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Country´s research and innovation perform better when gender equality is supported

Brussels, 5 June 2020 – In a new [report](https://genderaction.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/D3.2._MonitoringERApriority4implementation.pdf) published by European project [GENDERACTION](https://genderaction.eu/), Angela Wroblewski from the Institute of Advanced Studies shows that the higher a country scores on gender equality, the higher its innovation potential. Additionally, a higher proportion of research organisations with a gender equality plan is similarly correlated with a higher Innovation Score. These findings lend support to the conclusion that gender equality policies could be means to achieve better research and innovation results.

*“This important information comes at an important time when Europe is headed toward the new framework programme. It should not be missed by representatives of the EU Member States as well as by individuals in decision-making positions in research and innovation who will be deciding on the future priorities for the European Research Area,” says the author and adds that the results* document the success of the European Research Area (ERA) and indicate the need for continued systematic action at institutional level.

Gender equality has been one of the ERA priorities since 2012. According to the statements made by Commissioners Helena Dalli and Mariya Gabriel this priority will be further reinforced in the new framework program Horizon Europe.

“Our report shows that ERA was the initial spark that triggered the development of first-ever gender equality strategy in R&I in several Member States *and was used to consolidate and further develop existing policies which support gender equality in research and innovation. However, there is still a lot of unfinished work,”* says Marcela Linková, Chair of ERAC Standing Working Group on Gender in Research and Innovation and the coordinator of GENDERACTION project.

**Learn more about the issue here:**

[Gender equality and research and innovation performance go hand in hand](https://genderaction.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Gender-equality-and-RI-performance-go-hand-in-hand.pdf)

[Why we need gender in ERA](https://genderaction.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/WhyWeNeedGenderInERA.pdf)

[Report on monitoring of ERA priority 4 implementation](https://genderaction.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/D3.2._MonitoringERApriority4implementation.pdf)

**About GENDERACTION**: Funded by Horizon 2020, we are a policy community of national representatives appointed by EU Member States and Associated Countries, set up to advance the implementation of the gender priority in the European Research Area. We are doing this through networking, providing strategic policy advice, sharing good practices, exchanging on various policy solutions, and providing trainings to relevant stakeholders.

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