

The Word of Editor-in-Chief



The second issue of Women's Entrepreneurship and Education has just been presented to readers. A central focus of the current issue is *lifelong learning* and the impact of *female entrepreneurship on economic growth and job creation*. We are focused on lifelong learning because countries with the most participants in life-long learning have the highest rate of employment and the lowest gender employment gap. The topic of 'lifelong learning' gained in importance in the European debates in the 1990s, until it was given a definition by the Commission's Communication of 2001 entitled "*Making a European Area of Lifelong Learning a Reality*". It should be considered for permanent process, so the workforce gets more adaptable for the needs and challenges of the labour market. In terms of these facts it is necessary to obtain the close partnership among universities, companies and research centres. The importance of lifelong learning is pointed out in the paper, "*Problematic Aspects of Women Employment in Slovakia in Comparing with Visegrad Countries*" (Emília Jakubíková and Marianna Siničák).

Female Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth focuses on the role of female entrepreneurship in economic development. A particular emphasis is placed on countries that are in transition from a public-led to a private sector-led economy. While most countries in transition are still navigating their ways through the newly-adopted business environment, for some, there has been a number of adjustments and an increased urgency to re-align their economic policies to adapt to globalization pressures and the new economic order. Contributors to this issue have concluded that women and female-owned enterprises (FOEs) have a significant role in this transition. The papers assembled in this section of the Journal have a wide coverage and have covered recent empirical researches in this field.

I hope this page will inspire you to participate with your original scientific papers. In addition, we will greatly appreciate it if you can distribute the Call for Papers to your colleagues, students and other community members and encourage them to contribute to the Journal.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "prof. dr. Mirjana Radović-Marković".

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