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European Parliament
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Rue Wiertz, 60
Bruxelles

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h. 15 – 18:30

Please confirm your attendance and register
by contacting Prof. Marcella Corsi
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The book “*Donne e microfinanza: Uno sguardo ai paesi del Mediterraneo*” is published by *Aracne editrice* and it is available on-line at

<http://www.aracneeditrice.it>

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Women and Microfinance

Tools for a Fair Development



In the light of measures recently adopted by the European Parliament for a European initiative to develop microfinance to stimulate growth and jobs, the conference organised by the *Sapienza* University of Rome and hosted by the ALDE, will focus on the role of microfinance from a European perspective.

Speakers will be invited to react to the topics covered in the book *Donne e microfinanza: Uno sguardo ai paesi del mediterraneo (Women and Microfinance: A Look at the Mediterranean Countries)*, edited by Marcella Corsi.

This work explores the socio-economic impact of microfinance programmes carried out in some Mediterranean countries, drawing on the results of a research carried out by the Fondazione Risorsa Donna during the International Year of Microcredit (2005).

Each chapter concentrates on a different geographical area: European countries (Spain, Italy and France), Arabic countries of North Africa (with particular emphasis on Egypt) and the Balkans.

Speakers:

Ms Patrizia Toia,

Member of the European Parliament (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe – ALDE)

Mr Zsolt László Becsey, *

Member of the European Parliament (EPP), *rapporteur* for the Parliament on the recommendations to the Commission in relation to the European initiative for the development of microcredit to stimulate growth and jobs

Mr Andrea Nardone,

Secretary General, Fondazione Risorsa Donna

Mr Fabrizio Botti,

Research fellow, *Sapienza* University of Rome

**to be confirmed*

Ms Stefanie Laemmermann,

Programme Manager, European Microfinance Network

Mr Tommaso Rondinella,

Coordinator, of *Sbilanciamoci* Campaign

The conference will be chaired by Ms.

Marcella Corsi, Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Statistics of the *Sapienza* University of Rome and member of the Scientific Committee of the Fondazione Risorsa Donna.

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