Conversatorio sobre experiencias en adopción de políticas de equidad de género en instituciones de educación superior

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#### **Panelistas**

- Terri Scott, rectora del Northern Regional College (Irlanda del Norte).
- Sari Harmoinen, profesora de la Universidad de Oulu (Finlandia).
- Anita Tabacco, profesora del Politécnico de Turín (Italia).

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Profesora universitaria en ciencias de la computación.

Directora de la escuela de informática y decana de la Universidad de Ulster.

Fundadora del Centro de Emprendimiento de Irlanda del Norte.

En 2000, la British Computer Society le otorgó el premio "Profesional TI del año"

En 2002 se convirtió en Directora de la agencia gubernamental de Irlanda.

De 2008 a 2014 fue presidenta del Instituto de Tecnología de Irlanda.

En 2014 asumió su cargo actual como Rectora de Northern Regional College (NRC).

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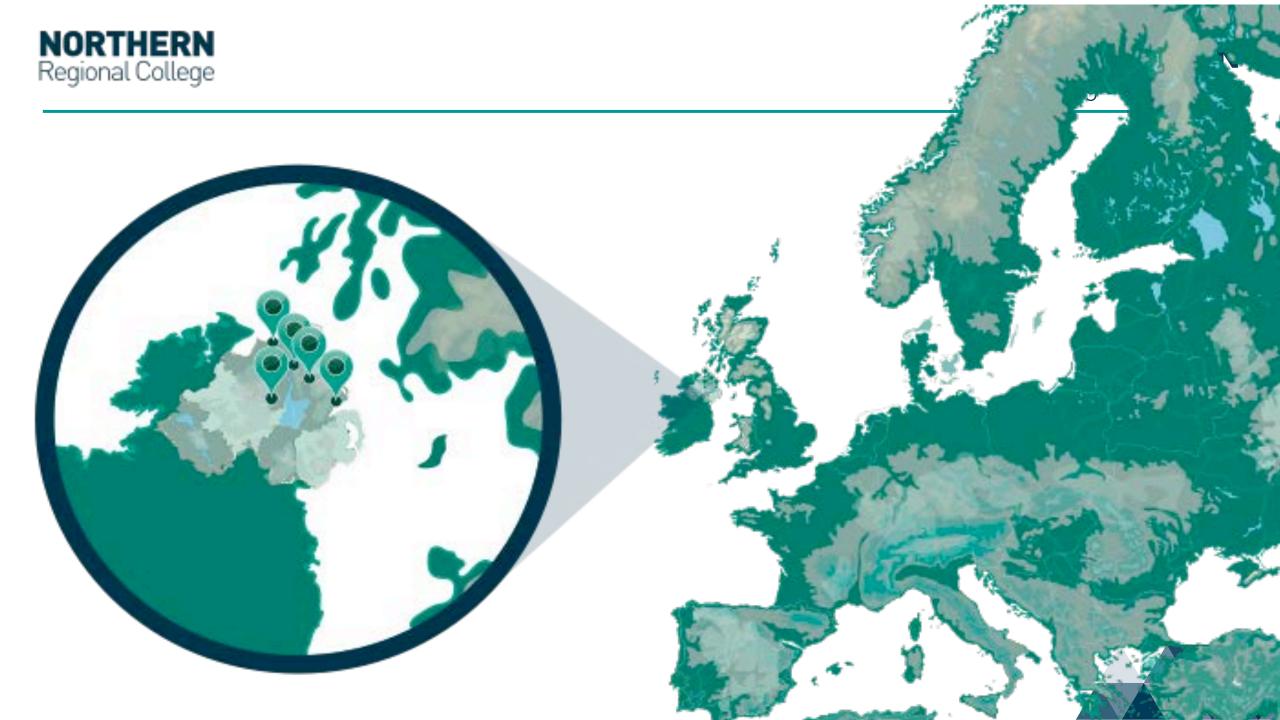
# Best practice in government and institutional policy to increase female participation in STEM

