



On 30th March 2012, BPW Sofia in association with the Bulgarian Association of Women Entrepreneurs and the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), organized at the BCCI's head quarters a round table to commemorate the Equal Pay Day.

Mrs Radka Stamenova, president of BPW Sofia, opened the event. In her presentation she depicted the role of women in business both in Bulgaria and around the world. She proposed to the event's participants to unite their efforts and to make proposals to the government and its executive agencies concrete instruments for the achievement of equal pay for both genders, together with the development of the Bulgarian women's entrepreneurship.

Mr Tsvetan Simeonov, chairman of BCCI, emphasized in his welcoming speech that BCCI's policy is concerned with guaranteeing of gender equality in business and entrepreneurship. Mrs Violeta Stanichich, Manager of the European Parliament Information Bureau in Bulgaria, participated in the event. She gave a presentation on the woman's role in entrepreneurship in the context of European and national policies guaranteeing gender equality as far as entrepreneurship is concerned.

Mrs Tania Kmetova, Director of the Centre for Research and Policies related to Women, also shared the challenges which women face in entrepreneurship.

Mrs Stoila Bongalova, chairwoman of the Bulgarian Fund for Women, presented on the role of non-Governmental organizations in supporting women's entrepreneurship.

Mrs Stanimira Hadjimitova, Director of Gender Project for Bulgaria, chairwoman of the Board Committee at the Bulgarian Fund for Women, presented the Istanbul indicators measuring the policy undertaken to encourage women's entrepreneurship in a given country.

Representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, also took part in the event. They invited the Bulgarian Association of Women Entrepreneurs and the other non-Governmental organizations, which participated at the round table, to a meeting whereby the establishment of national platforms of non-governmental organizations in women's entrepreneurship, organization of seminars, educational programmes etc., as well as the development of the Programme for Development of Women's Entrepreneurship, would be discussed.