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# UKRO Event: Gender Equality Plans in Horizon Europe

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# Agenda

- 10:00-10:10 **Welcome and Introduction**, Dr Branwen Hide, UKRO
- 10:10-10:50 **Gender Equality Plans in Horizon Europe**,  
Prof Anne Laure Humbert and Dr Charoula Tzanakou,  
Centre for Diversity Policy Research and Practice, Oxford Brookes University
- Q&A time**, Dr Phil Holliday, UKRO
- 10:50-11:00 *Comfort Break*
- 11:00-11:40 **Group discussions – breakout rooms**
- 11:40-11:55 **Feedback session**, Blazej Thomas, UKRO
- 11:55-12:00 **Event close**, Dr Branwen Hide, UKRO



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# Gender Equality in Horizon Europe

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# Why is Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Important

Continuing gender imbalance prevents the obtaining full potential of Europe's R&I systems

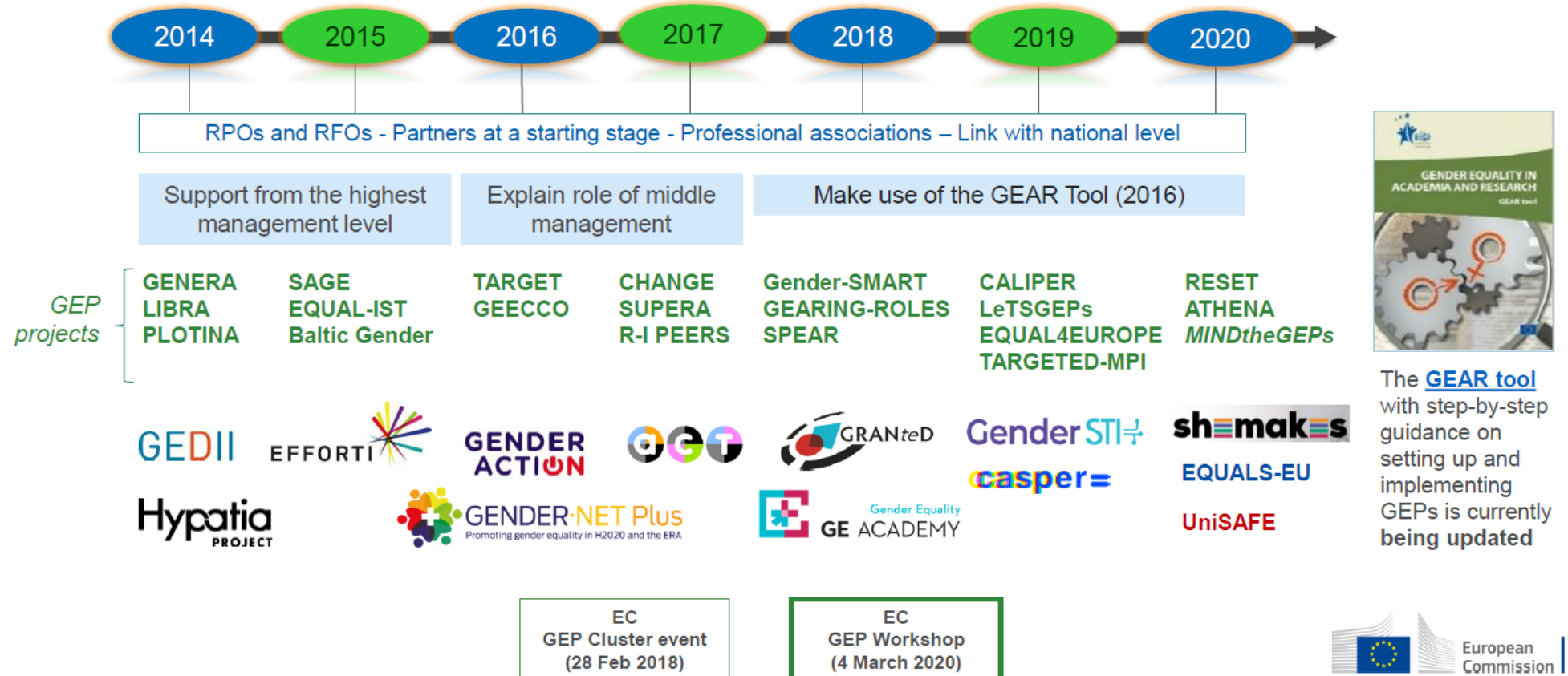
- It enables higher societal relevance of R&I
- Contributes to a more gender and equal society
- It helps to rethink gender norms and stereotypes
- It helps to rethink standards and reference models.
- It helps to develop new perspectives and stimulate new questions.



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# Funded Gender Projects

## Horizon 2020-SwafS Gender Projects



- ❑ Contribute to policy discussions
- ❑ Help to shape EU policy

- ❑ Reduce fragmentation
- ❑ Develop tool kits and resources

- ❑ Develop a community of practise
- ❑ Training and development

# Approach under Horizon Europe

To eliminate gender inequalities and intersecting socio-economic inequalities, including those based on disability, ethnicity, and LGBTIQ, throughout research and innovation systems.

- [Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe](#) - Gender equality and equal opportunities for all
  - gender balance in research teams at all levels, including in management and decision-making
  - combatting gender-based violence and harassment and tackling gender bias
  - the integration of the gender dimension and intersectionality in the content of R&I
  - combating discrimination on all grounds
- [Future governance of the European Research Area](#) (ERA) - Promote gender equality and foster inclusiveness
  - Develop a policy coordination mechanism to support all aspects of gender equality and their implementation
  - Develop a strategy to counteract gender-based violence including sexual harassment in the European R&I system
  - Develop a strategy to assure gender equality in working environments
  - Develop a policy approach that addresses gender mainstreaming to advance the new ERA
  - Develop principles for the integration and evaluation of the gender perspective in research and innovation in cooperation with national Research Funding Organisations

# Approach under Horizon Europe

## Novelties in Horizon Europe

Broader understanding of discrimination looking at the interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender (intersectionality)

Integration of the gender dimension of research and innovation

Public bodies wanting to participate in Horizon Europe will need to have a Gender Equality Plan (GEP) in place from 2022

Specific funding for topics related to gender studies and intersectionality as well as gender equality plans

Promoting gender equality under the European Innovation Council (EIC),

Gender balance in research teams, evaluation panels, boards and expert groups



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# Resources



# Additional Resources

- [Horizon Europe Programme Guide](#)
- [HE Strategic Plan](#)
- [A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025](#)
- [Ljubljana Declaration on Gender Equality in Research and Innovation](#)
- [Factsheet: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025](#)
- [Factsheet: Horizon Europe, gender equality](#)
- [\*\*Horizon Europe Guidance on Gender Equality Plans\*\*](#)
- [The European Research Area](#)
- [Statement on Gender & Diversity in EIC](#)
- [ERC Working Group on gender Issues](#)
- [Gender Innovations](#) & [Gendered Innovations 2](#)
- [\*\*UKRO Gender and Intersectionality Factsheet\*\*](#)





# Group Discussions

- **What is your organisation's approach to the Horizon Europe Gender Equality Plans requirements?**  
E.g. who is leading on GEP preparation?
- **What has been working well and achieved so far?**  
Sharing best practice

Feedback session - key points



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