Professor Terri Scott Northern Ireland, UK









## **UK Undergraduate prospective**





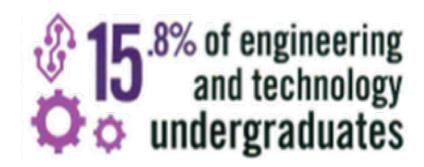
50% of STEM enrolments, including medicine are unevenly distributed by discipline:

79.4% of medicine undergraduates

39.9% of physics undergraduates

61.1% of biological sciences undergraduates

4% Of Engineering apprentices are female



17.4% of computer science undergraduates



#### Commitment needed



# **Government Policy**



Institutional

Faculty





International best practice



Meeting skills requirement

## Attracting females to STEM careers





Stemettes is an award-winning social enterprise working across the UK & Ireland to inspire and support girls into STEM careers

www.stemettes.org





**WISE** energises leaders in business, industry and education to increase the participation, contribution and success of women in STEM.

UK on target to reach 1 million women in STEM by 2020 (10% increase)

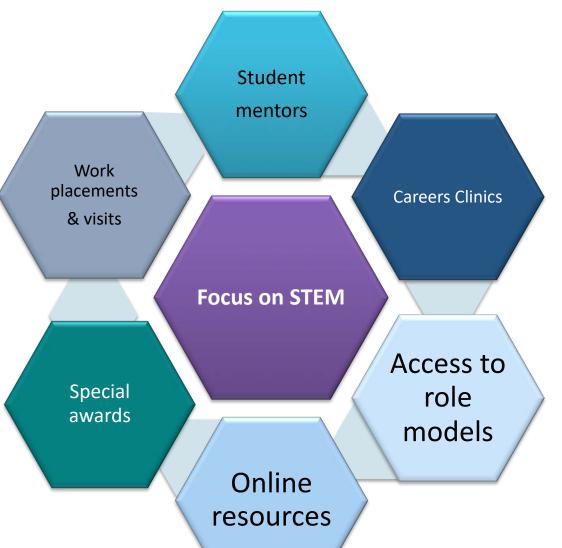
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#### Reduce the unconscious bias





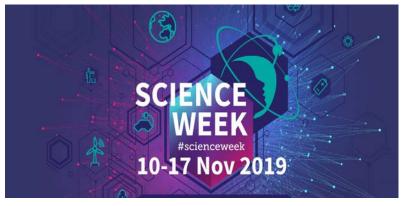






#### Celebrate and showcase achievement







**International Day of Women and Girls in Science** 











## Recommendations



Clear vision and commitment by Government with metrics and impact assessments

Institutional policies to increase participation and progression. E.g Equality Charter (Athena Swan)

Accessible role models through media and national awards for teachers, employers.

Investment in teacher education, > online resources, case studies., scholarships, competitions







# "Ambition is the first step to success; action is the second."

Thank you





#### Sari Harmoinen

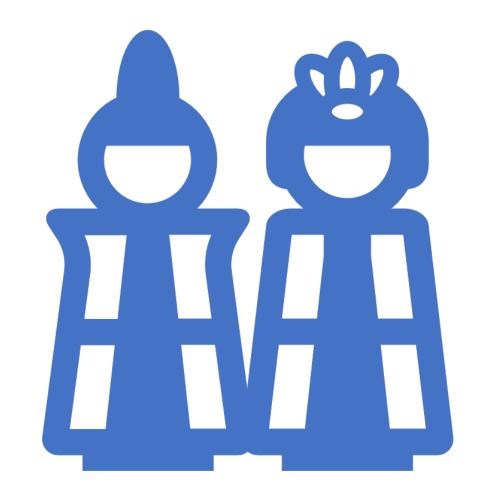
Doctora en filosofía de la Universidad de Jyväskylä en Finlandia.

Se ha desempeñado como profesora universitaria y cuenta con gran experiencia en tecnología educativa, ciencia, desarrollo curricular y matemáticas.

