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## **Gender-Responsive Budgeting: Between Desired and Successful Practices of Redistribution of Public Finances at Local, National, and Regional Levels for the Needs of Women and Men**

*30-31 May, 2024 | AUE-FON University, Skopje*

### **DAY 1 - 30.05.2024**

*09:30 - 10:00 Opening*

**Mrs.Irena Ivanova**, Gender Focal Point,  
Delegation of the European Union

**Mrs.Barbara Gruber**, Consul and Counselor,  
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Austria

**Mr.David Muckenhuber**, Counsellor, Head of  
Office, Embassy of the Federal Republic of  
Austria

*10:00-10:30 Keynote speech*

Angela O'Hagen- Introduction from a scholar  
International development trends on GRB

*10:30-12:00 Panel 1*

**National Strategies: Case studies and analyses of  
effective gender-responsive budgeting practices at the  
national level**

Moderator: Angela O'Hagen, GCU, UK

Panelists:

1.Jennifer Curtin - Ebbs, Flows, and Securing Stability.  
Bringing Gender Responsive Budgeting to Aotearoa New  
Zealand

2.Elirjeta Beka- Gender-Responsive Taxation in Kosovo:  
Enhancing Equality through Progressive Policies

3.Mary Pyrgos- Gender Budgeting in Auditor's General  
Office in Cyprus: Achievements and Challenges

4.Merita Poni- Gender responsive budget as a tool for  
gender equality in Albania

*12:00-12:30 Coffee break*



*12:30-14:00 Panel 2*

**Local Initiatives: Successful implementation of gender-responsive budgeting at the local level – section chair**

Moderator: Gloria Alarcón-García, UM ESP

Panelists:

1. Aurélie Arquier, Céline Calve, Isabelle Gueguen, Claudy Vouhe- GRB implementation at a local level in France: opportunities and lessons learned (ZOOM)
2. Pablo Martínez Rico, Irene Bajo, María Concepción Torres Díaz- Implementation and Development of Gender+ Budgeting Strategies: A real experience of collaborative knowledge transfer between the University of Alicante and the Municipality of Novelda through the European Project BUDGET-IT
3. Ljupka Trajanovska- From Policy to Practice: Implementing Gender Responsive Budgeting for Local Priority Transformation
4. Marija Vukovic- Successful Implementation of Gender-Responsive Budgeting at the Provincial Level: The Case Study of Autonomy Province Vojvodina

*14:00-15:30 Lunch break*

*15:30-16:30 Workshop*

**Local Initiatives on Gender Responsive Budgeting**

Moderator: UK WBG-Elizabeth Hind, Samah Kirchah



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## DAY 2 – 31.05.2024

09:30 – 11:00 Panel 3

### **Evaluation and Impact Assessment: Assessing the impact of gender-responsive budgeting initiatives, gender audits initiatives and evaluating their effectiveness**

Moderator: Ana Marija Sikirić Simčić, UR CRO

Panelists:

1. Liljana Jonoski-Towards Gender Justice: Assessing the Impact of Gender-Responsive Budgeting in Local Communities
2. Marija Risteska, Ivana Petriskova-The role of civil society in holding government accountable using gender responsive budgeting tools: A case study from Western Balkans and Moldova
4. Elena Kochoska - Monitoring Impact Report:Through gender lenses: appraising budgets and policies; watchdogging local action plans for gender equality implementation

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Panel 4

### **Challenges and Solutions: Identifying challenges faced in the implementation of gender-responsive budgeting and proposing solutions**

Moderator: Marija Risteska, SEEU MK

Panelists:

1. Ana Marija Sikirić Simčić, Maja Grdinić, Petra Sinovčić- Why is there still no gender-responsive budgeting in Croatia?
2. Aleksandra Vladislavljevic- Challenges and Solutions in Implementing Gender-Responsive Budgeting: A Practitioner's Insight (ZOOM)
3. Daniela Collesi- Suggestions and ideas from the Italian experience of implementing the State Gender responsive budget
4. Marija Vukovic-Towards Gender-Responsive Taxation: Identifying Challenges

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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 Panel 5

## **Innovative Approaches: Exploring innovative methodologies, tools, and technologies for gender-responsive budgeting**

Moderator: Ljupka Trajanovska, CRPM MK

Panelists:

1. Gloria Alarcón-García- Everyday life infrastructure impact on subjective well-being in the European Union: A gender perspective
2. Gulay Gunluk-Senesen- A step forward for gender responsive budgeting: Investment Expenditures (ZOOM)
3. Mersiha Jaskic, Alexandru Gribincea- Illuminating the Issues: EU's External Financing: Delivering on Gender Equality Commitments

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