

Newsletter July 2010 on scientific culture and gender issues

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

[3016th COMPETITIVENESS Council meeting - Brussels, 26 May 2010
Conclusions concerning various issues related to the development of the
European Research Area](#)

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/10/st10/st10246.en10.pdf>

The Council of the European Union reiterated support to women in European science and technology in the conclusions of the Competitiveness Council, 26 May 2010. While acknowledging the work undertaken by the European Commission and the need to initiate a cultural and structural change in universities and research organisations, the Council highlights in particular the inclusion of gender issues in research as a resource to create new knowledge and stimulate innovation. The emphasis is put on the objective of improving the effectiveness and impact of research, and barriers to gender equality as regards learning, employment and career progress in particular in the field of science and technology.

[SCIENTIX – THE COMMUNITY FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION IN EUROPE](#)

www.scientix.eu

Scientix – the community for science education in Europe – was created to facilitate regular dissemination and sharing of know-how and best practices in science education across the European Union. Scientix is open for teachers, researchers, policy makers, local actors, parents and anyone interested in science education.

Scientix collects teaching materials and research reports from European science education projects financed by the European Union under the 6th and 7th Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development (Directorate General Research), the Lifelong Learning Programme (Directorate General Education and Culture) and various national initiatives.

Through various online and off-line services Scientix wants to create a lively community for its users. The Scientix project started in December 2009 and the website was launched in May 2010.

Scientix is managed by European Schoolnet (EUN) on behalf of the European Commission (DG Research).

[NEW CALLS FOR PROPOSALS](#)

Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn announced on 19 July nearly € 6.4 billion of European Commission investment in research and innovation. The package, the biggest ever, covers a vast range of scientific disciplines, public policy areas and commercial sectors. This funding will advance scientific boundaries, increase European competitiveness and help solve societal challenges such as climate change, energy and food security, health and an ageing population. Around 16,000 participants from research organisations, universities and industry, including about 3,000 SMEs, will receive funding. Grants will be awarded through "calls for proposals" (invitations to bid) and evaluations over the next 14 months. Many calls will be formally published on 20th July. This package is an economic stimulus expected to create more than 165.000 jobs. It is also a

long-term investment in a smarter, sustainable and more inclusive Europe. It is a key element within the EU's Europe 2020 Strategy and in particular the Innovation Union Flagship, which will be launched in autumn 2010.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/966&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

New call for "Science in Society" activities – SiS-2011-1 and SiS-2011-Events

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=360

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=359

Project results:

Flexibility and security in the workplace are key to a European work-care balance

Investment in family support is needed to enable parents to combine their care responsibilities with their right to work, according to the WORKCARE project. It indicated that a key aspect to successful policy is the provision of flexibility and security in the workplace for both men and women. To do this, policy will need to consider current national and gender differences.

For more information: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/research/nec/workcare/>

Advantages of migration in the European Union

International migration into and within the EU is a key issue with far-reaching consequences for Member States and the EU as a whole. It affects the integration of resident immigrants, how institutions can adapt to preserve social cohesion, and the management of demand-and-supply-driven migration.

Halting or significantly reducing immigration to Europe is seen by IMISCOE-researchers as undesirable and unrealistic.

IMISCOE was a major European Network of Excellence and brought together over 500 researchers from 23 European institutes, to provide a robust research base for policies on migration. It was funded by the EC from 2004 until 2010. Since 1 April 2010 IMISCOE has become an independent research network financed through institutional fees.

For more information: <http://www.imiscoe.org/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

[Beyond the leaky pipeline – Challenges for research on gender and science](#)
[Final conference of the study "Meta-analysis of gender and science research](#)

19-20 October 2010, Brussels

The purpose of the "Meta-analysis of gender and science research" study is to collect and analyse research on horizontal and vertical gender segregation in research careers, addressing the underlying causes and effects of these two aspects.

The main objective of the conference is to present the conclusions of the study and to discuss with experts and policy-makers the possibilities and challenges for European and national research on gender and science and policies towards gender equality in science.

Please visit the conference website for more information:

<http://www.genderandscience.org/web/conference.php>

ADVANCING GENDER+ TRAINING IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

An international conference for practitioners, experts and commissioners in Gender+ training

Complutense University, Madrid, February 3-4, 2011

Call for oral contributions open until 15 October 2010.

For more information about the conference and the call, please contact:

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HELENA - International Conference

Les Cordeliers, Conference Centre of the Paris University

Paris (France) –June 23-24th, 2011

Gender and Interdisciplinary Education for Engineers – GIEE 2011

Does Interdisciplinary Education improve the gender balance and attract more young people in Engineering and Technology higher education?

Call for papers

Scholars and specialists of engineering training are invited to contribute to this conference by sending abstracts of no more than 500 words (including methodology and relevant references) online at the following website before 15th October 2010

www.fp7-helena.org/conference2011

IN THE MEDIA

New Science and Society website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/>

Research Enquiries: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>