour Organization, Italy
- A.I.D.D.A. - International Association of BusinessWomen, Italy
- W.I.N. - Women International Network, Milano Italy
- Chamber of Commerce Washington D.C., USA: CIPE -Center for International Private
- American Chamber of Commerce Tirana, Albania
- Austrian Economic Chamber of Vienna, Austria
- Chamber of Commerce of Gijon, Spain
- SHEERA - Business Women Association of Gjakova, Kosovo
- FRAUENBETRIEBE - Association of Business Women, Frankfurt, Germany
- Association of Entrepreneurial Women, Romania
- 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

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- Training on managing and marketing



UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

International Association of Professional and Business Women in Bulgaria



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Objectives

- Conducting professional & business contacts through networking, including with international professional and businesswomen's associations.
- Support members in their business and professional activities (marketing and presentational events)
- Create member's VPN (virtual personal network) as a basis for development of businesswomen's communication network
- Gradually create a women's business & professional community in Bulgaria
- Implementation, management and execution of projects in its main domain area – professional and businesswomen activities including women entrepreneurship enhancement

Activities

- Regular monthly meetings with lectures
- Networking and support of members
- International networking activities
- Presentations: Project development, management and implementation

Partners

- Member network of the TIAW (www.tiaw.org)
- International partner of the Global Summit of Women (www.globewomen.org)
- Cooperation with PWI, EMWD
- Cooperation with "KRUG" (Croatia), PBWA (Albania)

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- **International Partner-organisation** of the Global Summit of Women – 2002 (IAPBWB keynote presentation) and of Global Summit of Women – 2003
- **Built, owns and administers** the following websites:
www.bulgaria2net.com/iapbwb (first IAPBWB presentation on the web)
www.iapbwb.com (IAPBWB website)
www.anticorruption-online.org ("Anticorruption Online")
- **Programmes and Projects in development phase:**
Program: "Gender @ Network Resources" subdivided into **3 Projects:**
Gender and ICT in Bulgaria
e-Business tools for women entrepreneurs
"ICT training for women entrepreneurs in Bulgaria"
- **Project:** "The Glass Ceiling in Bulgaria"
- **Project:** "Development of an Anticorruption Internet Platform "www.anticorruption-online.org"



Association of Women Entrepreneurs - Croatia

President: Danica Babić

Board Members: Marija Perčić, Mladenka Matić, Zrinka Gregov, Marijana Babić

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Objectives

- Support the women entrepreneurs in Croatia
- Increase the number and quality of dynamic - growth oriented firms among women entrepreneurs
- Work on development of entrepreneurial qualities, functional areas of business management and decision making among the members with special accentuation on developing women and men partnership

Activities

- Organisation and implementation of the scientific research of women entrepreneurship in Croatia
- Preparation of the analysis of the research results with comments, recommendations and suggestions to the institutional (state) level
- To spread the awareness and necessity of mutual cooperation among the women entrepreneurs in Croatia
- To build the results in the future policy of the Governmental institutions aimed to the support small and medium enterprises,

Partners

- Women association in Slovenia (GIZ Podjetnost)
- FYR of Macedonia (Asocijacija žena preduzimača Makedonije-ARNA)
- AIDDA – Italy
- BPW Swiss, division in Pula
- AFEM -Association des Femmes Chefs d'Enterprises du Maroc

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- Classification of the data base regarding all specific issues concerning women entrepreneurs
- To schedule and hold the seminars, training and education courses of our members in specific fields according to their interest



UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

Krug (Circle) Croatian Business Women Association

President: Amelia Tomašević Chairperson: Diana Vranković Zoričić Executive Board: Jadranka Alešković, Bonić Zita, Bažić Potočki, Valnea Bressan, Antonija Cvetković, Vlasta Franolić, Dunja Konjevod, Vlasta Hautz Maričić, Anica Igrec, Jadranka Radovanić, Marija Šola	Founded in Zagreb Regional Branches: Split, Varaždin, Rijeka.
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Objectives

