

You are cordially invited to the

2nd European Gender Summit

Quality Research and Innovation through Equality
2012 Theme: Aligning Agendas for Excellence

29-30 November 2012, The European Parliament, Brussels

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The European Gender Summit is hosted at the European Parliament due to the gracious support by a number of MEPs, including Britta Thomsen, Teresa Riera Madurell, Marita Ulvskog, Joanna Senyszyn, Antigoni Papadopoulou and Kent Johansson.

Based on the success of the first summit and the **Manifesto for Integrated Action on the Gender Dimension in Research and Innovation**, this unique event will bring together top-level policy makers, science leaders and innovation stakeholders to **align agendas and to identify the best ways for integrating the gender dimension in the research and innovation landscape**. Key experts will discuss **the latest research evidence showing how gender issues impact on quality of research and innovation**, and help advance society's capacity to create:

- ⤴ **innovative and inclusive societies** by engaging and recognising the needs of women and men as equal co-owners and co-solvers of the challenges facing society (e.g. health and wellbeing)
- ⤴ **socially responsible and responsive science** by drawing on the talents and needs of both women and men in solving mission-oriented problems (e.g. diabetes)
- ⤴ **excellence in research and innovation in all Member States** by encouraging mobility of talented women scientists across national and regional R&D science systems
- ⤴ **cooperative and collaborative research and innovation cultures** by creating interdisciplinary 'bridges' between fields where women are underrepresented (e.g. photonics) and where they are overrepresented (e.g. life sciences)
- ⤴ **cooperation between private sector, SMEs, and public bodies** by developing new, gender-aware markets for science knowledge and using gender as a 'big ticket' item for improving research quality and performance
- ⤴ **smart specialization and exploitation of scientific knowledge** based on discoveries of important biological differences between women and men (e.g. biomarkers) and where women and men have different needs (e.g. diagnostics), or preferences (e.g. energy use)
- ⤴ **economic and societal impact of research** by promoting problem-driven research (e.g. effective transport), and using gendered innovations for deployment of enabling technologies (e.g. ICTs)
- ⤴ **excellent and efficient innovation landscape** based on more open, inclusive, and gender sensitive approaches for identifying best ideas and markets for science knowledge.

Speakers include: Commissioner **Máire Geoghegan-Quinn** and Deputy Director-General Dr **Anneli Pauli** (DG Research & Innovation), Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission Prof **Anne Glover**, Pro Rector Prof **Curt Rice** (University of Tromsø), Vice Rector Prof **Simone Buitendijk** (LERU - League of European Research Universities), Head of Research Prof Dr **Thomas Illig** (Helmholtz Centre Munich), Director of Integrative Activities Dr **Wanda Ward** (NSF - United States National Science Foundation), Head of Quality Assurance and Programme Development Dr **Ulrike Eickhoff** (DFG - German Research Foundation), and other leaders.

Programme Outline

Day 1, 14:00 – 19:00

Session 1: Aligning Policy Agendas

Session 2: Integrating the gender dimension in research and innovation landscapes

Session 3: Advancing science and innovation through inclusion

Session 4: Open discussion

Session 5: Networking

Day 2, 9:00 – 12:30 (at the Parliament)

Session 6: The role of research evidence in shaping science and science policies

Session 7: Integrating gender dimension in research and innovation content

Session 8: Mainstreaming and consolidating gender research scholarship

Session 9: Open discussion

Day 2, 13:00 – 17:00 (at The European Science Foundation)

Cafés Scientifiques

These science cafés will start consultative discussions on three key topics in the discourse on gender equality and quality of research and innovation, which open up new approaches for advocating change and overcoming resistance to change.

- ⤴ The leaky pipeline and age discrimination.
- ⤴ Gender as 'big ticket' item in R&D&I
- ⤴ From Manifesto to Gender Equality Standard for projects and institutions

The details of the programme and of the speakers are available on the Summit website, www.gender-summit.eu

Registration is open offering very good early bird rates