

HerStory Project Overview

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Abstract

A general overview of the *HerStory - Combating gender stereotypes by highlighting women's contribution to the history of societies* European project (funded by European Union. Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme. CERV-2022-GE - Call for proposals to promote gender equality - Ref. 101087984) is presented in the kick-off meeting of this project, which was held in Salamanca (Spain) 27-28 March 2023.

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Gender stereotypes; Women's contribution to history; Equality; European Union; HerStory

Overview

History reflects power relations. A male-dominant compass invariably guided the field of history. This fact encourages societies to value men, their role in shaping culture, and their accomplishments more than women. Historiography lacks basic information about women's actions in history. As the mainstream literature on women's history is limited, their contribution to society and the struggles for women's rights are more likely invisible. The lack of visibility of women in history is reflected by the lack of statues that represent women in history and the limited knowledge about where those statues are and what they mean. These historical misconceptions and misrepresentations can be addressed by focusing on women's triumphs and normalizing the success of women through the publicity of women's statues and monuments. By re-addressing local histories and the popular narratives they support, this project tackles existing stereotypes regarding the value of women in society. In this way, this project will combat gender-based stereotypes while empowering women and girls around Europe. A vital component of this project rests on its use of technological means to provide a journey of transnational digital history. Through this journey, the different statues and monuments represent the footprint of women in history in cities across Europe. The project will develop a global map where visitors can find remarkable places regarding women in history, read their stories, and find valuable resources. Physically, participants can see these points in the record in person through mini excursions around European cities.

GRIAL Research Group background

The GRIAL research group [1] is the coordinator partner of this project. It has significant experience in leading European Projects, such as *VALS (Virtual Alliances for Learning Society)* [2], *WYRED (netWorked Youth Research for Empowerment in the Digital society)* [3], *ROBOSTEAM* [4] or *INGAME* [5] projects, among many others.

The gender issues represent one of GRIAL's research lines. Different research projects have been developed in this area, with particular attention to reducing the gender gap in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines [6], for example, *W-STEM - Building the future of Latin America: engaging women into STEM* [7] and *CreaSTEAM (Co-thinking and Creation for STEAM diversity-gap reduction)* [8].

Dissemination policy

HerStory wants to be present in society, and the consortium would like the outcomes of this project will have a real effect [9]. For this reason, the HerStory project fully complies with the Open Knowledge policy [10], especially with Open Science [11] and Open Education [12].

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