

PROGRAMME

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

Regional Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria
Centre for Culture and Debate The Red House, Red Hall
1000 Sofia, 15 Lyuben Karavelov str.
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| Time | Agenda | Who |
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| 9.00-9.30 | Registration and Welcome Coffee | |
| 9.30-9.45 | Welcome Address | Atanas Atanasov, BAS Scientific Secretary |
| 9.45 – 10.15 | What is Mentoring and How Does It Work? Eument-Net: a New Mentoring Initiative | Helen Füger, eument-net coordinator, University of Fribourg (25 +5) |
| 10.15-10.45 | The Landscape of the European Mentoring Programmes: a Particular Focus on the New EU Member States and the Balkan Region | Dagmar Höppel, eument-net partner, University of Stuttgart (25 + 5) |
| 10.45-11.00 | Coffee/tea break | |
| 11.00-11.30 | What Do the Early Career Women Academics and Researchers Expect from the Implementation of Academic Mentoring Programme in Bulgaria? (Presentation of the Results of Two Focus Group Study and a Strategy for Start-up of MP in Bulgaria) | Nikolina Sretenova, eument- net partner, IPhR-BAS (25 + 5) |
| 11.30-12.00 | The Pilot Mentoring Scheme within ADVANCE Project: Mentees' Experience Expectations of a Potential Eument-net Mentee | Ilinka Georgieva, Darina Kaisheva, Petranka Petrova (15) Rositsa Nakova (15) |
| 12.00-12.30 | Discussion | All moderator |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch | |

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| 14.00-14.15 | A View from the Academic Top of Science Decision-Making and Policy Definition (What does it mean to be a Role Model? Difficulties met in reaching the academic top? The importance of lobbying for start-up initiatives; Expectations as future mentor/supporter of MPs) | Snejanka Grozdanova, Club "Women in Industry", Bulgaria (15) |
| 14.15 -14.30 | How to Cope with the Funding Issue for Initiation of a Pilot Mentoring Programme for Early Career Researchers in Bulgaria? | Guenoveva Jecheva, Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science (15) |
| 14.30 –14.45 | Recent EU Initiatives: A Perspective from the Expert Group on "Women in Research Decision-Making" | Eugenia Kovacs, EU Expert, Romania (15) |
| 14.45-15.00 | Recent EU Initiatives: A Perspective from the Expert Group on "Gender and Excellence" | Clementina. Timus, EU Expert, Romania (15) |
| 15.00-15.30 | Coffee/tea break | |
| 15.30-17.30 | Networking Session (national and regional): Elaboration of Action Plan for Future Joint Activities | Different stakeholders, e.g. relevant Bulgarian NGOs and BAS representatives; Experts from Romania, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Turkey |
| 17.30 | Cocktail Party | |

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Irina Nedeva (Bulgarian National Radio)