

Women in Science Conference

'How To Increase Women's Participation In Science'

21st of November 2017, 14:00 – 19:00

**Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU, Avenue Cortenbergh 107, 1000
Brussels**

The conference 'Women in Science' is organised by Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development in Brussels in cooperation with Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU. The main aim of the event is to discuss women's participation in science and research and main challenges facing women scientists. The conference will consist of two parts.

The aim of the first part is to present current statistics, initiatives and different analytical viewpoints on issue of gender equality in science and research. The second part of the event will have a form of the panel discussion where female scientists will discuss the main problems, barriers and necessary changes to be made at all levels.

Despite the fact that women represent half of the population, their representation in science, research and innovation lag behind. Nevertheless, a number of international organizations and European institutions have paid attention to gender equality in science, empowerment of female scientists and better use of their educational and intellectual potential. Thanks to these efforts and visibility of the topic, gender equality has become a theme of political and expert discussion. Yet at the same time, neither of these efforts has ensured equal representation of women in leading positions and within some scientific domains and fields of study.

The conference will bring together female scientists and experts in this issue to discuss conditions for women in science and go through the key factors behind the low representation of female scientists.

We believe that this event will help send a message of all those who understand that equal chances in science and research is not just only a women's issue but it affects all of us.

13:30	REGISTRATION
14:00	<p>WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING</p> <p>Peter Javorčík, Permanent Representative, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU</p>
14:15	<p>WOMEN SCIENTISTS IN THE EU AND GLOBAL RESEARCH LANDSCAPE</p> <p>Gender in the Global Research Landscape Stephane Berghmans, Vice President of Elsevier for Academic & Research Relations</p> <p>Women scientists in Europe and the EU strategy for gender equality in R&I Viviane Willis-Mazzichi, Head of Sector “Gender”, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Gender equality in Slovakia Dr. Alexandra Bitušíková, Senior Adviser at the European University Association, Vice-Rector for Research at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica</p>
15:20	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION – WHAT ARE THE FACTORS BEHIND THE UNDER-REPRESENTATION OF FEMALE SCIENTISTS AND HOW TO INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alexandra Bitušíková, Senior Adviser at the European University Association, Vice-Rector for Research at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica • Dr. Stephane Berghmans, Vice President of Elsevier for Academic & Research Relations • Carole Paleco, Member of the European Platform of Women Scientists • Prof. Monika Rychtarikova, PhD., Professor, KU Leuven and Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava • Prof. Viera Stopjakova, PhD., Professor, Vice-dean, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava <p>Moderator: Kateřina Svíčková, European Commission, LEAD@COMM</p>
17:00	CLOSING REMARKS
17:10	RECEPTION