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# Gender mainstreaming in Engineering Education

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# Global Gender Gap Report 2022

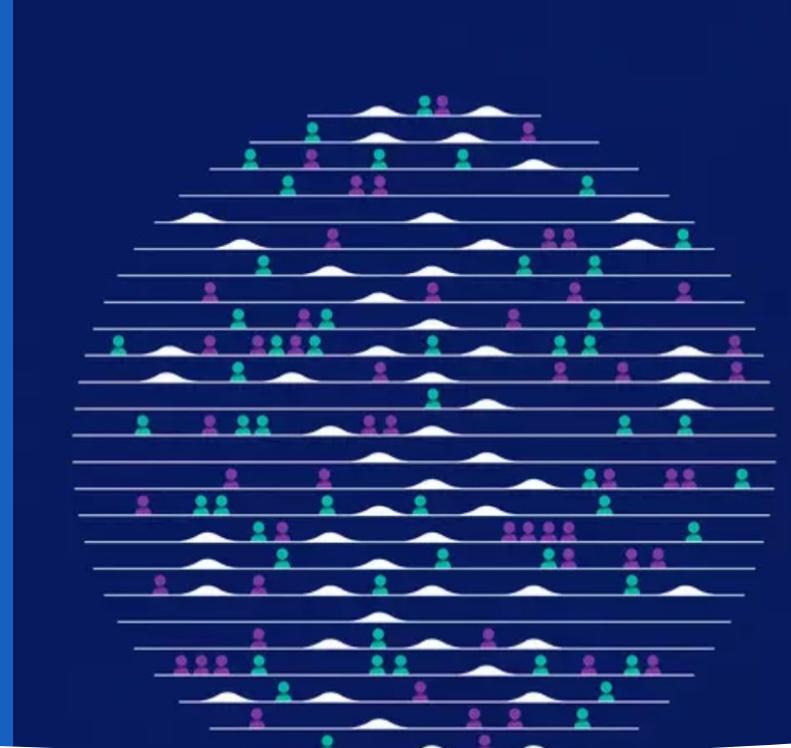
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Gender parity is not recovering, according to the *Global Gender Gap Report 2022*. It will take another 132 years to close the global gender gap. As crises are compounding, women's workforce outcomes are suffering and the risk of global gender parity backsliding further intensifies.