Actualmente es Vicedecana de la Universidad de Oulu.

Lidera el proyecto "Plan de igualdad y diversidad de género".

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Gender equality & STEM: Best practice in government and institutional policy

Dr Sari Harmoinen
Education Dean in the Faculty of Education
University of Oulu

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#### **LEGISLATION**

- Diversity and actual equality are two of the most essential basic human rights.
- According to **the Constitution of Finland** (section 6, 731/1999) everyone is equal before the law, and no one shall, without an acceptable reason, be treated differently from other persons on the ground of gender, age, origin, language, religion, conviction, opinion, health, disability or other reason that concerns their person.
- Gender equality is promoted **in societal activity and working life**, especially in the determination of pay and the other terms of employment, as provided in more detail by an Act.
- The language used in the equality and diversity plan is gender-neutral.

# GENDER EQUALITY PLANS (GEPs)

- Experiences of inequality could definitely weaken the **sense of community**. On the other hand, mutual respect, openness and good communication can be promoted when people **who belong to the community feel** that they are equal.
- In the equality and diversity plan of the University of Oulu, the emphasis is on topical and practical procedures in order to promote both equality and diversity. The objective is to consider simultaneously the regulations of both the Act on Equality between Women and Men (609/1986) and the Non-discrimination Act (1325/2014) in the University.
- The action of an educational institution or any other body providing training or education shall be deemed to constitute **discrimination prohibited** under the Act 609/1986 if a person **is treated less favourably than others on the basis of gender** in student selections, the organisation of teaching, the evaluation of study performance or **in any other regular activity of the educational institution or body.**

#### GENDER EQUALITY PLANS

- According to the Act on 609/1986, if an employer regularly has a personnel of **at least 30 employees** working in employment relationships, the employer shall at least **every two years** prepare gender equality plan dealing particularly with pay and other terms of employment, according to which the gender equality measures are implemented. The gender equality plan must be **prepared in cooperation with staff representatives**.
- Educational institutions shall prepare the gender equality plan annually in cooperation with staff and students. Instead of the annual review, the plan may be prepared in educational institutions not less than once every three years.

#### GENDER RESPONSIBLE AND COMPETENCES AT SCHOOLS

- In all comprehensive school should have a equality plan (from year 2016)
- Curriculum at schools but also at teacher education should have themes of gender responsibility and forbidden segregation.
- There has been a project SETSTOP supported by Ministry of Education
- The aim has been to create practices at schools to provide awareness of gender and equality
- In that project there has also planed in-service teacher training in those themes but also studies/courses for university teachers

# (In the Act on Equality between Women and Men) Direct/indirect gender-based discrimination means

- Direct means treating women and men differently
  - on the basis of **gender**,
  - for reasons of **pregnancy or childbirth**, or on the basis of gender identity or gender expression.
- Indirect means treating someone differently
  - by virtue of a provision, criterion or practice that appears to be gender-neutral in terms of gender, gender identity or gender expression,
  - but where the effect of the action is such that the person may actually find themselves in a less favourable position on the basis of gender
  - on the basis of parenthood or family responsibilities.

## Appointment processes

- An equal number of men and women is always invited and appointed as members in workgroups, while considering the task of the workgroup;
- In other words, the principle is followed included in the Act 609/1986 that the **proportion of both women and men must be at least 40 per cent** of public administration **bodies** and bodies exercising public authority.
- Similarly, members are **appointed** to **workgroups** and similar in representative proportions and equally from various **personnel** and student groups.



# Results from survey (2018) by Microsoft

- There is no differences in interests of technology between girls and boys before age of 11.
- =>The differences between gender is not given in born.
- Age 11-14 is critical for girls, in that age they lost their interest for technology.
- Girls can't even see themselves in the job of technology. Almost 25% of girls don't see needs for understand technology in the future and work life.





 Regularly organized Girlz in Tech happening (organized in co-operation with Young Entrepreneurs, Microsoft ja Magazine Demi)

 In Girlz in Tech girls meet real role models from the field of technology <u>tästä</u>

 Girls need support from parents, teachers but all other ones also.











