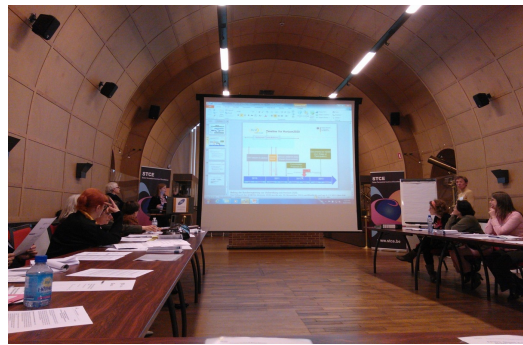




EPWS 2012

The annual and conference of European Platform of Women Scientists-EPWS was taken place at a historical academic place, the [Royal Observatory of Belgium](#) in Brussels on September 27th, 2012. There participated 27 women scientists, coming from all around Europe, such as Lithuania, Finland, Germany, France, Italy, Portugal, Hungary etc., representing different women academic associations. As an associate member of EPWS, WINGS also participated in this event, represented by Yujing.

The conference consisted of two presentations. Dr. Katja Marjanen and Nadine Heller-Genath, Frauen in Forschung (FiF), Bonn, presented about "Gender Equality on the Way to Horizon 2020". About at least one million more researchers are needed in Europe by 2020. The project of "Horizon 2020" emphasised that the European Union must significantly increase the number of female researchers among these one million additional researchers.



The second presentation was made by Dr. Monika Lanzenberger from European Research Council (ERC), Executive Agency, Brussels, on "Gender equality in the European Research Council". She listed the facts about the women scientists in applying for ERC grants and compared to the percentage of women grantees in three major fields of European Research Funding: "Physics and Engineering", "Life Science" and "Social Science". The conclusion is in general there are less women scientists applying for ERC funding. More women researchers should be encouraged to apply for ERC grants.

After the conference, the full members of EPWS discussed and voted for the agenda of EPWS for year 2012.

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List of the organizations that participated this EPWS meeting:

Network of Women and Gender Research North Rhine-Westfalia NRW, Germany
Femmes et mathématiques, France
Association of Hungarian Women in Science, Hungary
Frauen in Forschung – FiF, Germany
Femmes & Sciences, France
Helsinki Women Researchers, Finland
European Society of Women in Theological Research -ESWTR
Belgian Women in Science – BeWiSe, Belgium
Women in Great Sciences – WINGS, Sweden
Association of Portuguese Women in Science – AMONET, Portugal
Centre of Excellence Women in Science – CEWS, Germany
Yasmin Robson, Daphnet, UK
Felicitas Sagebiel, NRW
BASNET, Lithuania
Donne e Scienza, Italy