

# GENDER BUDGET WATCHDOG NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING AND GRB COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

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# GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

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25-26 August 2026  
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Conference opening:  
CONFERENCE HOST



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Conference opening:  
Keynote speeches



**MARIJA  
RISTESKA**

Executive Directress of  
CRPM,  
Regional Directress of  
GBWN



**NIKOLCHE  
JANKULOVSKI**

Deputy Minister of  
Finance  
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University of Essex,  
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Centre for Economic Justice,  
Glasgow Caledonian  
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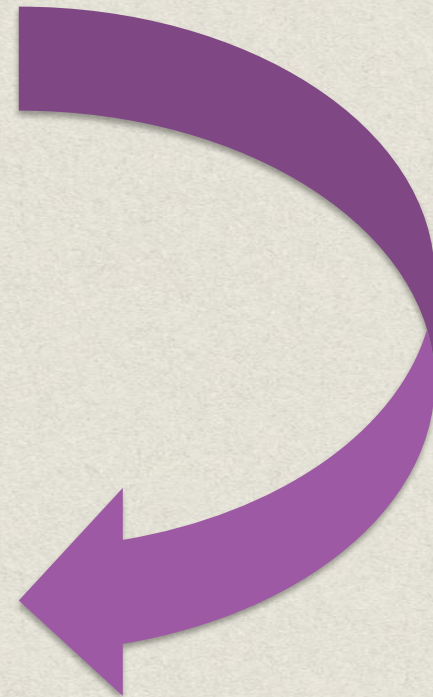
**DAVID  
MUCKENHUBER**

Head of Regional  
Coordination Office of the  
Austrian Embassy for  
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# GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING

## GRB Impact Award



**GRB Impact Award** recognizes outstanding initiatives that demonstrate how **Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)** can advance gender equality, improve public spending, strengthen accountability, and create lasting impact for communities

## GRB Impact Award

**Category:** **Climate Financing and Gender-Responsive Climate Action**



Initiatives that **integrate gender analysis into climate-related budgeting, investments, and policies**, ensuring climate finance responds to the needs of women and vulnerable communities

*Thank for all the great work done in advancing GRB!*

## GRB Impact Award

**Category:** Gender Responsive Budgeting for Resilience and Crisis Response



Initiatives that **use GRB approaches to strengthen resilience, social protection, recovery efforts, and responses to economic, social, health, or environmental challenges.**

*Thank for all the great work done in advancing GRB!*

## GRB Impact Award

Category: **Gender Responsive Budgeting for Vulnerable Groups**



Initiatives that strengthen **monitoring of public spending**, citizen engagement and accountability mechanisms through **GRB including the most vulnerable groups**.

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## GRB Impact Award

**Category:** Innovation in Gender Responsive Budgeting, Policy Making



Initiatives that **improve gender-responsive planning**, budgeting, service delivery, community access and improved financing for women/girls.

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## GRB Impact Award

### Category: **BEST REGIONAL IMPACT**



Initiatives that applied GRB tools, evidence-based research, policy advocacy, stakeholder consultations, and budget dialogue and **had a ripple effect in the other countries around the region.**

*Thank for all the great work done in advancing GRB!*

## Panel 1: Financing the Care Economy through Gender-Responsive Budgeting



**GLORIA  
ALARCÓN-  
GARCÍA**

Universidad de  
Murcia

*Moderator*



**MARIJA  
RISTESKA**



**DANICA  
JOVANOVIC**



**THERA VAN  
OSCH**



**ANKA  
VUKIĆEVIĆ**



**VLADIMIR  
PETRONIJEVIC**

# Parallel workshops

## Interactive Workshop 1:

(only in English)

Gender-Sensitive Research and Data - why is the collaboration between CSOs and academia crucial? (Lund University)

## Interactive Workshop 2:

Who Pays, Who Benefits? A GRB Advocacy Lab on the Revenue Side of Budgets (Marija Vukovic)

## Panel 2: University–CSO Collaboration for Gender-Equal Societies



**MAGNUS  
RING**

Lund University  
*Moderator*



**ELISA  
BELLESI**



**ROZETA  
PASKALI**



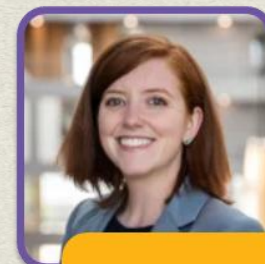
**ELONA  
DHËMBO**



**LILJANA  
JONOSKI**



**SABRINA  
BLASI**



**KATHLEEN  
STEPHENSON**

# Interactive Workshop

Design of a "Gender Equality Research Hub" for University-CSO Collaboration Model: How to create a comprehensive partnership model between universities and CSOs?

(Lund University and CRPM)



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## Panel 3: Gender-Responsive Climate Finance and Just Transition



**ZLATKO  
SAMARDJIEV**  
former UNDP  
GEF  
*Moderator*



**IOANA  
BORZA**



**ANKITA  
CHADHA**



**ALEXANDRU  
GRIBINCEA**



**MIGENA  
NAKO**



**LUDMILA  
CIOCAN**



**MARIJA  
VUKOVIC**

## Panel 4: Financing Women's Entrepreneurship and the Women's Economy



**KRISTINA  
MISHEVA**

University Goce  
Delchev Shtip  
*Moderator*



**ANA LOJIĆ**



**MERSIHA  
JASKIĆ**



**ALEKSANDRA  
NIKOLIC**



**NERMA  
ČOLAKOVIĆ-  
PRGUDA**



**ISKRA  
AKIMOVSKA  
MALETIC**