# Role models

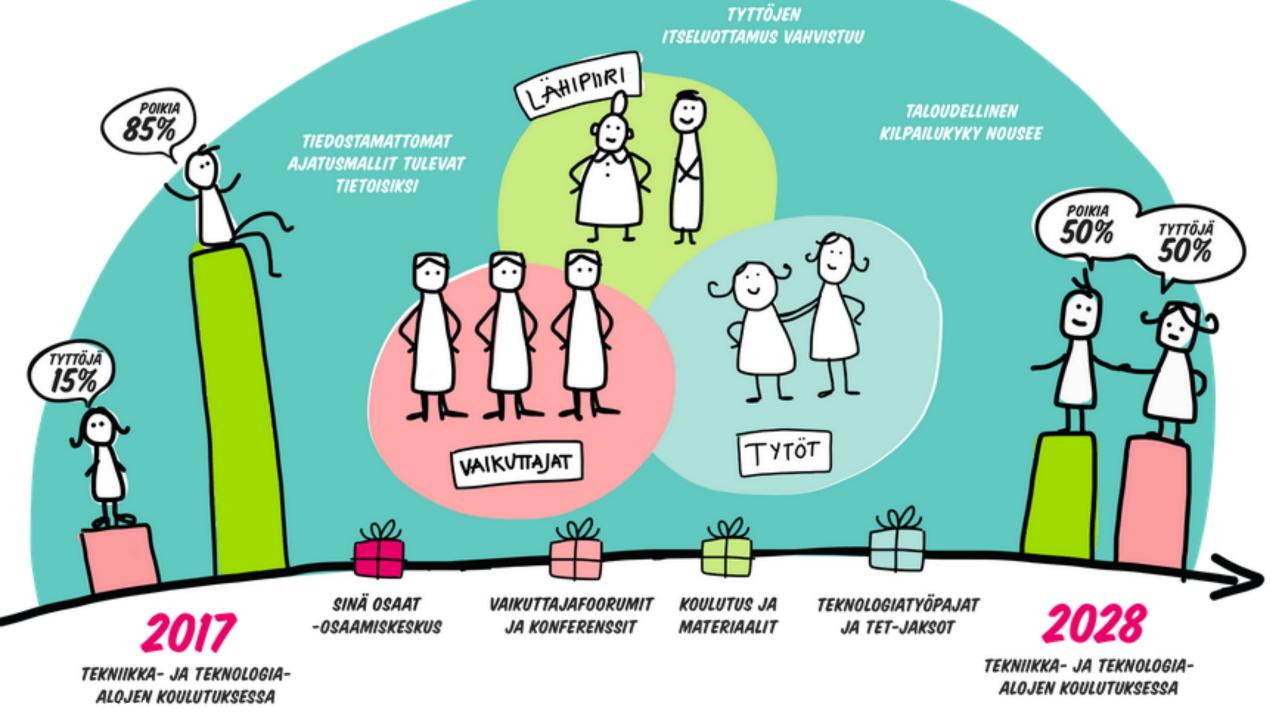


You can! Girls and Technology familiarizes girls with fields of technology and industries, grows their personal self-confidence in their know-how and supports to maintain that confidence in the transitional periods of their education path. The main target group of the project are girls, school faculties and counsellors, employers and companies. Indirect target groups are influencers and decision makers, parents and the media.



Here is six research based statement how to EDISTÄÄ female to field of technology

- Practical experience and workshops in science subjects
- Equal treat for male and female
- Role models for girls and women
- Teachers support for studies equally
- Parents support for studies equally
- Awareness of how to SOVELTAA science studies in practice





# THANK YOU!

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### University of Oulu

- The Equality and Diversity Committee (appointed by the Rector) consists of the faculty representatives, equality and diversity workgroup representatives, representatives from student and employee organisations, and experts (the Student Union's specialist in social politics, a university lecturer from Gender Studies, the human resources, and an accessibility contact person). The chair of the Committee is appointed by the Rector.
- Three common equality and diversity workgroups have been set up in faculties, and in addition, equality an diversity contact persons can been appointed in units. Student organisations may have their own appointed persons responsible for equality and diversity.

