



From September 2005 Bosnian Handicrafts is implementing the project "**Centre for transfer of traditional craft skills**". The project is financed by the European Union. The project will last 12 months and its implementation will be monitored by NERDA.

The aim of the project is to strengthen SMEs from North East Bosnia and Herzegovina involved in craft production.

The main activities will include establishing the Centre, improving structure for craft production, capacity building for SMEs and their clients (craft producers) and a variety of activities, which will improve the supply chain and lead to improved competitiveness of handicrafts on local and foreign market.

In specific, the Centre will provide design services, product development, market research, marketing services in domestic and foreign markets for 3 SMEs from NE Bosnia:

- ASSOCIATION "TREBAVA – SJEVER" MODRIČA
- ASSOCIATION "ZORA" MILIĆI
- ASSOCIATION "LUČA" BIJELJINA

The Centre will also provide training programs for 90 women from the above mention associations to improve their skills and income in the future.

Photo shows the faces and hands behind "BHcrafts" products at the 2005 Sarajevo Fashion Week.

These are among hundreds of women from around Bosnia and Herzegovina who are earning a living through handwork.