- Contribute to the process of transition and democratisation of society
- Influence the passing of national legislation related to micro, small and medium enterprises
- Securing and enabling environment for the growth of women – run businesses
- Assisting businesswomen to contribute to development of Croatian economy
- Contributing to the high level of national business education

Activities

- Organization of regular forums dealing with practical problems facing businesswomen in their everyday working and family lives
- Issuing publications and newsletters
- Continuous interaction with relevant national governmental and non-governmental bodies and associations attendance at international meetings and fairs

Partners

- FCEDM, AIDDA, World Summit of Women Business Leaders
- United Nations, UNIDO, Central European Initiative (CEI)
- Contacts with national women's association in Europe and North America
- Cooperation with the public information canters and public information media

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- Organization of seminars on current legal and financial aspects of business operations in Croatia
- Launching ad-hoc polls among business and professional women
- Investment promotion



UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

Association of Business and Professional Women of the Czech Republic

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Objectives

- to improve the business and management activities of women professionals by providing education, information, and networking opportunities
- to build a consulting and information network for business women
- to develop the potential of female capacity by educating women
- to promote opportunities for professional women by educating them at social and governmental levels

Activities

Partners

- IFBPW, London
- Centre for International Enterprises, USA
- Star Groups, USA
- CIPE, USA
- APM has negotiated with organizations in Germany, Italy, USA, and Great Britain the possibility to take part in study stays

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



Moravian Association of Women Entrepreneurs

President: Olga Girstlova Director of Centre: Vera Stankova Members of Board: Lea Melicharkova, Ing. Eva Appeltova, Dr. Jana Foltynova	Founded in 1999 Regional Branches: Brno, Ostrava, Professional Club of School Management
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Objectives

- to create an environment that allows women entrepreneurs to communicate, exchange information and thus have a positive impact on their business activities
- to support the further education of women entrepreneurs
- to encourage women entrepreneurs in their personal and professional development

Activities

- consulting
- education
- networking

Partners

- Profwomen, Bratislava, Slovakia
- Top Centrum podnikateliek, Slovakia
- VDU, Germany

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- National and international networking through club meetings
- Conferences and seminars such as "Women - The Creative Personality of the Third Millennium" (21-22.01.2004, Brno)
- Cooperation with professional bodies
- Czech Slovak Virtual Supermarket
- Mentoring Project



The Georgian Association of Women in Business

President: Nino Elizbarashvili
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Objectives

- to provide forward thinking business women an opportunity to raise their standard of living
- through education and training, information and motivation, market economy activities of domestic and international channels, and to make them aware of government economic decisions
- to improve women's status in society and to recognize their contributions to socioeconomic developments
- to promote small scale women-owned businesses as a method of reducing unemployment

Partners

- International Organizations:
- International Foundation for Cooperation (Board of Trustees)
- International Fellow of International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW)
- Global Development Network (The Economic Development Institute of World Bank)
- UN Development Programme /DPI (NGO)
- USA-NIS Women Consortium
- Network of East-west Women
- Parliament Commission on Women's Rights Protection

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- to raise women's awareness of government activities by reading the magazine Economic Reform Today and Business Herald
- to provide training on business issues such as computer skills, foreign language skills
- to provide individual consultants with qualified staff
- to enlarge the existing Business Incubator with components of a Wellness Center and a Tapestry Weaving Project
- to provide a license for trainees upon completion of their apprenticeship
- to enlarge the association's Printing Department increasing its frequency of publications of books and documents
- to expand providing micro credit loans in Tbilisi and the regions
- training and guide-line development for management skills



UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

Malta Association of Women in Business

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Objectives

- to foster the interests of MAWB members in the pursuit of innovative and effective changes in the business, economic, social, and public arenas
- to bring together all women, who own, manage or influence a business concern, be it manufacturing, retail, service or professional
- to encourage reciprocal support, exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences
- to strengthen business and economic opportunities
- to organize and participate in seminars and workshops
- to ensure that the business environment is focused on providing opportunities for women
- to move forward as leaders in both business, managerial, administrative and other high ranking posts