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Máster en Matemáticas de la Universidad de Washington.

Profesora de Matemáticas en el Politecnico di Torino en Italia.

Programas para incrementar la participación de mujeres en las carreras de ingeniería.

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# FIRST BENCHMARKING ROUND Equality @ PoliTo

Prof. Anita Tabacco - Rector's Delegate





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# Our history in a few steps



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opening

Politecnica Campus: site construction

<sup>♠</sup> Regio

Politecnico di Torino

**<sup>o</sup>** Unification of Italy

# A campus in continuous evolution





# PoliTo at a glance

Students

AY 2018/2019

35 000 Students enrolled in Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes

**72%** Male students

28% Female students

662 PhD candidates

**Students from outside Piedmont** 

52% italians living outside Piedmont 16% international students

**5 302** First-year bachelor students



## PoliTo at a glance

Courses AY 2018/2019 catalogue Bachelor's degree programmes 3 in Architecture | 19 in Engineering Master's degree programmes 5 in Architecture | 23 in Engineering Educational paths taught completely in **English** PhD programmes including 5 in cooperation with other universities (3) | research centres (2) Qualità & Impegno (Quality & Commitment) programme for Bachelor's students Alta Scuola Politecnica (ASP)

for Master's students



## Departments

**INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING** 



**DENERG** 

Energy

**DIMEAS** 

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

DISAT

Applied Science and **Technology** 

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES** 



DAUIN

Control and Computer Engineering

DET

Electronics and **Telecommunications** 

AND MANAGEMENT, MATHEMATICS FOR ENGIN.



**DIGEP** 

Management and Production Engineering

**DISMA** 

Mathematical Sciences

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL **ENG., ARCHITECTURE AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN** 



