



Assosiation of **Business** Women in Serbia our results, achievments and i plans

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#### **MISSION**

The Association of Business Women in Serbia is the largest national organization of women entrepreneurs. ABW plays a leading role in organizing business women and providing topnotch support, as well as promotion of female entrepreneurs in Serbia. The association engages in active advocacy in order to improve the business climate and encourage networking at the local, regional and international level.



#### VISION

The Association of Business Women in Serbia is a strong, recognizable and competent partner in the dialogue between the state and the private sector, which contributes to social and economic development, with a special emphasis on female entrepreneurship, as a factor of economic growth.











# OUR GOALS

- Increasing the number of female startups
- Raising awareness and strengthening the visibility of women business owners
- Encouraging women's businesses to expand their business
- Encouraging the development of public policies that favor small and mediumsized enterprises
- Strengthening local, regional and international ties between female entrepreneurs through the exchange of experience and ideas
- Promoting social responsibility and high ethical standards in business





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#### **ABW IN NUMBERS**

- 26 years of ABW
- 900 members throughout Serbia
- 10 ABW partner organizations in Serbia
- 177 implemented projects
- **8.900** women went through various educations for starting and developing a business
- 18 years of awarding the Success Flower Award
- 500+ women promoted through the Success Flower event
- 184 women in Serbia received the prestigious award Success Flower/ 33 companies in Serbia received the award Most Gender Sensitive Company / 3 female entrepreneurial companies in Serbia received the WIPO IP Enterprise award
- 14 years of the International Girls in ICT Day
- 11. 000 girls participated in the demonstration











#### **WE GATHER**

Entrepreneurs, owners of small and medium enterprises and large companies, managers, business women and future entrepreneurs



#### **WE ORGANIZE AND PARTICIPATE**

- Monthly meetings of the Women's Business Club
- Gatherings and networking at the local, regional and international level
- Seminars, trainings, webinars, lectures
- Mentoring and e-Mentoring programs
- Conferences
- B2B meetings
- Public advocacy and cooperation with policy makers and state institutions on the topic of SMEs
- Research and publishing activity
- Masterclasses led by successful women
- Online meetings of the International Business Women's Club of ABW
- Working dinners on the topic of quarterly economic analyses
- Association members



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# WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION IMPLY





Active membership in the Association implies that:

- member comes as regularly as possible to ABW meetings,
- <u>actively participates in the work of the</u> **Assembly** of the Association,
- contributes to better work by participating in discussions and giving constructive suggestions,
- supports the actions of the Association
  - Success Flower, Freja Forum,
     humanitarian activities...
- regularly pays the annual membership

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# ABW MEMBERSHIP WITHOUT LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

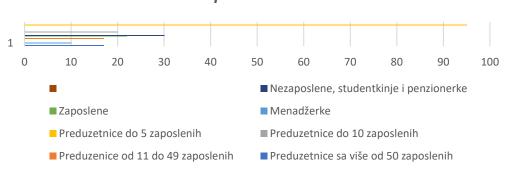


The Association currently has 310 members About 72% pay the membership fee regularly.



This year, **49 new members joined**, while **50 new businesswomen and entrepreneurs** became interested in the activities of ABW Serbia through the e-ABW portal.

#### Membership structure in 2024



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### ABW SERBIA MEETINGS IN 2024

In the current year, numerous events were organized, about which we informed and invited the membership via e-mail:

- \* Election Assembly January
- \* Regular meeting of members and workshop TITANIC SYNDROME how to progress on the waves of change (Tatjana Mamula Nikolić) March
- \* Final ceremony on the occasion of the Girls in ICT Day, National Assembly, April
- \* Regular meeting of members May
- \* Quick business meetings of members June
- \* Masterclass Artificial intelligence in business September
- \* Support program for women's entrepreneurship 2024 UN Women Expo Serbian
- **Chamber of Commerce -** October and November
- \* XVIII Success Flower November
- \* Association of Business Women in Serbia our results, successes and plans December



In the past period, the Board of Directors met on average two to four times a year, as needed, and on an extraordinary basis. The membership is regularly informed about all decisions made at these meetings.



#### **EVENTS IN PICTURES**

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During the previous years, we worked on improving business conditions for SMEs through public advocacy, on strengthening cooperation with local associations, strengthening and expanding local and regional cooperation, promotion and education of young female entrepreneurs, with a special emphasis on the inclusion of women's companies in supply chains, we launched important e-initiatives of the Association: e-IBWC (online International Business Women's Club) and e-ABW, as well as the Summer Entrepreneurship Academy (LEPA)



#### e-ABW





- 23 new members of ABW Serbia
- 2 new members of the Management Board

A new and improved appearance of the visuals on the social networks of ABW Serbia was presented









## The new look of the Instagram page feed and the introduction of new members on the social networks of ABW Serbia

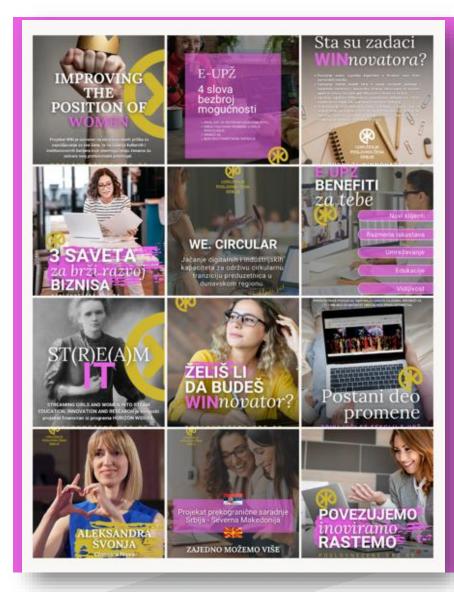
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#### e-ABW





The e-ABW initiative was launched within the project Building organizational capacities for women's business associations and chambers of commerce financed by CIPE / Center for International Private Enterprise. This initiative aims to modernize ABW Serbia by including a greater number of female entrepreneurs operating in the digital domain, integrating digital female entrepreneurs into the association and strengthening its base.