Activities

- Organization of seminars, workshops, social, and informative evenings
- Award for Malta to Ms. Kate Bonello Sullivan for her project proposal (EdUKate) entitled:
- Information/Education Centres for Women in the Europ-Mediterranean Countries

Partners

- ALes Femmes Chefs d=Entreprises Mondiales (FCEM)
- United Nations (FCEM has representative status at the UN in New York)
- International Labour Organization (ILO),
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna
- The Council of Europe, Strasbourg
- European Parliament, Brussels

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



International Forum for Women in Poland



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Objectives

- To be pro-active in promoting the growing participation of women in economic life, in particular supporting to women operating business ventures
- Creating positive role models for women entrepreneurs and managers
- Creating and promoting education programs and training
- Promoting studies by the Warsaw School of Economics on the problems faced by women
- Developing international and inter-environmental contacts between women in business (by join projects or organizing international conferences as well as publishing the journal "Women & Business")

Activities

- To organize seminars and training for women within the academic and economic environments
- To publish and issue the quarterly journal "Women and Business" in Polish and English
- To organize international conferences

Partners

- League of Professional Women", Ukraine
- Central European Business Women's Academy (CEBWA)
- Polish Association of Women Entrepreneurs

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- To organize the international conference on "Women in Business" – 15 May 2003
- To held the join project "Leadership Development of Ukrainian Small Business Women Entrepreneurs" together with the League of Professional Women, Ukraine
- To get contact and co-operation with the German business women organization from Chemnitz



Woman of Business in Russian Federation (AWBR)

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Objectives

- to create business and partnership relations with the Russian business people

Activities

Partners

- United Nations (New York)
- International Labour Organization (Geneva)
- United Nations Industrial Development
- Organization (Vienna)
- European Council (Strasbourg)
- European Union (Brussels)

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- Meeting and presentations



Center "Contemporary Woman"



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Objectives

- Assistance to creation in a society of conditions for all-round development of the women
- Achievement of the rights, equal with the men, in sphere of employment, welfare sphere, by means of realization of the enlightening, information and cultural programs

Activities

- Helping women in the modern life
- Raising employment and self-employment
- Publishing documents
- Enlightening activity
- Organization of seminars

Partners

- State and public organizations: committee of public communications (connections) of Government of Moscow
- Female international
- Federal and regional organizations

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- **Competition in the market of work**

Forms: training, retraining of the women, getting new professions, consultation and development of family (home) business, creation of an information network of the manufacturers of family services on Moscow and Moscow area, and other regions of Russia with the input to the informational network of consumer services.

The edition of the book and CD on female business

- **The Contemporary woman "**

Forms: new forms of employment, offering not only training, consultation new informational technologies, creation of new structures, implementing telecommunication infrastructure, Internet use, training



Women's Textiles Workshop Network

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Objectives

- Encouraging the creative thinking and expression in achieving personal development, self sustainability
- Developing and promoting a systematic approach towards self-sustainability -regular income

Activities

- 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
- Organizing presentations

Partners

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

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

Association of Business Women (Serbia and Montenegro)

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Objectives

- to promote women's business interests
- to improve the conditions for private businesses in local communities
- Supporting creation of equal opportunities for women-led companies
- to establish relations with similar associations abroad
- to organize training, seminars, and workshops for women entrepreneurs
- to encourage the establishment of a specialized centre for small and SME's
- to advocate with local governments for support of women's entrepreneurship
- to promote continuously businesswomen in the media
- to support its member's projects

Activities

- to provide educational training, workshops and seminars for women start-up
- to do research of the economic position of women in Serbia
- to publish the bulletin "Spiritus Women"
- to develop women networks at local and regional levels

Partners

- Member of CEBWA
- "Regional Women's Economic Network"
- KARAT Coalition Network of Women's NGOs
- Member of the SEELIDA Regional Initiative

