



Final Conference

Rooting Sustainable Change: Inclusive Gender Equality Plans in Agriculture and Life Sciences Universities in Central and Eastern Europe

📍 Location: CZU Prague – D107, Faculty of Economics and Management

👥 Format: In-person & hybrid

📅 Date: 25 September 2025

🕒 Time: 9:30 – 17:15 CET

Conference Aims

The AGRIGEP Final Conference aims to **reflect on and synthesise the experiences gained during the implementation of Gender Equality Plans (GEPs)** in agricultural and life sciences higher education institutions (HEIs) across Central and Eastern Europe. As a culmination of the three-year project, the event **brings together educators, policymakers, researchers, students, and practitioners** to identify **persisting challenges and explore future pathways** for sustainable institutional transformation.

With a sectoral focus on agrifood and natural resource management, the conference places **gender equality at the heart of innovation, competitiveness, and academic excellence**. The event will showcase practical examples, discuss lessons learned, and explore stakeholder engagement strategies that drive real change. Insights from sister projects and EU-level policy experts will inform policy recommendations and empower stakeholders to create inclusive academic and professional environments.

Conference Agenda

9:00 Registration

9:30 Opening Session

Prof. Michal Lošťák, Vice-rector, Czech University of Life Sciences

Julianna Kobolák, Senior Researcher, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, AGRIGEP project coordinator

Katharina Buse, Project Officer, European Research Executive Agency

10:00 Keynote Speech

Marcela Linková, Head of the Centre for Gender and Science at the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Member State Co-Chair of the ERA Forum Sub-group on Inclusive Gender Equality, an advisory body to the European Commission.

10.30 Coffee Break

10.50 Policy Round Table: Advancing Gender Equality in Academia for Sustainability, Excellence, Competitiveness and Economic Growth in Europe

Moderator: **Maxime Forest**, Gender and Policy Design Expert, Yellow Window, Senior Lecturer and Research Associate at Sciences Po (OFCE, Urban School)

Speakers:

Adéla Gjuričová, Director of the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Vice-Chair of the Research, Development and Innovation Council of the Czech Government

Katalin Tardos, Senior Researcher of the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Sociology, Hungary

Hana Tenglerová, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, Unit D4 - Democracy, Equality & Culture – Gender Sector

Gita Zadnikar, Policy Officer, Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation

12.15 Lunch break

13.15 Panel Discussion 1: Shaping gender equality in academia: Lessons from GEP 1.0 and visions for GEP 2.0

Moderator: **Panagiota Polykarpou**, Consultant for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Yellow Window

Panellists:

Štefan Bojnec, Professor of Economics and Head of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Management, University of Primorska

Sara Clavero, project NEXUS, Senior Researcher and Deputy Director RINCE (AIB Research Centre for Inclusive and Equitable Cultures) at TU Dublin EDI

Lenka Henebergová, project SUPPORTER, Senior Researcher, Vice-dean for internationalisation at Charles University in Prague

Julianna Kobolák, Coordinator of AGRIGEP; Senior Research fellow at Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE), Hungary

Michal Lošťák, Professor of Sociology, Vice rector and Head of the Department of Humanities at the Faculty of Economy and Management, Czech University of Life Sciences

Katalin Oborni, Senior Project Manager at HÉTFA's Division of International Cooperation, coordinates the RE-FEM and STREAM IT projects, Gender Officer for the COST Action project PROFEEDBACK

14.30 Poster Pitch session with coffee

15.45 Panel Discussion 2: Advancing gender equality in Agriculture and Life Sciences

Opening presentation: **Veronika Paksi**, research fellow at the Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences (Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre of Excellence)

Moderator: **Katalin Tardos**, Senior Researcher of the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Sociology

Panellists:

Maura Farrell, FLIARA project, Senior Lecturer, School of Geography and Archaeology, National University of Ireland, Galway

Jana Mazancová, AGRIGEP project, Senior Researcher at the Department of Sustainable Technology, Faculty of Tropical AgriSciences, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Petra Palátová, Fem2forests project, Lecturer and researcher at the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague

Dimitris Tsaltas, Professor and Director of Agricultural Microbiology and Biotechnology Laboratory, Head of Department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology and Food Science at the Cyprus University of Technology

17.00 Final Remarks

17.15 Closure of the conference

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