



More than 200 women across Europe have benefitted from BADGE

“The training gave me confidence that I can go ahead with my business.” (Bulgarian participant)

The BADGE project is sadly coming to an end across Europe with over 200 women from disadvantaged backgrounds receiving training to develop their skills to become their own boss.

There were a variety of workshops available covering the following “How to...” topics:

1. Set up and run a business from home
2. Understand if I am suited to working for myself
3. Balance a busy home life & run a business
4. Manage the move from employment to self-employment
5. Set up and run a retail business
6. Increase self-confidence & self belief to start-up

7. Set up in business after redundancy
8. Set up and run a family business
9. Set up and run a business if you're not from the UK
10. Set up and run a business if you've been out of the job market



The workshops took place across 8 different European countries and the feedback was highly positive:

“It was great to learn that redundancy can be a positive thing for your future and personal development. With such a positive approach I plan to change my life and to start to work for myself.”

(Lithuanian participant)

**Feel like you are missing out?
Register on the BADGE e-learning
platform for free!**

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Considering becoming self-employed but not sure where to start? You can access the BADGE workshops in 8 languages for free and complete the course in your own time as well as gain a certificate for successful completion.



Celebrating Success at the Final Conference in Athens

After two years of hard work the implementing partners of BADGE came together for one final time to celebrate their successes at a final international conference.

We were honoured to attend the event on Wednesday 30th September at the fabulous President Hotel in Athens, Greece, with around 50 participants. The audience came from a

variety of backgrounds and included female entrepreneurs, mentoring organisations and trainers amongst others.

The day started with Dr Antonia Torrens, Chairperson of the lead partner's, KMOP, Board of Directors giving a welcome speech and highlighting the achievements of the BADGE consortium. This was followed by further presentations by different members of the consortium which covered various aspects of the programme such as the e-learning platform, the European situation of self-employed women and soft skills development through the action learning methodology employed by the BADGE workshops.

A fantastic array of Greek guest speakers included:

- **Popi Sourmaidou**, the Vice-President of 'Ergani', a knowledge and services centre for women as well as President of Women in Networks, Greece

- **Sofia Ekonomakou**, President of the National Chamber Network of Greek Women Entrepreneurs

- **Dr. Grigorios Panteloglou**, Director of Intermediate Management Department, National Institute of Employment and Human Resources

All were very well received by the audience with many discussion ensuing.

Want to know more or implement the workshops yourself?

Get in touch with Carolyn at Inova for more information on how you can be trained to facilitate the workshops yourself!

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