**The League of Professional Women (LPW) Organizational Resume – UKRANE**

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| **C:\Users\Olena\Pictures\Лого-инет.png** | **The League of Professional Women (LPW) is a Ukrainian non-governmental, non-profit organization** set up in **1997**. LPW head office is based in Kyiv, Ukraine and LPW network has representatives in Western (group leader is base in Ivano-Frankovsk) and Eastern (group leader is base in Kharkov) part of Ukraine. |

LPW unites representatives of business, science, education, mass media and public spheres. The LPW promotes the active role of women in the economic and society's life of Ukraine, through networking, informational& cultural support, learning and professional development. The LPW values are gender equality, life-long learning and social responsibility. Core project`s subjects there are: Women`s economic **empowerment** (includingWomen's Entrepreneurship), SME Development (SME Learning Needs, Internationalization), CSR, Lifelong Learning (non-formal adult education, senior adult learning, study & providers of the adults education) and Gender equality. In total, LPW received 15 small grants for their core activities areas (main donors: **Canadian Fund of Local Initiatives Support at Canadian Embassy in Ukraine), Democracy Grant Program of the US Embassy in Ukraine, dvv international,** etc.)

**LPW Advocacy Activities:** at national level (in focus: women economic empowerment and gender in education) **in Parliament of Ukraine,** with some government institutions such as **Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, Ministry of Economic Policy, Ministry of Education and Sciences** etc. LPW created the “Adult Education Working Group” (2010-2011) <http://lpw.org.ua/en/adult_education/national_group/> in Ukraine. Public outcomes of this LPW group`s there are **analytical report** and policy paper on Non-formal Adult Education in Ukraine <http://lpw.org.ua/ua/adult_education/researches_on_AE/>, t**wo peer learning events** <http://lpw.org.ua/en/life_story_journal/>? and **advocacy activities** with successful result on the national level (including first definition of the “Non-formal Adult Education” at the legal framework in Ukraine (on base of Law of Ukraine “Professional Development of the Employees”, 2011). Currently is active of the **LPW Initiative Group on Supporting Women Entrepreneurship in Ukraine (**LPW IG SWE, since 2013).

LPW has membership network and includes active members from Ukraine. LPW has membership in the UN Global Compact and Karat Coalition. Learn more about us, who are our members/advisers, become a member or adviser [www.lpw.org.ua](http://www.lpw.org.ua/) e-mails: [lpw.network@gmail.com](mailto:lpw.network@gmail.com), [lpw\_network@i.ua](mailto:lpw_network@i.ua)

***LPW Actions in the field of women`s economic empowerment (WEE) & women’s entrepreneurship (WE) development in Ukraine***

***Background WEE activities there were****:*

\* In 2006-2008 two small grant projects on CSR. In the LPW web read more in Ukrainian and English on LPW Projects on **CSR issues** –at http://lpw.org.ua/en/CSR\_projects/? One of the outcomes of these projects was established long-term partnership with **UN Global Compact** (LPW official jointed UN GC since 2012). LPW is first Ukrainian women NGO who is member UN Global Compact and UN GC Network in Ukraine.

\* In May 2006 Olena Lazorenko, LPW President & ICC Director is**first Ukrainian Fellow at US Department of State, Fortune’s** MOST Powerful Women and Vital Voices Global Partnership Women Mentorship Program in the USA.

\*In 2011-2012 contribution to the **SME Policy Index.** Eastern Partnership Countries (2011-2012) OECD, European Union, European Training Foundation, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Published by: OECD Publishing, 01 Nov 2012 <http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ukraine/press_corner/all_news/news/2013/2013_02_19_1_en.htm> LPW Role: contributor (November, 2011), discussion participator (March, 2012)

\*In 2010-2012 LPW conducted field studies **(**2 focus groups and 1 small group discussion) and prepared **Analytical Paper** (2012) **on Training Needs Analysis of Women Representatives of SME in Ukraine** in Russian. Role: LPW is project implementer, Author: Dr. Olena Lazorenko, ordering by IFC (World Bank group) for internal use.

\*In November 2012 took part in the **ETF conference on “Towards Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills**” during the Global Entrepreneurship Week, Brussels <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=618>

\* In 2012 Anna Danylyuk, UN Global Compact Network Coordinatorin Ukraine,took part in the Vital Voices-Poland Eurasia mentorship program.