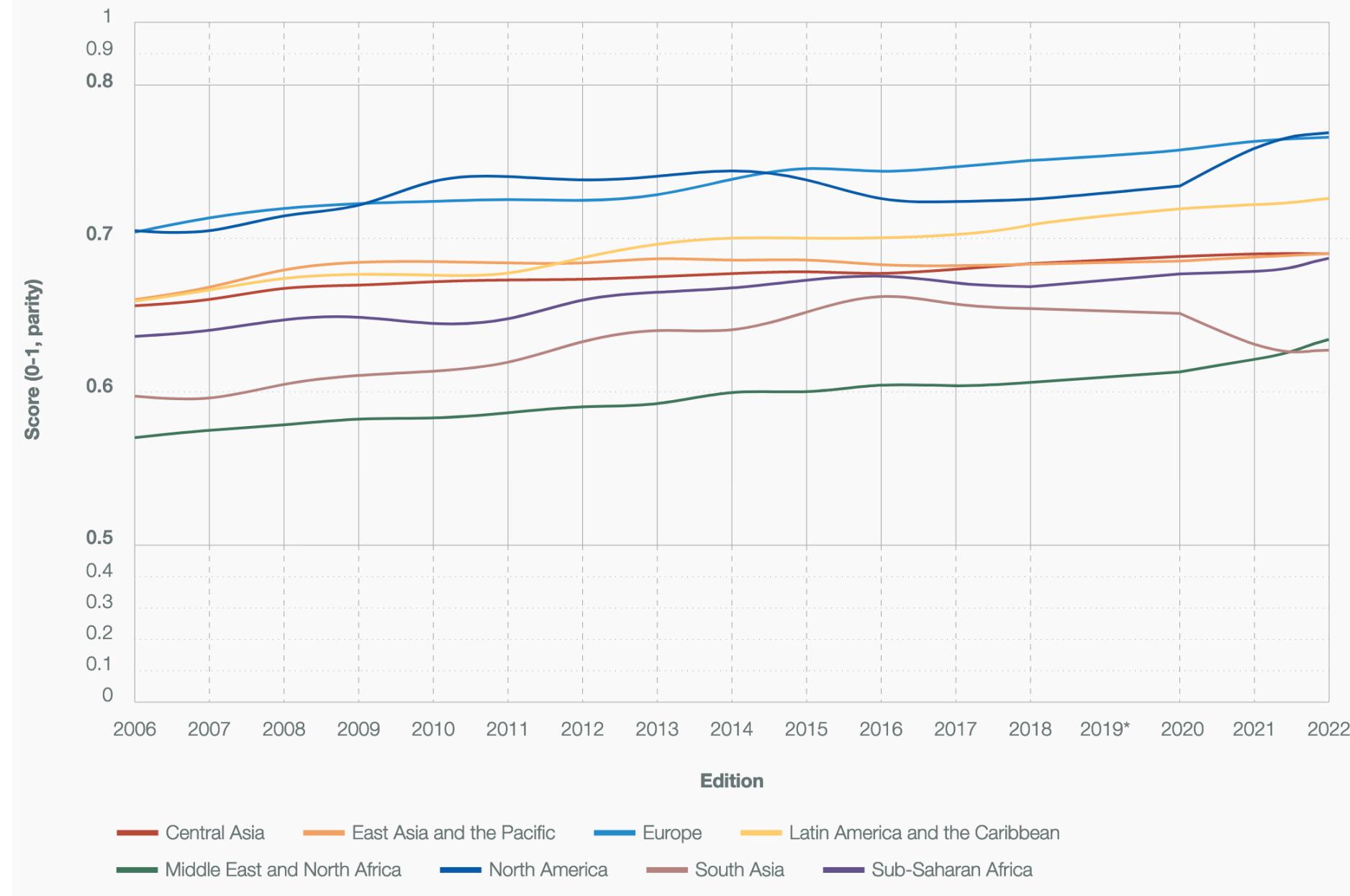
## The gender gap in the world (I)

- The Global Gender Gap report 2022 includes 146 countries, however, no country has yet achieved full gender parity
- Europe has the second-highest level of gender parity (76.6%)
- Based on the constant set of 102 countries covered since 2006, the region has a 60-year wait to close the gap



