



CONCEPT NOTE

Partner Search for:

WAVES –Advancing Women’s Academic Visibility in Higher Education and Science

Programme: Erasmus+

Action: Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) – Staff Mobility

Target Group:

- PhD candidates, holders, and postdoctoral researchers
- Assistant, Associate, and Full Professors
- Academic staff involved in research dissemination, outreach, leadership, or institutional communication

Duration: Virtual component + 5-day physical mobility (Fall 2026)

Planned Start: Fall 2026 (Online seminars) + Fall 2026 (Face-to-face seminars)

Project Summary

WAVES is a staff-focused Blended Intensive Programme aiming to enhance **women’s academic visibility and voice** through **inclusive science communication** in higher education. Building on lessons from EU structural change initiatives, the programme focuses on **capacity building** rather than institutional reform, strengthening academics’ competencies in public engagement, academic storytelling, and gender-sensitive communication practices.

Main Topics

- Women’s visibility and voice in academia
- Inclusive science communication and public engagement
- Gender equality in STEAM and higher education
- Academic leadership and research dissemination

Activities

- Advanced online and face-to-face seminars on gender, visibility, and knowledge production
- Applied workshops on science communication and academic storytelling
- Peer-based “visibility and voice labs”
- Collaborative development of an open-access WAVES Policy Brief

Partner Profile Sought

We are looking for **higher education institutions** with interest or experience in:

- Gender equality and/or Gender Equality Plans (GEPs)
- Science communication, outreach, or public engagement
- Academic staff development and leadership training



Partners are expected to contribute to content co-design, participate in mobility activities, and support dissemination.

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