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- "Women's Entrepreneurial Forum", the workshop – and round table cycles
- "Business literacy for all", regional workshop with partners PROSPECTA, Slovakia & SEED, Hungary
- "Next step", national project for women home based workers with entrepreneurial potentials
- "Women to women - for better local development" workshops within regional project of PARTNERS FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGES organisation, creating partnership with women from local government and women entrepreneurs



Centre of the "Top Women-Entrepreneurs"

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Objectives

- to increase the participation of women entrepreneurs in the economic and public life of Slovakia
- to create public conditions, which ensure that family enterprises, industrial, commercial, and agricultural societies and art agencies contribute to build a framework for common activities
- to inform and support women about their chances and opportunities regarding positions in national and public fields
- to collect and distribute documentation and articles concerning women
- to raise public awareness regarding all kinds of discrimination and to initiate legal modification
- to impose the principle of equality in all fields of social life

Activities

- to cooperate with partners such as unions and chambers of commerce in order to improve legal conditions for private society and family enterprises
- to ensure the exchange of experience between entrepreneurs from Slovakia and other countries by: organizing conferences, seminars and discussions with important people
- preparing workshops at the international level to facilitate activities regarding foreign markets

Partners

- Members of the centre women entrepreneurs and managers

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



PROSPECTA - CEBWA Club

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Objectives

- to promote economic equality for women
- to support personal and professional development of women
- to promote development of women entrepreneurship
- to facilitate cooperation among women through creation of networks at local, regional, national, and international level

Activities

- to provide information and advisory services
- to publish the CEBWA quarterly newsletter
- to provide training and development in entrepreneurial skills
- to facilitate networking and business contacts

Partners

- FRY

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



GIZ PODJETNOST (Spirit of Enterprise) Association of Interest of Small Enterprises of Slovenia



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Objectives

- to share a commitment to be fair, tolerant, just, and humane
- to ensure equal opportunities for women
- to improve women's positions
- to facilitate and accelerate profit-making activities of its members
- to improve and increase results of this activity, but not to create a profit for itself in doing this
- to establish an optimistic view of the development of entrepreneurs in Slovenia with a specific stress on fair business conduct, development of innovation and ambition
- to create such an economic and social environment that will give present and future generations the opportunities to live, work and create a profit
- to realize the members' business ideas
- creating an atmosphere for the successful operation of their companies and a network of contacts with organizations, individuals domestic and foreign

Activities

- Discover new opportunities and to realize collective goals in welfare.
- Projects developed by different project groups under the wing of GIZ Podjetnost (Spirit of Enterprise)
- Improving the operation of all small businesses in Slovenia, not only businesses that are members of GIZ Podjetnost

Partners

- World Association of Women Entrepreneurs FCEM since 1993.
- CIPE, USA
- AM/CHAM Slovenia
- SBDC *PCMG Slovenia
- Chamber of Industry and Trade
- All members of FCEM especially AIDDA Italy, BAWE Great Britain

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

Nationally

Incubator for small enterprises, founded by women or family owned companies
Virtual incubator
PC Corner in Domzale
Micro loans for members
14 motivational seminars and workshops for women in rural environment
Motivational workshops for unemployed women (Project with National Labour Office)

Internationally

Presidents Meeting of World association of Women Entrepreneurs FCEM May 16 - 18, 2003
"Getting to know you" a match-making program and an exhibition May 16 - 18, 2003
BRIDGES OF COOPERATION / MOSTOVI SODELOVANJA 5th international conference of women entrepreneurs and supporting projects / September 2003
OECD Lead Seminar of Women entrepreneurship September 2003



National Association of Business Women of Tajikistan

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Objectives

- Strengthening women's economic capacity and rights in the labour market
- Expanding women's economic literacy
- Promoting access to economic resources
- Developing women's business skills

Activities

- Development of market economy skills through education
- Assistance to the development of employment and the growth of small and medium Entrepreneurship

