



MICROFINANCE CENTRE

**5th Annual Conference of Microfinance Institutions in C&EE
and the NIS: INNOVATIONS AND DIVERSITY
16-18 May 2002, Budapest, Hungary**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Opening Remarks

Grzegorz Galusek , Microfinance Centre

George Soros, Chairman of Open Society Institute

Kallay Laszlo, Institute of Small Business Development

Plenary Session: How Does the Institutional Diversity Serve the Client?

Facilitator: Katherine McKee, Office of Microenterprise Development US Agency for International Development (USAID)

MFI-Bank Links - A Way Forward for Microfinance in the Region

Facilitator: Douglas Pearce, the Consultative Group to Assist the Poorest (CGAP)

Client Tracking Systems for Microfinance Institutions. (Regional Experience)

Michal Matul

Microfinance Centre Fundamentals of Microfinance

Agata Szostek

Microfinance Centre Microfinance Institutions and Risk Management Tools for the Poor: An Introduction to Microinsurance

Michael McCord

Consultant What Does it Take to Introduce Saving Services?

John Guzowski

Consultant FACET BV

Marquerite S. Robinson, Harvard University Developing Local Microfinance Networks Sharyn Tenn

SEEP Network Plenary Session: Commercialization of Microfinance. What are the Challenges in the C&EE and the NIS Region?

Facilitator: Deborah Burand

FINCA International

Panelist Presentation: Marquerite S. Robinson, Harvard University Microfinance Legal and Regulatory Reform Initiatives in the Region. What is Happening? How to Coordinate? Timothy Lyman, Day, Berry & Howard Foundation

The State of Microfinance in C&EE and the NIS: Presentation and Discussion of Findings from the MFC Regional Microfinance Mapping Study.

Sarah Forster, Microfinance Centre

Justyna Pytkowska, Microfinance Centre
Credit Bureaus For Microfinance Insitutions: Introducing Information Technology to Optimise

Information Sharing

Viwanou Gnassounou, PlaNet Finance
Transparency and Performance Standards in C&EE and the NIS
Elizabeth Case

MicroBanking Bulletin

Choosing a Legal Vehicle for Microfinance Operations. What are the Considerations?

Deborah Burand, FINCA

Timothy Lyman, Day, Berry & Howard

Making a Long-Term Social Impact - Can Human Resources Management Help an MFI to Fulfill its Mission?

Juliet Wattebot O'Brien, Accenture UK

Governance of MFIs. Problems and Perspectives. Panel Discussion

Valentina Hartarska, the Ohio State University

Focus Group Techniques for Microfinance.