

## WELCOME to SOFIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE! Start-Up of New Mentoring Initiative for the Balkan Region and Strengthening the Visibility of Women Scientists as Role Models for Early Career Women Academics and Researchers

### Some Introductory notes



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## What are the objectives of this Regional Conference?

This Conference is planned a dissemination event within the FP6 funded project **Building a European Network of Academic Mentoring Programmes for Women Scientists: eument-net**

- To disseminate of the current results of the eument-net project towards Bulgaria and the countries from the Balkan region.
- To build up a regional network of experts and institutions, oriented towards encouragement and support of the young women in science through different training programmes and implementation of academic mentoring programmes in the countries in the region. ("Networking Session (national and regional): Elaboration of Action Plan for Future Joint Activities")



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## Which is the target audience of this Regional Conference?

- Experienced women academics and researchers from hard and soft sciences, i.e. a potential mentors
- Early career women academics and researchers from hard and soft sciences, potential mentees
- Local Bulgarian coordinators of the FP6 funded projects in the area of 'women in science'
- Gender experts from Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia
- policy and decision-makers from the respective ministries of education and science (Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia and Macedonia) and from BAS
- Different stakeholders and NGOs' leaders whose activities are related with gender equality issue in general and women in science issues in particular



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## What has been put in your folders?

- A copy of CD 'Women of science' movie produced from the European Commission – DG Research Directorate Science & Society, Unit Women and Science
- On the same CD are uploaded a brief description of the eument-net project and eument-net consortium partners as well as the abstracts and pps presentations of the Conference speakers. Further detailed information about the project is available on the eument-net home page: [www.eument-net.eu](http://www.eument-net.eu)
- A brief QUESTIONNAIRE – Please complete it and deliver during the lunch brake on the Registration desk
- The ENWISE Report (in English and Bulgarian) could be downloaded from the Commission site: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/page\\_en.cfm?id=3197](http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/page_en.cfm?id=3197)



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Thank you for your attention!



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