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RePower Women. Possibilities for Women in Technologies and Innovation

The European Office of Cyprus – Brussels Office, NCBR Office in Brussels – Business & Science Poland, Slovenian Business & Research Association, Eötvös Loránd University, the National Research, Development, and Innovation Office in Hungary and the Lithuanian RDI Liaison Office in Brussels (LINO) would like to invite you to participate in the online event **RePower Women. Possibilities for Women in Technologies and Innovation**.

This event will take place **online on Friday 9 September, 09h30 CEST (10.30 EEST)** via the Zoom platform.

The tech sector sadly lags behind the rest of the job market when it comes to hiring women. Deep tech represents more than a quarter of Europe's start-up ecosystem, and European deep tech companies are now valued at €700 billion. Yet women remain largely underrepresented across this industry.

Today, women obtain only 10% of patent applications in the EU, and less than 15% of start-ups are founded or co-founded by women (and only 6% by women-only teams). This translates into low amounts of capital invested into women-led companies, creating a vicious circle. Only 5% of venture capital goes to mixed teams (with men and women) and only 2% to all-women teams. The Covid crisis has only made matters worse. Funding to female founders during the pandemic was down 31% compared to 2019, while funding for all-male teams dropped by just 16% during the same period.

The goal of this event is to showcase different initiatives in the EU and encourage female participation in tech and innovation promoting gender equality in the workplace. By discussing with other female entrepreneurs and tech leaders, this online event will focus on the challenges we face and be a part of the solution to reduce the gender gap.

Should you be interested in participating in the event, please register [here](#)

A final confirmation and program with speakers will be sent few days before the event.

The deadline for registration is Thursday, 08/09.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to interested colleagues.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact Aliko Varella at varella.aliki@ucy.ac.cy.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our event!

