

## Empowering Women and Driving Change: Gender Equality Workshop and Roundtable

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The Faculty of Management at the University of Primorska hosted a highly impactful workshop and policy roundtable on November 14, 2024. This event, part of the AGRIGEP project, brought together key stakeholders to discuss gender equality and women's empowerment in higher education and broader societal frameworks.

### Event Overview

The roundtable, facilitated by Dr. Maxime Forest of Yellow Window, featured distinguished speakers, including:

- **Dr. Kristina Žagar Soderžnik** (President of the Commission for Equal Opportunities in Science, Slovenia),
- **Dr. Boris Jerman** (Head of Legal Department, Port of Koper, Slovenia),
- **Dr. Aurelia Calabrò** (Director, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Division at UNIDO),
- **Dr. Janez Rogelj** (Slovenian Ministry of Economy, Tourism, and Sport), and
- **Nadia Cigale** (Head of the Slovenian-Cameroon Business Club).

Each speaker brought unique insights, sharing success stories and challenges faced while promoting gender equality in their respective sectors. Discussions emphasized the critical role of universities in achieving sustainable development goals and fostering inclusive policies.

### Key Outcomes

- **Knowledge Sharing:** Presentations highlighted innovative strategies and practical measures for integrating gender equality into academic, business, and policy frameworks.
- **Collaborative Opportunities:** UNIDO extended an invitation to expand AGRIGEP's reach through joint regional initiatives and consultations to share best practices globally.
- **Sustainability Commitments:** Stakeholders reviewed AGRIGEP's achievements and emphasized the importance of maintaining its momentum beyond the project's conclusion.

## Stakeholder Reflections

Dr. Calabrò lauded the roundtable as a significant step toward empowering women in underrepresented sectors, especially through education and technology. Meanwhile, Dr. Žagar Soderžnik stressed the necessity of continuous institutional efforts to create equitable environments.

## Looking Ahead

As the AGRIGEP project continues, its commitment to fostering gender equality remains unwavering. Future plans include further international collaborations, conferences, and consultations aimed at amplifying its impact on global policy and education systems.

## AGRIGEP Beneficiaries:

### WIDENING PARTNERS

- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE), **Coordinator**
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU)
- University of Primorska (UP)

### MENTORING PARTNERS

- Yellow Window (YW)
- Association of Hungarian Women in Science (NATE)
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC)

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