

## Participation in the Women in Engineering Standing Committee of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO)

On 16th September 2012 the Women in Engineering Standing Committee meeting took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

This very successful meeting was organized by the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) in collaboration with the Technical Chamber of Slovenia. The General Secretary of EDEM, Nadia Chryssikopoulou participated in the meeting as representative of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG).



During the meeting, members from every country in the Committee presented their activities from the previous year, for example, the detailed Greek presentation included activities, participation in events and programs under the auspices of TCG.

The meeting also included a workshop with the subject "All for one to reach success". Delegates

were divided into two groups to discuss:

1. "What kind of events we support"
2. "Marketing for Standing Committee Women in Engineering" in which Nadia Chryssikopoulou was the coordinator.

The second group came up with three main objectives:

- Attract women to the engineering profession
- Establish women in professional life
- Support female engineers to develop their career

To realize these objectives, the Committee designed a detailed work plan dealing with:

- Updating the website and printed material
- Publishing a bimonthly e-newsletter distributed to the networks of committee member states
- Focusing on matters to which women act in a different way, such as environment, sustainable development, energy conservation etc.
- Creating contacts with the member organisations of WFEO
- Investing in young women engineers e.g. scholarships for female engineers sponsored by the private sector.

## **WiTEC Greece**



The International Institute for Scientific Research of Morocco



Recently, Carmen Cesteros Fernández from Plataforma Enlaces was chosen as the manager of The International Institute for Scientific Research of Morocco.

The International Institute for Scientific Research was created with the aim of becoming a reference point in scientific research for the relationship between citizens, law and the economy.

The principal objectives are:

- Contribute to research and debate on issues of national and international interest concerning relations between citizens, law and economics.
- Creation of a 'swap' space to share innovative ideas to build a good relationship between employers, universities and government.
- Be a central social scientist with an international orientation.
- Create a space for dialogue and reflection between actors in Moroccan society and the various components of the international community (specialists from different professional backgrounds: academics, experts, politicians, government officials, economic actors and the media).
- To have a multidisciplinary social approach.

**WiTEC Spain**



LifeLong Learning Programmes



**Tynet 50+** is a new and exciting partnership project for Inova/WiTEC UK. We are working together with WITEC partners in Spain, the Netherlands, German, Estonia, Sweden and Italy to reduce the gap between younger and older people across Europe by developing ICT mentoring relationships between young women living abroad and women over 50 who have family abroad. This will enable

those living abroad to integrate into their new country as well as giving mothers the ICT tools to communicate with their children abroad, not to mention the soft skills which young people will develop as mentors and enhancing employability greatly.

Our first meeting took place in October 2012 in Barcelona and focused on the needs of women over 50. The next workshop will take place in May 2013 and will focus on sharing experiences between older and younger women looking at different ICT tools and how these can be used by plus 50 women more effectively.

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**GetMobile** helps unemployed or underemployed female graduates (in Business and Science) to find out more about the benefits of going on a placement in Europe, at the same time supporting SMEs in the process of hosting placements. To find out more about this initiative, visit the project website:<http://getmobileproject.eu/>.

The second project meeting took place in December 2012 in Genoa, Italy. The focus was on the preparation for the Get Mobile Circles™. At the moment we are about to recruit participants for these Circles, which will start in the UK and partner countries in February 2013.



The Get Mobile Circles™ are a series of 3 free group mentoring sessions where, thanks to peer discussion facilitated by one of our experienced coaches, graduates will learn how to:

- Become more attractive to employers
- Adapt to an unfamiliar culture and work environment
- Develop self-confidence to face possible challenges when abroad

The sessions will take place between February and March 2013 and are aimed at female

unemployed/under-employed graduates who have never considered going abroad. We will also have a second series of the Circles which will take place in May and June 2013 for graduates who are already committed or are considering going on a placement abroad.

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**Mumpreneurs** is a partnership project funded by the European Commission to support female entrepreneurs who are also mothers. Inova works together with organisations from Greece, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey who bring their own national and sectoral expertise to the project from a variety of backgrounds. The project aims at connecting female entrepreneurs across Europe to discuss the challenges and experiences of juggling motherhood and running a business, as well as to provide opportunities for sharing a wide range of interventions aimed at supporting mumpreneurs.

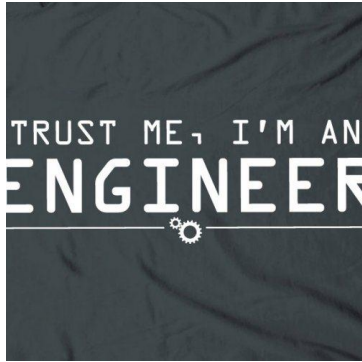
One of the outcomes of the project is an e-guide which includes: ideas for setting up a business; successful time management; how to use Web 2.0 to support entrepreneurship; and other mentoring tools to foster work-life balance and combine motherhood with being self-employed. The e-guide also showcases testimonials from mumpreneurs who took part in our project meetings across Europe to share their experiences with other mumpreneurs in similar situations. To access the online resources, visit: <http://mumpreneursproject.wordpress.com/>

**WITEC UK**

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