

Female co-operatives

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Association "Women's Center" Uzice, supported by the Regional Development Agency "Zlatibor" through the Private Sector Development Programme in South West Serbia-PSD, during December has held workshops with women from rural areas in the municipalities of Zlatibor County covered by PSD project-Uzice, Arilje, Priboj Prijepolje, Nova Varos.

Workshops were held with the aim of raising the motivation of rural women for associating and raising the awareness of local governments on the need of introducing a gender analysis in municipal budgets

Participants of the meeting and the Representatives of local governments were familiar with the benefits of different forms of association. They were also introduced with the international and domestic legal and political framework of gender analysis, the importance of women's NGOs and their impact on the body for gender equality at national and local level. Attendees had the opportunity to hear more about the examples of successful women who are already associate and jointly appear on the market, and they are a result of activities undertaken by the NGO "Women's Center" Uzice through the programme of economic empowerment of women.

A good turnout of women, government representatives and representative's of Council for Gender Equality, as well as good interest of women to participate actively in the work in terms of making recommendations to decision makers at the local level are the main characteristics of workshops held in all municipalities of Zlatibor County covered by PSD project.