#### Benefiti za naše članice

e-UPŽ, digitalni segment Udruženja poslovnih žena Srbije, pruža ključne prednosti neophodne za uspeh u digitalnom svetu. Od umrežavanja sa drugim preduzetnicama i razmene iskustava do pristupa ekskluzivnim informacijama i edukacijama, e-UPŽ je posvećen osnaživanju, povezivanju i razvoju digitalnih preduzetnica. Naše članice uživaju u mogućnostima kao što su:



**Uspostavljanje baze za saradnju** i dobijanje relevantnih kontakata za privlačenje novih klijenata i kupaca.



Praktična **razmena iskustava, povezivanje** sa drugim udruženjima u zemlji i inostranstvu i pristup raznim benefitima.



Redovni sastanci, konferencije i događaji, koji omogućavaju članicama da se umreže i prošire svoje poslovne vidike.



**Edukativne radionice**, masterclass-ovi i pristup važnim informacijama i istraživanjima.



Posebne pogodnosti, kao i mogućnost za **medijsku i drugu vidljivost** i preporuke.

Popuni formu kako bi izrazila svoje interesovanje	e za e-UPŽ i saznala više	o mogućnostima članstv	
me i prezime			
Zanimanje			
Mejl-adresa			
Broj telefona			

**e-UPŽ** ima za cilj da doprinese razvoju savremenih digitalnih strategija, stvarajući snažnu zajednicu koja podstiče rast i razvoj, ne samo poslovanja, već i pojedinačnih članica.

Pridruži se i ti i budi deo Udruženja za budućnost.

**POSTANI DEO PROMENE** 



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In 2021, we launched an online International Business Women's Club to connect business women from the diaspora and those who want to develop business relationships with entrepreneurs here. So far, the network has been established in Italy, Austria, Malta, Cyprus, Norway, Germany, as well as in the Middle East (UAE).







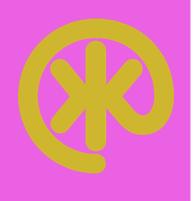


given to the best mentor couples.

#### e-MENTORING

It was created within the framework of the UN Women project Awakening of digital entrepreneurship - from new forms of vulnerability on the labor market to economically empowered women, within the Key steps towards gender equality program, funded by the European Union, and is successfully working online. A large number of mentors, members and non-members, are involved in the work. In 2020, within the Success Flower event awards were





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#### **LEPA ACADEMY**

In the summer of 2023, the LEPA Summer Entrepreneurship Academy was launched, a summer cycle of training on the most current business topics. The plan is to continue the work of LEPA Entrepreneurial Academy of ABW Serbia..





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#### MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- 375 media announcements about the members and work of ABW Serbia
- 11.079 followers on the Facebook page of ABW Serbia
- 4.608 followers on the Instagram page of ABW Serbia
- 1.211 followers on the Linkedin page of ABW Serbia
- **514** followers on the Girls in ICT Day Facebook page
- 258 followers on the the Girls in ICT Instagram page
- **753** followers on the ABW Serbia YouTube channel
- 933 videos on the ABW Serbia YouTube channel
- 232.675 views on ABW Serbia YouTube channel
- 371 followers on the Girls in ICT Day YouTube channel
- 299 videos on the Girls in ICT Day YouTube channel
- 91.156 views on the Girls in ICT Day YouTube channel
- 3.200 subscribers receive free editions of the ABW Newsletter









#### CURRENT PROJECTS 2024

- Bridging the gender and age gap on the labour market through capacity building and promotion of new job opportunities in cross border region CBC job gender and age equalizer EU IPA Program for Serbia and North Macedonia (September 2023 March 2025)
- Boosting digital and industrial capacity for sustainable circular transition of women entrepreneurs in the Danube Region WE. Circular– EU Interreg Danube Region Programme (January 2024 June 2026)
- Impoving the position of Women in the labour markets of peripheral INdustrial regions WIN EU Interreg Danube Region Programme (Januar 2024 jun 2026)























#### CURRENT PROJECTS 2024

- ST(R)E(A)M IT/STREAMING GIRLS AND WOMEN INTO STEAM EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH (January 2024 – December 2026)
- WINnovators "Boosting entrepreneurial and STEM/STEAM capacity of young Women in higher education institutions for sustainable development and INnovation"(December 2021 - November 2024) – EU Erasmus+ Program
- Organizational capacity building for women's business associations and chambers of commerce(September 2023 - April 2024) - CIPE Center for International Private Enterprise
- Women in Digital Transformation and in STEM (Oktober 2024 – March 2025) CIPE Center for International Private Enterprise
- WOMEX 2025 Interreg















## WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM 2024 UN WOMEN EXPO



The EXPO 2024 Women's Entrepreneurship Support Program aimed to promote networking, business opportunities and skills development for women entrepreneurs through several key initiatives.

- 10. 10. an event called Inclusion of female entrepreneurs in economic flow 184 participants attended the event
- 25. 10. Night market
  - 30 entrepreneurs exhibited their products
- 13 25.11. Four online trainings

Key aspects of the business plan – PhD Tatjana Mamula Nikolić

Branding and packaging - Marija Selaković,

**Effective pricing**– Dragica Božinović

**Digital marketing – Manuela Stamatović** 

- on average **45 female entrepreneurs** followed these online trainings



The event is part of a regional initiative to support women's entrepreneurship implemented by the UN Women Agency for Europe and Central Asia starting in 2021.



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