

Presenting the European Platform of Women Scientists



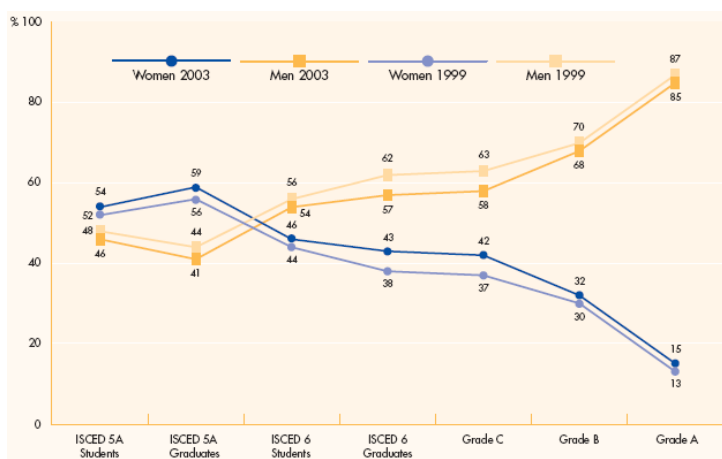
European Platform of Women Scientists

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Proportion of women and men in a typical academic career, students and academic staff, EU25, 1999-2003



Source: European Commission, Women & Science: Latest Statistics and Indicators – She Figures 2006, p. 55

Definition of grades: A: The single highest grade/post at which research is normally conducted; B: Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position (A) but more senior than newly qualified PhD holders; C: The first grade/post into which a newly qualified PhD graduate would normally be recruited; ISCED 5A: Tertiary programmes to provide sufficient qualifications to enter into advanced research programmes & 2 professions with high skills requirements; ISCED 6: Tertiary programmes which lead to an advanced research qualification (PhD)

Main Goals

- *Provide genuine EU added value by ensuring that women scientists' concerns, needs, interest and aspirations are taken into consideration when setting the European research agenda*
- *Promote the understanding and the inclusion of the gender issue in science and research policy*

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Main Areas of Activity

- *Networking*
- *Research Policy Making*
- *Public Relations and Information*
- *Electronic Platform*

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Networking

- *Integrate and coordinate existing networks*
- *Promote the network concept into Central Eastern Europe and the private sector*
- *Provide advice for structural reinforcement and for financial support to networks*

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Research Policy Making

- *Monitor, evaluate and comment the policy debate*
- *Monitor the development and implementation of gender mainstreaming in the European Research Area*
- *Develop a coordinated response on key issues of the policy debate*
- *Inventorise expert knowledge on questions of women, gender and science*

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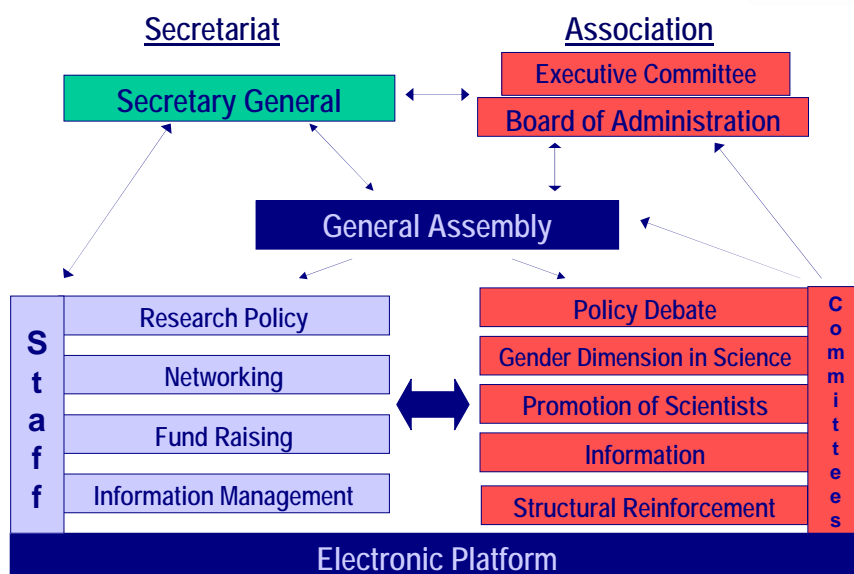
Public Relations and Information



- *Contribute to raise general awareness of the women in science issue*
- *Provide targeted information to women scientists*
- *Host an innovative, user-driven electronic platform*

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Working Structure of the European Platform of Women Scientists



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Activities since April 2006

- *Data base of around 160 networks of women scientists and networks promoting women scientists from and in all disciplines*
- *EPWS Position Papers on Research Policy Issues: FP7, Lisbon Agenda, European Research Council and European Institute of Technology, excellence and innovation*
- *Over 1.000 subscribers to EPWS newsletter*

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We would like to see

- *as many countries, geographical regions, and disciplines represented among our membership as possible*
- *an increase in the participation rate of women scientists in FP7*
- *common projects, conferences, sessions with members of the association*
- *a lively, inspiring association making an impact*
- *you as partners in our common endeavour*

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Support to Members

- *Excellent networking opportunities*
- *Solid know-how on current EU research policy development*
- *Keys into EU research policy and a coordinated response on central issues of the policy debate*
- *Help to embed women scientists in networks and put them in touch with possible scientific partners*
- *Advice for structural reinforcement and for financial support to networks*

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First General Assembly

- General Assembly
Brussels, 27 April 2007
- Standing Committee Meetings
Brussels, 28 April 2007

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