

The European Laboratory For Pedagogical Action-Research And Student-Centred Learning (ELaRA)

Organizes

**SPRING EVENT 2023
“WOMEN TALK ABOUT SCIENCE – SCIENCE TALKS
ABOUT WOMEN”**

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**Source: European Union factsheets. European Parliament. Equality between men and women.
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/bg/sheet/59/equality-between-men-and-women>**

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Fact Sheets on the European Union. European Parliament. Equality between men and women.

THE SEMINAR

The idea of the seminar is to present the vision of women scientists about modern science, the future development of research pursuits and the position of the modern woman researcher and scientist in the dynamic field of technological progress. Conversation and discussion about science done by women will promote their achievements and will focus the attention of the academic community and the general public towards the role of women as scientists and innovators in the 21st century.

The following thematic panels are planned:

- Women in the History of Science and Art;
- The Woman – Our First Teacher (Pedagogical and Social Aspects of the Female Presence in the Life and Being of Modern human being);
- Emancipation and the Sphere of Science;
- The woman scientist and the world of innovation;
- Boundaries and transgressions, stereotypes and new worldviews in thinking the feminine;
- In search of gender balance and equality – policies and reality;
- Specificity of feminine thinking and creativity;
- The female voice in the academic project and its place in the education of the future.

The event aims to promote the attitude and place of women scientists, as well as their achievements in various fields of modern science and their position in academia. The presentations and discussions will break down the inevitable stereotypes in our thinking about women in science and present a contemporary vision of science, technology and innovation for the 21-st century woman researcher and educator.

The event will take place on 30 March in the Conference Hall of the Library and Information Centre of the Technical University of Sofia.

PROGRAMME (In CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME)

8:00 - Registration;

8:30 - Start of the morning session;

11:30 - Lunch break;

13:00 - 16:30 - Afternoon session;

17:00 - Opening of the painting exhibition "**Palette of Femininity**" by the jewellery artist Zinaida Zhelyazova, Techne Gallery, BIC, TU – Sofia;

18:00 - Cocktail.

There will be 15-min. presentations (depending on the number of participants) by representatives of the 8 partner universities, and after every third presentation there will be a discussion.

Printed and electronic editions with abstracts of the presentations will be published after the event.

Prominent women from politics, business, science and education will be invited.

A short film about the event with interviews of participants and guests of the initiative will be made.

In order to promote the event, invitations by TU – Sofia **will be sent to media with female-oriented profile for partnership**, and representatives of the partner universities in their countries may also do so.