

**Award Winners Announced;**  
**2002 UNECE Excellent Women Entrepreneurs**  
**41 candidates from 20 countries**

***FINALISTS IN START-UP CATEGORY***

**Bekkujieva Aliya**

- Provides services in 36 branches employing 110 persons including nearly 100 women in Atyrau (Kazakhstan);
- Head of the Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers;
- Winner of the Best Entrepreneur of the Decade contest.

**Katharina Elisabeth Lemm**

**Solo-proprietor of Content GmbH (Hamburg, Germany)**

- She works together with a network of experts in the area of accounting, finance, controlling and marketing
- Member of the Board of Hamburg Division of the Union of German Women Entrepreneurs

**Israilova Ratkan**

**Credit Union Kairat-Bol“ (Uzhen and Osh regions, Kyrgyzstan)**

- Utilising her experience and work skill gained at a dairy plant, she created a Credit Union oriented to improving the life conditions of low and medium social class populations, especially of single mothers and women with large family.
- Chairperson of the Credit Union “Karait-Boal” in Kyrgyzstan.

**Starovoit Tatiana Konstantinovna (Republic of Belarus)**

- Small-scale enterprise with innovative approaches in difficult economic situation in Sologorsk (Republic of Belarus)
- Active role in the society

***FINALISTS IN MOST INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURS CATEGORY***

**Martirosyan Naira Ashotovna**

**Tyres company DOGHAGORTS (Yerevan, Armenia)**

- She managed streamlining and restructuring the company Doghagorts & established QMS;
- Member of the Vice-Prime Minister Women Council of Armenia and Member of the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Armenia

**Omarova Mensulu Aukanova**

**TOO ChF “Azamat-Kokshetau” (Kazakshtan)**

- Owner of trade centre “Globus” with 70 employments in automobile, oil and grain businesses;
- Best enterprise award of the Republic managed by women.

**Bolgova Nina Petrovna**

**Owner and Managing Director of HLEB Ltd (Tver, Russian Federation)**

- The company HLEB (Bread) Ltd. employs 1000 people and producing 65 assortments of bread;
- The enterprise received the Platinum Quality Award of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century from the Government of the Russian Federation for achievement of the highest quality bakery products.

**Meltem Kurtsan**

**Global Leader of Tomorrow**

**KURSTAN PHARMACEUTICALS(Istanbul, Turkey)**

- She is well-known for its innovative behaviour in the production of state-of-the-art medicine and health-care products;
- Finalist of the Technology Award contest in 2000, 2001 and 2002;
- Member of the Turkish Businessmen Association, the Istanbul Chamber of Industry, the Young Presidents Organizations and others.

**Feryal Menemenli**

**Founder of DOGA company (Istanbul, Turkey)**

- Producers 100 natural and preservative-free food for 13 years certified in accordance of the ISO 9001;
- Member of the Turkish Industrialists and Businessmen Association, founder and board member of the Women Entrepreneurs Association.

***FINALISTS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CATEGORY***

**Claudine Cassar**

**Creator & Director of the ALERT Communication Ltd (Malta)**

- One of the most successful web-development agency in Malta;
- Founder of the Youth for Internet Award competition;
- Council Member of the Malta Institute for Managements, Member of the National Council of Women and member of Malta Association of Women in Business.

**Sanja Penic**

**Owner & Manager of DIGERA d.o.o. (Zagreb, Croatia)**

- Assists SMEs to use IT by providing access to Internet and other IT applications;
- She participates in the activities of KRUG, the Croatian Business Women Association and advises LOBI & NGO from Samobor city on Promotion and Development of Small Businesses and Self-employment.

**Zmushko Zoya Nikolaevna**

**Businesscenter in Mozyr (Gomel Region, Republic of Belarus)**

- IT-base consultation services for SMEs.
- Member of the Presidium of the Committee of Women of the Mozyr City, Member of the Board of Directors of the Kuniavskij Union of Belarussian Entrepreneurs.
- She actively participates in awareness campaigns for women.

**GONCA KARAKAS****Ailem.com (Istanbul, Turkey)**

- Unique portal providing free health consultancy to every Turkish-speaking people. It offers more than 40,000 pages literature for more than 85,000 registered women world-wide;
- Voluntary networking with more than 200 Turkish physicians.

**FINALISTS IN CRAFTS****Agamirzoeva Fatima Ayibkhan****Aygun company (Quaba, Azerbaijan)**

- The company began specializing in carpet business, the current core business, 5 years ago. It has 18 master carpet-makers as permanently employed plus 6 workers at home and 24 students as part-time workers;
- Head of the Azerbaijan Confederation of Businesspeople' Mission in Northern Region, Head of the Disabled Women Society & Chief Consultant of the Center for Assistance to Women and Family Businesses.

**Ayla Demirbas****Owner and entrepreneur of the Ayla Cryiz Co. (Zonguldak, Turkey)**

- She started her business in a small town with high unemployment rate by employing mainly housewives for production handwork products in the field of traditional embroidery and lace work;
- She became the symbol of the new Turkish entrepreneurial generation representing a social responsible entrepreneurship.

**Salimova Makhfuza Hamidovna****Director & Owner of the Sadbard handicraft business (Bukhara, Uzbekistan)**

- She managed a youth center "Sadbarg", a private organization, which very shortly employs 160 workers producing gold embroidery, stitching embroidery & making national puppets crafts;
- She created lot of new jobs & contributed to employment in a rural area.

**FINALISTS IN BEST ENTREPRENEURSHIP FACING CHALLENGES OF DISABILITY****Kerstin Lundström****Octopus Demens AB (Uppsala, Sweden)**

- President of the Octopus Demens AB offering for people suffering in Dementia
- Awarded by the "Best Owner of a Small Company" at the Uppsala Prefecture in 1998.

**Leona Szy****Owner and founder of the Kiskapu company (Budapest, Hungary)**

- Being a Teacher in Mathematics, in 1979 she suffered an accident at her school. After surgery she was not able to continue her job. Started to work as a street vender selling book, in 1991, created her bookselling and publishing company, which became a leading book-publishing company in the field of IT technology;
- She carries out caritas activities supporting handicapped children.

**Aristova Svetlana Mikailovna**

**Education and R&D Center (Kudymkar Permian Komi, Russian Federation)**

- She created a private education institute to transform disabled people to gain skills and allow them to return into the labour market.

***FINALISTS IN CATEGORY OF 3R: REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE***

**Leontina Doroiman**

**Manager and Owner of the Canepa Romaneasca (Timisoara, Romania)**

- From 1997 firm was promoting the concept of ecological clothing from natural fibres: hemp, linen, cotton, wool and Romanian traditions
- The company collaborates with Agricultural Research Facility in Lovrin

**Tsarukyan Roza Levonovna**

**Director of the Tsarukyan GK Ltd in Kotayk (Armenia)**

- Farm produces natural organic goods and it is participating in the contest on receiving a special medal for eco-production, organised by the State Committee on Standards.
- She received Gold Medal of the fund of World Women Forum, Switzerland, FAO Special Prize in Holland, 2000, & several FAO Quality Certificates.

**Erzsébet Strébely**

**Owner & Managing Director of the ForEnviron Services Ltd. (Budapest, Hungary)**

- Environmental and engineering consulting services, that provides assistance to municipalities and public service providers;
- She is designing a complex PR program which will provide useful assistance in achieving the aims of the wastewater treatment project;
- Member of Chamber of Civil Engineers, Member of National Society of Conservationists & Member of Hungarian Engineers & Architects