Partners

- Mercy Corps
- Member of Assembly of Women NGO's of CIS
- Cooperation with ABW of several Central Asian countries
- UNIFEM - Support
- Eurasia Foundation - Support

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- Training seminars, successful entrepreneurship, business planning, marketing plan, production, management, computer literacy, education plus credit
- **Micro credit project** – focus on the reduction of the level of poverty in Tajikistan, creation of jobs, providing employment through financial, consulting and educational services
- **Promoting enabling institutional and legal environment for women's economy right**
Forms: reviewing the commercial and not –commercial legislations, research on the status of women entrepreneurs, lobbying for policies and legislation and taxation
- Assistance to the **creation of educational infrastructure on micro credit in Tajikistan** – increasing access of people to micro finance services.
Forms: Training of specialists in micro finance centres of European countries, developing educational manuals and handouts on the topic: how to start working on micro financing in Tajikistan (Bank of trust)



Turkmenistan Business Women Center (TBWC)

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Objectives

- Support and development of women's entrepreneurship in Turkmenistan
- Development of the social image of entrepreneurs
- Attract interest of foreign investors and entrepreneurs to Turkmenistan
- Encourage entrepreneurs in creating business co-operation
- Support women's creative initiatives by organizing different educational programs and writings

Activities	Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business consulting and informational services • Business planning • Business co-operation • Legal Consultations • English, Turkmen Business trainings • Business supportive services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWC • NGO: "Women, Law Development" • UNIADS

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



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Objectives

- To defend the rights and lobby for the interests of women entrepreneurs
- To create a positive and supportive environment for the development of small business
- To create a positive image of women entrepreneurs

Activities

- To conduct business training seminars to prospective businesswomen and university students
- To offer business consulting services to prospective businesses
- To seek collaboration with other international women's business organizations

Partners

Projects/ Events 2003-2004



UNECE Network of Women Business Associations

Donetsk Regional League of Business and Professional Women (DRLBW)



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Objectives

- **Unite efforts** of business and professional women, women-specialists and entrepreneurs for the purpose of upholding and protection of their lawful social, economic and political interests; for mutual assistance and support in nurturing and developing women's business initiatives and entrepreneurship;
- **Enhance** the role of women and their influence on the economic, political, and social life of the society to a level truly equal with men;
- **Eliminate** all gender discrimination in economic and social life.

Activities

- Supporting women, who are in crisis situation, through trainings, courses, social-psychological and legal consultations, work of Hot Line for women;
- Prevention of trafficking in women and violence against women (providing different individual help, organization and conducting regional and national campaigns);
- Economical support of women through providing help in employment, self-employment, development of entrepreneurship (short and long term trainings, consultations, work of "Hot Line" supporting entrepreneurs);
- Advocacy and lobbying of women's rights;
- Participation in creation and implementation of regional state programs on introducing gender equality, prevention of trafficking, development of entrepreneurship,
- Scientific and research activity on the problems of employment, development of women's entrepreneurship, organization and conducting scientific seminars, conferences;
- Development of women's mass media, creation of radio and TV programs;

Partners

- BPW International
- BPW-Bern (Switzerland)
- BPW-UK
- BPW-Sweden
- European Research Network on Conflict, Gender and Violence

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- ◆ Trafficking Prevention Program
- ◆ Women's Economic Empowerment Project
- ◆ "Hot Line" supporting entrepreneurs
- ◆ Rural Business School for Women
- ◆ Hot Line "Citizens against corruption"



Business Women's Association of Uzbekistan "Tadbircor ayol"

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Objectives

- The main objective of the organisation is consolidation of the efforts of women occupied with entrepreneurship
- Allocating micro-credits to women to improve the livelihood of low-income families

Activities

- to create conditions that enable active integration of women into labour market,
- support their entrepreneur's initiatives,
- to defend the women-entrepreneur's rights and express the interests of members of Association

Partners

- UNDP
- NOVIB
- Charity Corps
- Netherlands Embassy.

Projects/ Events 2003-2004

- Micro-credit programme