Structuring GEPs at universities of science and technology

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Creating a GEP for universities implies



Focussing on decision making processes and bodies

- Focussing on recruitment, career development of female researchers and female staff members
- Focussing on the gender dimension in research and teaching

Focussing on decision making processes and bodies

(1) map your decision making processes

- a. who is involved how many men & women?
- b. what habits and norms are in place?
- c. strength of the processes?
- d. weaknesses?
- (2) introduce a **quota** if possible
- (3) understand that equal representation of women does not automatically imply gender fair decisions -> gender awareness of all members is crucial



Focussing on decision making processes and bodies

(4) build up gender competence

- a) provide trainings for decision makers
- b) provide trainings for all staff members

(5) create a **climate** were gender equality is "the right thing to do"



Focussing on recruitment, career development of female researchers and female staff members

- (1) create **evidence** monitor percentages of men & women at various levels
- (2) understand career path observe who is successful and who is not
- (3) train committees raise awareness about implicit bias change selection procedures
- (4) deal with resistances



Average share of women across study levels



Proportion of Women employed



	Type of contract								
University	Permanent			Temporary			Total		
	Т	nr. F	F%	Т	nr. F	F%	Т	nr. F	F%
UNIRC	242	75	31%	71	31	43.70%	313	106	33.90%
TU Wien	671	91	13.60%	1609	375	23.30%	2280	465	20.40%
UPC	1319	310	23.50%	1327	346	26.10%	2646	656	24.80%
РК	761	265	34.80%	427	153	35.80%	1188	418	35.20%

T = total number of R&D personnel

nr. F = number of females

F% = percentage of females

Some faces of resistance







"What if we don't change at all ... and something magical just happens?"







FESTA HANDBOOK ON RESISTANCE TO GENDER EQUALITY IN ACADEMIA

http://www.festa-europa.eu/public/handbookresistance-gender-equality-academia



Focussing on the gender dimension in teaching

>Include gender content in all curricula

- a. seperate courses
- b. modules within technical courses
- Support teaching staff with trainings and content



Focussing on the gender dimension in research



See: Yellow Windows Toolkit



Overweight Dummy USA 2014

Linda – 1. pregnant Dummy, Volvo 2002

Gender dimension in research

- Alliance with research funding organisations (RFO)
- Specific workpackage aiming to improve the gender equality impact of RFOs





Final comment

- Questioning the fundamental beliefs and practices (e.g. peer review, excellence, objectivity in recruiting processes) is an offence to those who have set the current rules
- Resistance taking the form of non-action is a crucial barrier
- It is not necessarily about doing MORE, it is about doing the right thing with reasonable ressources.



Thank you for your attention!

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