
Gender Summit 7 Europe - Quality Research and Innovation through Equality

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Date

6-7 November, Berlin

Theme

Mastering gender in research performance, contexts, and outcomes

Day 1: The benefits of gender equal and gender sensitive research and innovation

Day 2: Enhancing the capacity of policy actions to achieve lasting change

Speakers

80 speakers

Keynotes:

Cornelia Quennet-Thielen, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany

Dr Emilie Marcus, CEO, Cell Press, Elsevier

Dr Ingrid Wüning Tschol, Senior Vice President Health and Science, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Germany

Prof Rolf Tarrach, President of the European University Association (EUA), Former Rector, University of Luxembourg

Partners

Elsevier, Robert Bosch Foundation, NordForsk, The Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research, University of Gothenburg, The Committee for gender balance and diversity in research (KIF), Portia Ltd UK and Davinci Institute,.

Why Berlin?

The Gender Summit 7-Europe takes place in Berlin for two reasons. Firstly, in 2015, Germany has taken an important step to address gender imbalance issues by approving legislation requiring major companies to allocate 30% of seats on non-executive boards to women. Secondly, we wanted to combine this with the annual Falling Walls celebrations to draw attention to the fact that gender bias in knowledge making creates boundaries that divide quality of research outcomes for women and men in an unequal way, and, therefore, these 'walls' must also fall. This is a demanding task that requires policymakers and science leaders to adopt new perspectives, acquire new expertise, and change their established operating procedures, but much progress has been made, and therefore, Day 2 has been devoted to showing where we are now with regard to mainstreaming gender into national and regional science systems.

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About the Summits

The Gender Summit is creating regional and global multi-stakeholder communities committed to enhancing scientific excellence by: removing gender bias from science knowledge making; advancing gender equality in science structures and practices; and applying understanding of gender issues to advance more sustainable and effective research and innovation.

The specific objectives are:

- Develop national, regional and global communities as agents of change

- Develop evidence-based consensus on the actions needed and the ways of implementing them in specific national or regional contexts

- Demonstrate positive effects of gender balance and gender diversity in research and innovation process

- Demonstrate how integrating gender dimension in research and innovation content improves quality of results and outcomes

- Promote gender aware solutions to societal problems, e.g. urban quality; human adaptation and climate change; food security; transport and mobility.

The overarching theme of the events is "Quality Research and Innovation through Equality". They are not-for-profit events established in 2011 as part of the genSET project, coordinated by Portia Ltd.

The event was established in 2011 in Europe and has since expanded across the world: GS1 Eu, GS2 Eu, GS3 North America, GS4 Eu, GS5 Africa, GS6 Asia-Pacific and GS7 Eu. Summits are planned in Mexico City, Montreal, Tokyo, and Ethiopia in the coming two years.

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