

# European Region Entrepreneurship Connection EFEB Network

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## Research results

In the framework of the project all partners conducted research on current situation on women entrepreneurship in their countries.

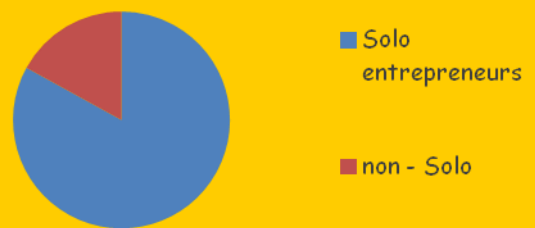
They sent questionnaires to the experts and project target groups to know their opinion and needs.

In current Newsletter we will present results from Lithuania.

## LITHUANIA

In Lithuania, around 39% of all entrepreneurs are women compared to 31% in the EU-28. The vast majority of these women entrepreneurs (83%) are solo entrepreneurs. Women entrepreneurs constitute about 7% of the women in the active labour force (entrepreneurship rate). This is lower than the EU-28 average entrepreneurship rate (10%). The proportion of men entrepreneurs of men in the active labour force in Lithuania (12%) is also lower than the EU-28 average.

### Women entrepreneurs



Most women entrepreneurs in Lithuania work full-time. In 2012, about 24% of women entrepreneurs worked part-time in their enterprise and this percentage was lower than the EU-28 average (30%). In 2011, the highest proportion of women entrepreneurs of the total number of entrepreneurs in a sector was in the sector group of wholesale and retail trade. The lowest proportion was in construction. Compared to the EU-28, the percentages were higher in wholesale and retail trade, and manufacturing.

In Lithuania, women entrepreneurs are slightly older than men entrepreneurs. In 2012, the proportion in the age group 25-49 years was lower, and the proportions in the groups of 50-64 years and 65 years and over, were higher. Women entrepreneurs in the EU-28 are younger than men entrepreneurs.

The average education level of women entrepreneurs is slightly higher than that of men entrepreneurs. Compared to the total EU, women entrepreneurs in Lithuania are also higher educated.

In 2012, the average working week for women entrepreneurs in Lithuania was 37 hours (36 hours in the EU-28). Part-time women entrepreneurs worked on average 24 hours, which was longer than the average for part-time women entrepreneurs in the EU-28 (18 hours).

Also, the mean net income of women entrepreneurs (€5,183) was lower than that of men entrepreneurs (€5,866) in Lithuania. Compared to women entrepreneurs in EU-28, the income of the Lithuanian women entrepreneurs is significantly lower.

## MEET A PARTNER

### PARTNER 2 – Vši Socialinių Inovacijų Centras (SIC), Lithuania



### SIC goals

1. Information, non-formal education and training for professionals, volunteers, social partners, various social groups and public on the most relevant social problems' issues
2. Promotion and active participation in social initiatives facilitating various innovative solutions of social integration for socially vulnerable groups, strengthening their self-involvement in decision making processes and active social participation
3. Creation, development, implementation and evaluation of social innovation solutions in regional, national and international context
4. Implementation of various scientific and practical activities for development of solutions for social innovation



Centre for Social Innovations was established in 2008 in **SIAULIAI** for the purpose to promote, create, develop and implement innovative social initiatives, and satisfy interests those social groups who have fewer opportunities and as organisation of such profile grow, develop and become regional leader.

Social innovations - new social ideas, thoughts, decisions, strategies, concepts, models, methods of work, activities. Their goal - the strengthening of public welfare, effective solving of social challenges and problems as well as inducement and facilitation of positive social changes.

Centre for Social Innovations gives all its efforts and works in close partnership with local, national and international partners, interested organizations, public authorities and various social groups in order to support and promote the solutions for social welfare of those who are in the most relevant need, in Lithuania and EU.

### SIC Projects

- ✓ [Theatre Art for education, Personal Development and European Citizenship](#)
- ✓ [Active job placement of disadvantaged women in the field of White Jobs \(Residential and Assisted Living Care\) - CAREMPLOY](#)
- ✓ [Coaching skills for VET teachers for developing soft skills, key horizontal competences and entrepreneurship skills in VET students \(KEYCOACH\)](#)
- ✓ [Developing and Providing the Achievement of the Key Competencies in Young Adults that Employers Require When Recruiting \(E-FOLIO\)](#)

## EFEB TEAM MEMBERS AT SIC

### SIC Team

In the Centre works professional, competent and motivated team of specialists. Our organization employs the specialists of social work and other social sciences, practitioners, experts, scientists, students-trainees and volunteers.

In order to realize the aims and objectives of the Centre, we pursue various social activities. Competent experts, consultants and social partners are included in the activity of the Centre; we bring together scientists from various science institutions of Lithuania and European Union.

All scientists have a solid practical experience in various fields of our target, such as implementation social researches, provision and quality of social services, non-formal educational and training, project management etc.

### Project team

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## ABOUT ŠIAULIAI

### Šiauliai

Šiauliai is the 4th biggest Lithuanian city located in North Lithuania. There are approximately 130000 inhabitants living in the 81 km<sup>2</sup> area of the city.

Šiauliai City is famous for its 7 Sun Objects, that symbolize the regeneration of Lithuanian culture and language, enlightening, the Battle of Sun and the beauty of the Sun City. The 7 objects include the sculpture of Daylight, the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, the Sun Clock Square, the stained glass named "The Battle of Sun" in the cinema and culture center "The Sun", the monument for the Battle of Sun at a Salduvė park, the fountain called "The Sun Disks" and finally the famous Cock Clock square which is an usual place for romantic dates or objective meets as it is even generally initiated to locate the meeting saying "we`ll see you at a Cock".

Nowadays Šiauliai is considered to be one of the main cities in Lithuania which is active in modern developing. Šiauliai already has a modern sports arena, an airport, usually used for military purposes, in the future the city is planing to have a well developed industry park.



The **Šiauliai boulevard** is one of the oldest and longest boulevards in Europe. While walking the Šiauliai boulevard people see the little architecture objects like marvelous fountains and interesting sculptures. Šiauliai homes number of museums like the Museum of Bicycles, Photography, Radio and TV, Railway, Police, Firemen and even Cats museum. In addition to this, Šiauliai includes art galleries like 7 Colors, An Eye, the Stairs Gallery, the main Šiauliai Art Gallery.

The lovers of architecture may delight the unique churches of renaissance and neo-byzantine styles. A very famous sightseeing place is the **Hill of Crosses** where not only the unique hill is worth attention but also the monastery of Brothers Franciscans – a cosy spiritual home established near the Hill of Crosses.

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