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The SHERERA project will focus on three themes: statistics on women in science, gender equality policies, and research on gender inequalities in science careers. The project will make the state of the art description, data collection and relevant comparative analysis accessible to the research community, policy makers and society at large in all MPCs via an online database, publishable reports and workshops with policy makers and other relevant stakeholders (scientific community, funding agencies, higher education institutions...). The project will enhance awareness and policy debate on gender and science issues in the Mediterranean area, by involving the main players at national level and promoting the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue of women in science and other gender-sensitive scientific associations. In this way, the project will enhance interest and steer policy-making on gender and science in the years to come.

More specifically, the project will:

- **Increase knowledge** on gender issues in science in the MPCs.
- **Enable further development** of Euro-Mediterranean research cooperation in the field.
- **Increase awareness** among policy makers and other relevant stakeholders.
- **Empower women** in science in the Mediterranean area.



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GENDER equality in SCIENCE

Empowering women in science in the Euro-Mediterranean area, gender awareness and knowledge rising on gender issues, networking and steering policy-making on gender equality in science

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objectives

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The 1995 Barcelona Declaration recognised “the key role of women in development” in the Mediterranean region, and the need “to promote their active participation in economic and social life, and in the creation of employment”. During the 2006 Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference Strengthening the Role of Women in Society, the Euro-Mediterranean Ministers stressed that the equal participation of women and men in all spheres of life was a crucial element of democracy and confirmed that the inclusion of all people will contribute towards the realisation of the underlying objective of the Barcelona Declaration: the attainment of a common area of peace, stability and shared prosperity in the Mediterranean region.

Given that the promotion of women in science is a key issue in the development of a Euro-Mediterranean Research Area, the SHEMERA project aims to support Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in a joint effort to strengthen the role of women in science and indeed in all spheres of life. The project consortium consists of 17 partners - 6 from Member States and Associated States, and 11 from the Mediterranean Co-operation Partner Countries (MPCs): Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestinian-administered areas, Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.



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project

project:

- **Will provide** state of the art description, data collection and relevant comparative analysis of the following topics in all MPCs: statistics on women in science, gender equality policies, and research on gender inequalities in science careers.
- **Will increase** the knowledge base on gender and science issues in the region, allowing further development of Euro-Mediterranean research cooperation in this field.
- **Will enhance** networking and steer policy-making on gender and science in the years to come, ensuring a better integration of the gender dimension in research policy.

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A series of activities within the duration of the project will represent a key contribution to increasing the knowledge base on gender and science issues in the region, allowing further development of Euro-Mediterranean research cooperation in the gender field.

- **The project** results will be made accessible to the research community and policy makers through publishable reports on statistics, scientific literature and policies available in the website.
- **An online database** will host scientific literature on statistics on women in science, gender equality policies and gender inequalities in scientific careers.
- **National Task Forces in all MPCs** will be formed as a means of engagement of policymakers and major stakeholders and of capturing the momentum to promote the implementation of policies.
- **National workshops** will serve as forums to debate the course of action in each Mediterranean country in a coordinated way.
- **A Euro-Mediterranean workshop** will offer recommendations to policy-makers aimed at increasing the presence of women in scientific research and technological development at all levels, and at ensuring an improved integration of the gender dimension in research policy.
- **A Euro-Mediterranean conference** will serve to place the project outcomes in a wider context, as well as bring together stakeholders from the Mediterranean countries and Europe in an effort to further promote the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue on gender and science.