DAD

Architecture and Design

DIATI

Environment, Land and Infrastructure Engineering

DISEG

Structural, Geotechnical and **Building Engineering** 

**DIST** (Interuniversity Department) Regional and Urban Studies and Planning

### Interdepartmental Centers





#### PEIC

Power Electronics Innovation Center





PIC4SeR | PoliTO Interdepartmental Centre for Service Robotics



PoliTo<sup>BIO</sup>Med Lab

Biomedical Engineering Lab



R3C

Responsible Risk Resilience Centre

SISCON



SmartData@PoliTO

Big Data and Data Science Laboratory

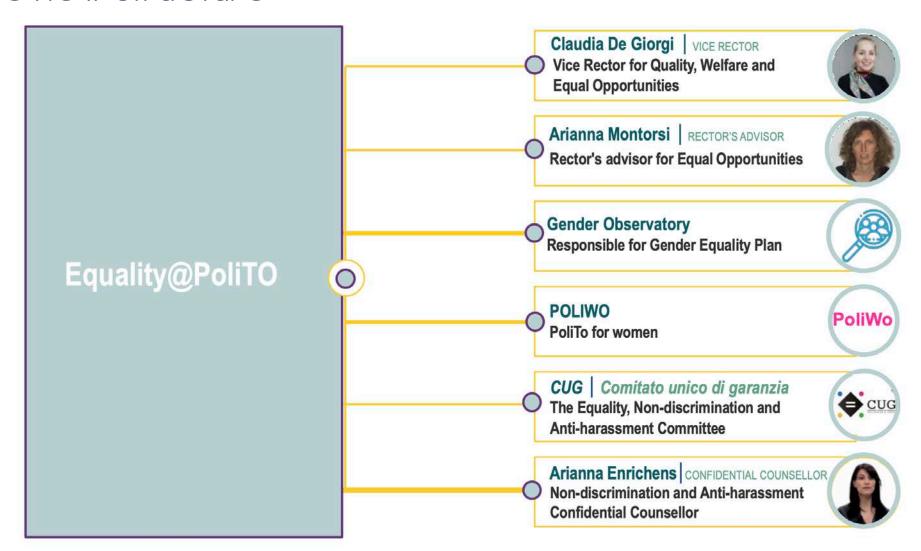
### Strategic plan



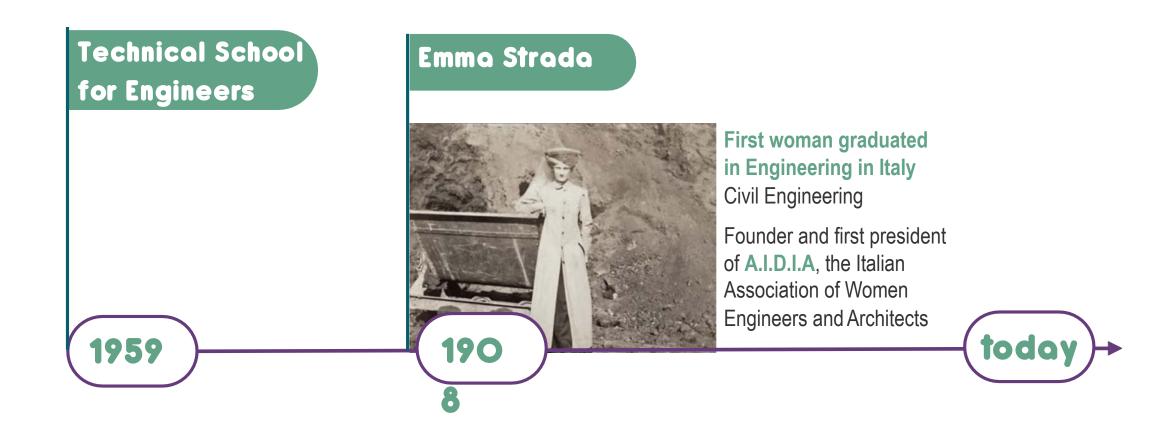
The promotion of **equal opportunities** and **inclusiveness** is inspired by our University' commitment to ensuring fair treatment and opportunities to all its members. Moreover, it stems from the belief that **diversity and inclusion are core values** for any university which aims to be a **school of life**, as well as a place for study and work.

In this context, by sharing and implementing the principles of the **European Charter for Researchers**, our University will launch new initiatives to monitor and govern equal opportunities with respect to the various aspects of diversity, **starting from gender diversity**.

