

Portia accepted into negotiation stage for genSET project

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Equalitec's umbrella organisation, Portia Ltd has entered into negotiations with the European Commission for FP7 project entitled genSET : gender in science

The goal of [genSET](#) is to develop practical ways in which gender knowledge and gender mainstreaming expertise can be incorporated within European science institutions in order to improve individual and collective capacity for action to increase women's participation in science.

This will be achieved by facilitating a sustainable, collaborative dialogue between gender experts and science leaders to agree on practical guidelines for implementing gender action plans within existing institutional mechanisms. Involved in the debate are 100 European science stakeholder institutions, 15 international gender experts, and eight European strategy decision-makers.

Together with the Consortium, they will work towards improvements in five key areas where gender bias disadvantages women's participation in science: 1) assessment of women's work; 2) recruitment and retention; 3) science knowledge-making; 4) research process; 5) science excellence value system.

The dialogue will be facilitated by the genSET Consortium through a range of capacity building support activities, including consensus seminars, interactive workshops and dissemination and valorisation events.

The outcome will be increased capability of European institutions to implement gender equality policy recommendations and a strengthened position on research excellence in the European Science Area.

Portia scored an impressive 14.5 out of a maximum 15 points for our genSET proposal submission.

The project will take 30months and will begin as soon as the mediation between the European Commission and Portia has reached a mutual agreement.

Visit the project's preliminary site at www.genderinscience.org

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