



## 1<sup>st</sup> ACT International Synergy Conference

### **Building Communities of Practice for gender equality in ERA. An interactive event for practitioners to #ACTonGender in HE & R&I**

The **ACT Consortium** invites you to the project's 1st International Synergy Conference, on 25th of February 2019, in Brussels. By attending you will learn about ACT and how it will develop Communities of Practice (CoPs) approach to help advance gender equality in ERA, and specifically for improving careers, decision making, and integrating gender dimension in research.

We value your experience and ideas, want to learn about the support needs of your networks, and any opportunities for creating sustained impact. For this reason, a large part of the event will involve participatory activities and an open discussion in addition to a general introduction about the ACT project and contributions from invited CoP experts. The event is geared towards getting to know existing and potential members of the ACT Communities of Practice across Europe. Please reserve the date in your calendar and invite members of your networks to this Conference.

**Date and time:** 25 February 2019, from 9:30 to 17:00 h

**Venue: BEL**

Avenue du Port 86C, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium ([see map](#))

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### **Programme**

9:30 – 10:00	<b>Arrival &amp; registration</b>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Welcome by the Directorate General for Research and Innovation</b>  <i>Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General of the DG Research &amp; Innovation DDG3, European Commission</i>
10:10 – 10:20	<b>Welcome from the Coordinator</b>  <i>Jörg Müller, Senior researcher, UOC, Spain</i>
10:20 – 10:40	<b>Brief introduction to the ACT project</b>  <i>María José Romano, ACT Project Manager, Spain</i>  Key concepts, tools and activities of the ACT project

10:40 – 11:00	<p><b>Communities of Practice for advancing gender equality in ERA</b></p> <p><i>Rachel Palmén, Notus, Spain</i></p> <p>Benefits and challenges of using Communities of Practice for advancing gender equality in ERA</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Good practice CoP experiences: gender equality in R&amp;I and HE</b></p> <p><i>Anne Charlotte Callerstig, Researcher, Orebro University, Sweden</i></p> <p><i>Anastasia Zabaniotou, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Greece</i></p> <p><i>Karolina Kublickiene, Associated Professor, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden</i></p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Open Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Moderated by Claartje Vinkenburg, Independent Consultant &amp; Associate Professor at VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
13:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Getting involved in ACT!</b></p> <p><i>Sybille Reidl, Researcher, Joanneum Research, Austria</i></p> <p>Presentation and first insights from the community mapping survey. Introduction to the participatory session.</p>
14:00-14:30	<p><b>Networking</b></p> <p>An opportunity to network with other participants, explore the H2020 Project stands and leave your comments and suggestions in our pinboard area.</p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p><b>Targeting and maximising CoP</b></p> <p>7 participatory consultation sessions on initial CoP setups and support scenarios. Individual sessions are moderated by 7 ACT Seed partners.</p>

16:00 – 16:30	<b>Reports to plenary from the group discussions</b>
16:30 – 17:00	<p><b>Conclusions and next steps to advance opportunities and impact of collective action</b></p> <p><i>Elizabeth Pollitzer, Co-founder &amp; Director of Portia, UK</i></p> <p>Interactive session with contributions from the audience about their views on aspects to be included in the ACT Conclusions Report.</p>

To register your interest to attend please click [here](#).

\* There is limited budget available for travel and accommodation costs of those experts who have restricted access to such resources. If you need reimbursement, please, indicate this in the [expression of interest form](#) to participate as an expert.

**For more information about the event please write to: [ACT@notus-asr.org](mailto:ACT@notus-asr.org).**

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