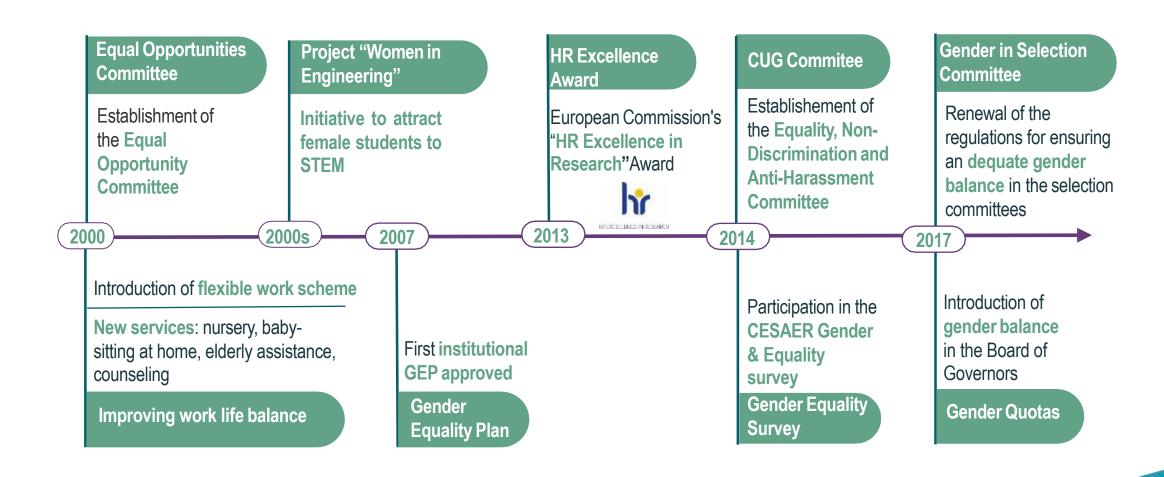
#### The new structure



## 160 years of history from an Equality point of view



## Good practices: the past



## Good practices: the present and the future

#### New Rector 2018-24

Guido Saracco chose a gender balanced Team of Vice Rectors and Delegates (50/50)

# Strategic Plan PoliTo 4Impact

#### Equality objectives:

- to increase the number of female students (up to 35%);
- to support the career development of female researchers (+ 50%).

## SheHacks PoliTo Contest for students

Contest to create concepts for a new campaign to attract female students

# We are HERe campaign

New social campaign to attract female students to Engineering Courses.
Starting date: April 1rst

2018

Support to Torino Pride seminar with

students, personnel, City and Region Councillors

TorinoPride event @PoliTo

Gender & Diversity teaching staff Community

PoliWo PoliTO for Women

PoliTo board for Gender & Equality Plan

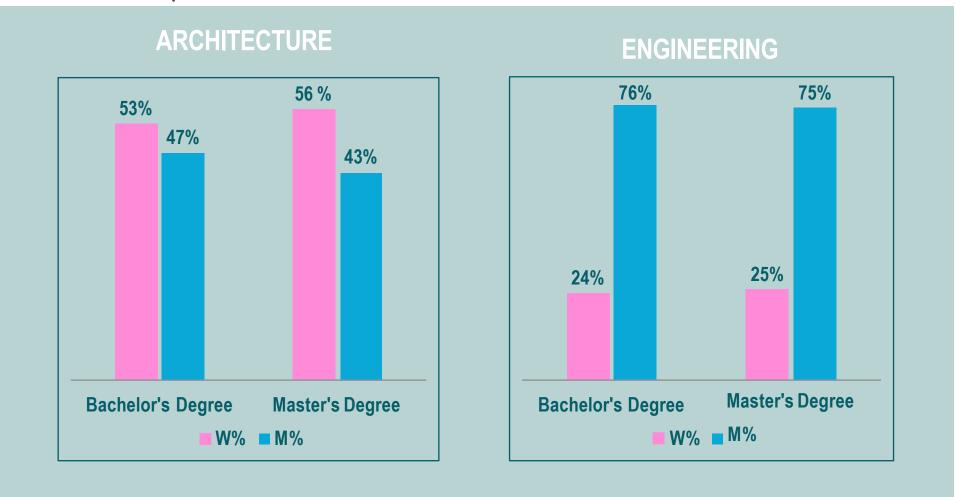
2019

**Gender** Observatory

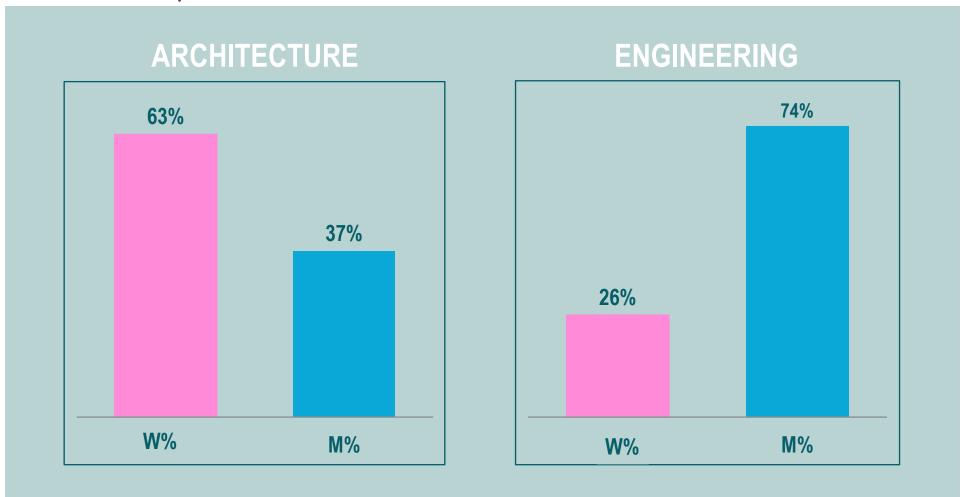
Scholarships for tutoring female students

