



Contact Point Women into EU Research (Kontaktstelle Frauen in die EU-Forschung FiF im EU-Büro des BMBF)

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Ideen zünden!



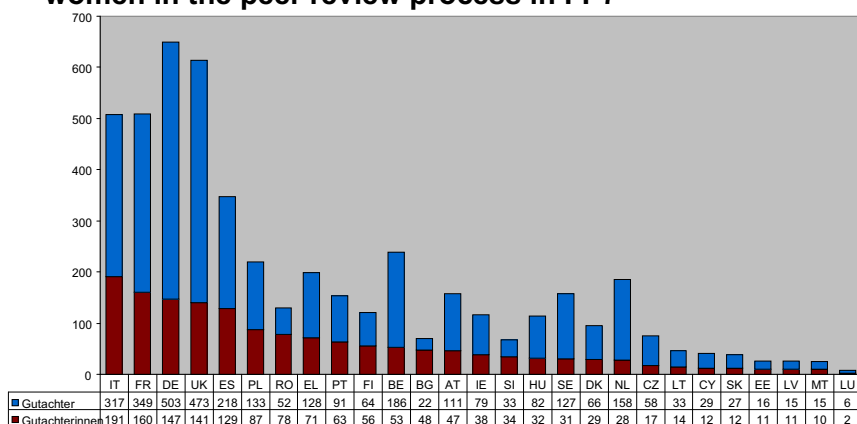
The Contact Point Women into EU Research / FiF

- Initiative of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), 2001
- FiF operates within in the EU-Bureau for the Research Framework Programme of the BMBF
- FiF takes a unique position among the support structures established in all countries participating in FP7

Activities and Target Groups

- Activities for Women Scientists
 - Introductory Seminars, Workshops and Presentations about FP7
 - Initial Information about funding opportunities and proposal advising
 - Mobilisation of female reviewers
- Activities approaching a wider target group
 - Background information, gender screening of documents, Statistics about women's participation in FP7 and gender aspects in European Research Politics
 - Advise on the proposal part „Consideration of gender aspects“
 - Gender Trainings in cooperation with Yellow Window
 - Support and advice for proposals in „gender and research“
 - Specific gender- and EU-oriented support to the Ministry

Statistics Example: Evaluation of the participation of women in the peer review process in FP7



Evaluator in the four Specific Programmes Cooperation, Ideas, People, Capacities in 2008, EU-27
 Total: 4943, Women: 1552 (31%) and Men: 3391 (69%)

Why EU Research? FiF philosophy

- FP7 is the World's largest research funding programme with a budget of over 50 Bn Euro in a duration of 7 years (2007-2013)
- Obtaining prestigious grants with rising importance
- International networks and contacts
- International reputation
- International project management
- New insights and research standpoints
- Contribute to shaping the research landscape
- Sound proposal writing and evaluating knowledge
- ... *new countries, new places, new friendships*

FiF strategic focus: making role models visible!

- Through events and special formats
 - „Junior meets Senior“
 - Kick-off event in Berlin of our awareness week
 - Study trip to Brussels
 - „ABC of proposal writing“
- Through publications
 - Poster Series
 - Booklet
 - FiF-Report
 - Newsletter and Homepage

Poster Series and Booklet



What keeps women out of EU research?

- Exclusion mechanism
 - Low involvement in networks
 - Information gaps
- EU „Myths“
 - Grant allocation is not subject to open competition
 - Proposal time and effort is not manageable
 - A professorship is a precondition to coordinate a project
- EU Level
 - Visibility of the existence of gender
 - Effectivity and degree of obligation of the instruments
- Finding
 - „starting small“
 - First entrance as the highest hurdle to overcome



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