\*Since 2000 LPW regular annual services in women`s career development. See more: <http://lpw.org.ua/en/service/>

## In June 18, 2013, LPW/ICC (Ukraine) took part in the Webinar on Diversity and Gender Equity as an Investment Opportunity. United Nations Global Compact organized this webinar on the Women’s Empowerment Principles. Webinar`s presentations conducted by UN Global Compact, UN Women, Catalyst, Pax World Investments and Calvert Investments. <http://www.linkedin.com/groupItem?view=&gid=2479736&type=member&item=251147447&qid=513d6dc8-9df2-4f72-937f-560a3929904f&goback=%2Egna_2479736>

**2013 – Ongoing activities on WE**

**LPW Initiative Group on Supporting Women Entrepreneurship in Ukraine (**LPW IG SWE) **launched in 2013** by the Ukrainian NGO "League of Professional Women" (LPW), as follow up 2012 ETF conference on “Towards Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills” during the Global Entrepreneurship Week in Brussels (see more <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=618> ). Dr.Olena Lazorenko and Mrs.Valentina Leghka, LPW Board members, founded this female entrepreneurial community. As for today, there are 70+ female and several male participators of the LPW IG SWE in Ukraine. The **2013 Brief** LPW IG SWEyou can see by link<http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=642>

There are several different types of activities via LPW IG SWE: **information, networking, learning, advocacy and research**. For example:

**Share information\ networking** -FB base group WE<http://www.facebook.com/groups/189478497881158/>

**LPW IG SWE Advocacy:**

In October 2013: Olena Lazorenko, President of the League of Professional Women took part in parliamentary hearings (October 16, 2013) on gender issues. Lazorenko addressed the need for the economic empowerment for women in Ukraine and emphasized that a proposed new policy on this issue should include access to credit and business training programs. (See more at CIPE Update on Key Activities Eurasia August – October 2013) and <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=640>

In March - November 2014: LPW cases on "Women and economy" (p.35) included by the Ministry of the Social Policy of Ukraine to the UKRAINE NATIONAL REVIEW Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. See more: <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=643> & <http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/Gender/publication/NV111.07_att1_att2_att3_merged.pdf> November 6-7, 2014 : LPW activities was presented by Olena Lazorenko, LPW IG SWE Leader at UN Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva in November 6-7, 2014. February 11, 2015: Olena Lazorenko, President of the League of Professional Women took part in experts` group meeting under Ukraine Parliament’s sub - committee on gender issues.

LPW IG SWE **Networking \Learning events**

April 19, 2013 in Kyiv - Networking Meeting of the Consultants and SMEs within the Initiative "Women in Business" of the EBRD BAS Programme;

April 2013 during International Women Forum: "Women entrepreneurs: new driving force Ukrainian economy?" sponsored by US Embassy in Ukraine, Anna Danylyuk & Olena Lazorenko presented information about LPW Initiative Group on Supporting Women Entrepreneurship in Ukraine <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=629>

November 20, 2013: LPW Annual Meeting on Inspiring Women: equality for Entrepreneurship and Public Sphere in Ukraine in the framework of the Global Entrepreneurship Week [http://lpw.org.ua/en/reports/ 11\_2013/](http://lpw.org.ua/en/reports/%2011_2013/) **Within the framework of the Global Entrepreneurship Week the League of Professional Women, KPMG Ukraine, ICC and METRO Ukraine shared stories of Women Who Inspire.** [http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/? pid=641](http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=641)

October 30, 2014: the League of Professional Women (LPW) in partnership with Kyiv Alumni Resource Center, ACC Ukraine and ICC Ltd. organized the annual meeting and brought together women-entrepreneurs from all over Ukraine to discuss "**Ideas that unite: expanding the network of contacts**". <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=648>

LPW IG SWE **Research**

Research paper publication: **Lazorenko, Olena (2014). Women`s SMEs in Different National Contexts \\** “Innovative SMEs by Gender and Age Around the Mare Balticum, Hansea Parliament & the Baltic Sea Academy, Hamburg <http://www.amazon.de/Innovative-SMEs-Gender-around-Balticum/dp/3735791190/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1395667409&sr=8-1&keywords=innovative+Smes+by+gender>

LPW is information partner for KPMG in 2014 Survey ‘Working Women in Ukraine” <http://lpw.org.ua/en/news/?pid=645> and <https://www.kpmg.com/UA/en/IssuesAndInsights/ArticlesPublications/Press-Releases/Pages/working-women-in-ukraine-survey.aspx>

Results of this Survey in Ukrainian you can see by link <https://www.kpmg.com/UA/uk/IssuesAndInsights/ArticlesPublications/Press-Releases/Pages/working-women-in-ukraine-survey-resuits-2014.aspx>