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## FINAL CONFERENCE

### Women working in agriculture as shapers of European democracy The experience on the BRIGHT project

23 February 2022 | 9:30-13:00 CET

Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali  
Via XX Settembre, Rome, Italy

The Final Conference aims to showcase BRIGHT's learnings to further promote the adoption of a European framework to protect the rights of women facing exclusion in the agriculture sector.

The final conference will explore:

- The obstacles to participation and the full enjoyment of rights **mobile EU women agricultural workers** face.
- **The role of public services to respond to the needs of this group of women** through leadership, empowerment, and co-programming of services.
- **The need for a European framework for the rights of EU Mobile Citizens rights.**

The Final Conference will be held in a blended modality to ensure maximum participation. The conference will be in Italian. Simultaneous translation will be provided in English.

To physically attend the conference, please register at the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/U2UBkongcMia6GrS8>

To take part in the Final conference online please follow this link to register yourself:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcO2ggT4pHdJT0y8JWv28JuVr1yb4Xo5>

**9:30-9:45** Welcome remarks and introduction ActionAid Italy and ALDA

**9:45-10:30** **SESSION 1: The rights of EU mobile women workers in agriculture: from exclusion to participation**

Chairperson: Grazia Valentino, CREA-PB (Italy)

The needs of women working in the Italian Ionian Arc area: A snapshot, Barbara Forcina, CREA-PB (Italy)

Life and working conditions of Bulgarian women: The testimony of the BRIGHT local labour mediators, Stanimira Hadjimitova, CSCD, (Bulgaria)

The leadership and the empowerment of women exploited in agriculture in Italy, Grazia Moschetti, ActionAid (Italy)

Conclusions: Mariagrazia Giammarinaro, Retired judge and former UN Special rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children (TBC)

**10:30-11:15** **SESSION 2: Empowerment and participation of women in agriculture in the co-development of community welfare services**

Chairperson: Pasquale Bonasora, Labsus

The impact of correct information for women leaving their countries of origin, Irina Sorescu, CPE (Romania)

Agriculture Women's Manifesto: A call for gender-sensitive community welfare services in the Ionian Arc, the BRIGHT leaders & CIDIS Onlus (TCB)

The role of local authorities in enhancing EU women's rights, Vito Parisi, Major of the Municipality of Ginosola (Apulia)

**11:15-11:45** *Coffee break*

**11:45-12:45** **ROUNDTABLE: A participatory approach to preventing exploitation and strengthening protection**

Chairperson: Maria Carmela Macrì, CREA-PB

Social conditionality as a tool to counteract undeclared work and illegal exploitation for women's rights, Andrea Battiston, Ministry of Agriculture, Italy (TBC).

Catia Zumpano: the role of the National Rural Network to integrate a gender approach in the Rural Development policy

The role of integrated international policies to improve the inclusion of migrant women employed in agriculture, Beatrice Gerli, IFAD coordinator for the Joint Programme Economic empowerment of rural women (TBC)

The impact of BRIGHT in promoting a gender-sensitive approach for the Italian National Action Plan to tackle labour exploitation, Serenella Molendini, National Equality Advisor at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies, and Marilena Micelli, National Labour Inspectorate

European networks of the BRIGHT Community of interest and the connections between the 5 countries involved (Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, Spain, and Greece), ALDA

**12:45-13:00** Conclusions, Action Aid Italy