Tutoring and Mentoring service for Engineering female students

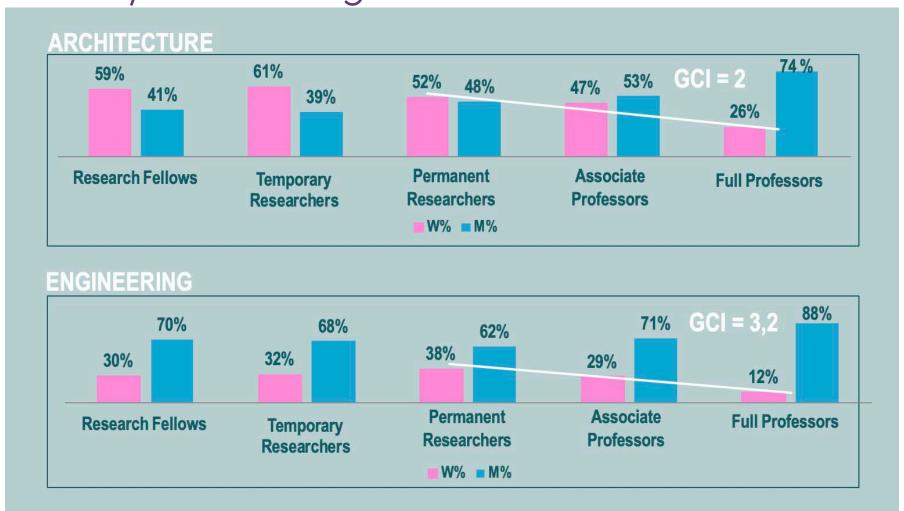
## Gender analysis: Students



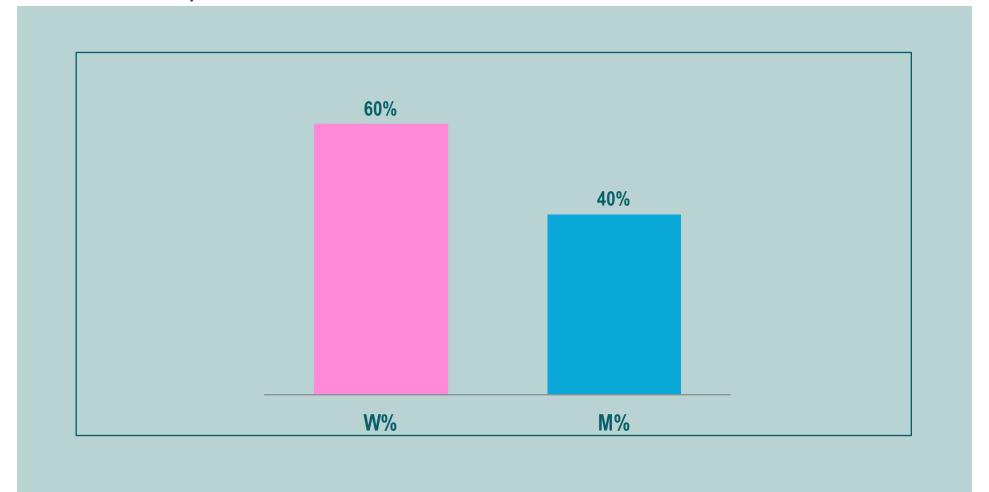
## Gender analysis: PhD candidates



### Gender analysis: Teaching staff



## Gender analysis: Administrative staff



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