# Regional gender gaps

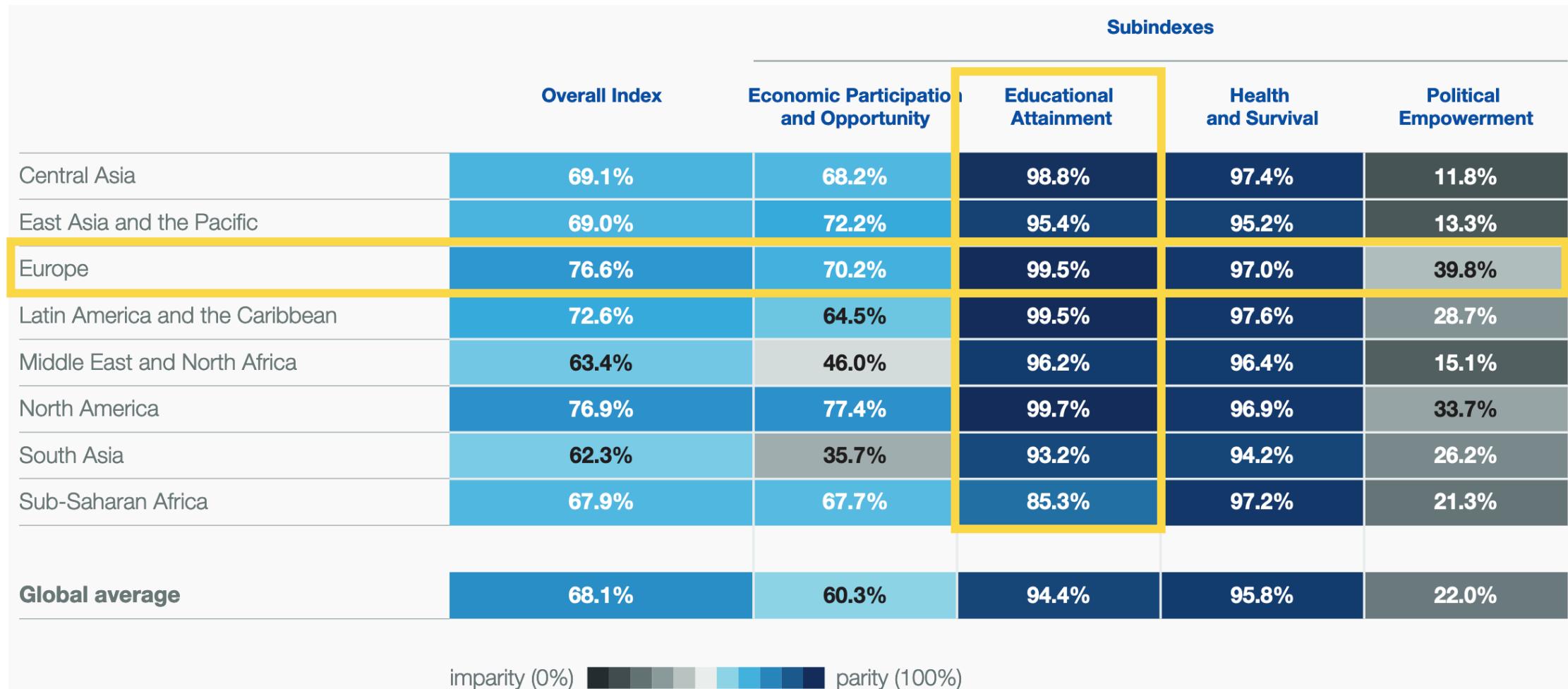
Evolution in scores,  
2006–2022



# Europe

| Country                | Rank     |        | Score |       |
|------------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
|                        | Regional | Global |       |       |
| Iceland                | 1        | 1      | 0.908 |       |
| Finland                | 2        | 2      | 0.860 |       |
| Norway                 | 3        | 3      | 0.845 |       |
| Sweden                 | 4        | 5      | 0.822 |       |
| Ireland                | 5        | 9      | 0.804 |       |
| Germany                | 6        | 10     | 0.801 |       |
| Lithuania              | 7        | 11     | 0.799 |       |
| Switzerland            | 8        | 13     | 0.795 |       |
| Belgium                | 9        | 14     | 0.793 |       |
| France                 | 10       | 15     | 0.791 |       |
| Spain                  | 11       | 17     | 0.788 |       |
| Albania                | 12       | 18     | 0.787 |       |
| Austria                | 13       | 21     | 0.781 |       |
| United Kingdom         | 14       | 22     | 0.780 |       |
| Serbia                 | 15       | 23     | 0.779 |       |
| Latvia                 | 16       | 26     | 0.771 |       |
| Netherlands            |          | 17     | 28    | 0.767 |
| Portugal               |          | 18     | 29    | 0.766 |
| Denmark                |          | 19     | 32    | 0.764 |
| Slovenia               |          | 20     | 39    | 0.744 |
| Bulgaria               |          | 21     | 42    | 0.740 |
| Luxembourg             |          | 22     | 46    | 0.736 |
| Estonia                |          | 23     | 52    | 0.733 |
| Montenegro             |          | 24     | 54    | 0.732 |
| Italy                  |          | 25     | 63    | 0.720 |
| Slovak Republic        |          | 26     | 67    | 0.717 |
| North Macedonia        |          | 27     | 69    | 0.716 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina |          | 28     | 73    | 0.710 |
| Czech Republic         |          | 29     | 76    | 0.710 |
| Poland                 |          | 30     | 77    | 0.709 |
| Malta                  |          | 31     | 85    | 0.703 |
| Hungary                |          | 32     | 88    | 0.699 |
| Romania                |          | 33     | 90    | 0.698 |
| Cyprus                 |          | 34     | 93    | 0.696 |
| Greece                 |          | 35     | 100   | 0.689 |

# The gender gap in the world (IV)



# The gender gap in STEM (I)

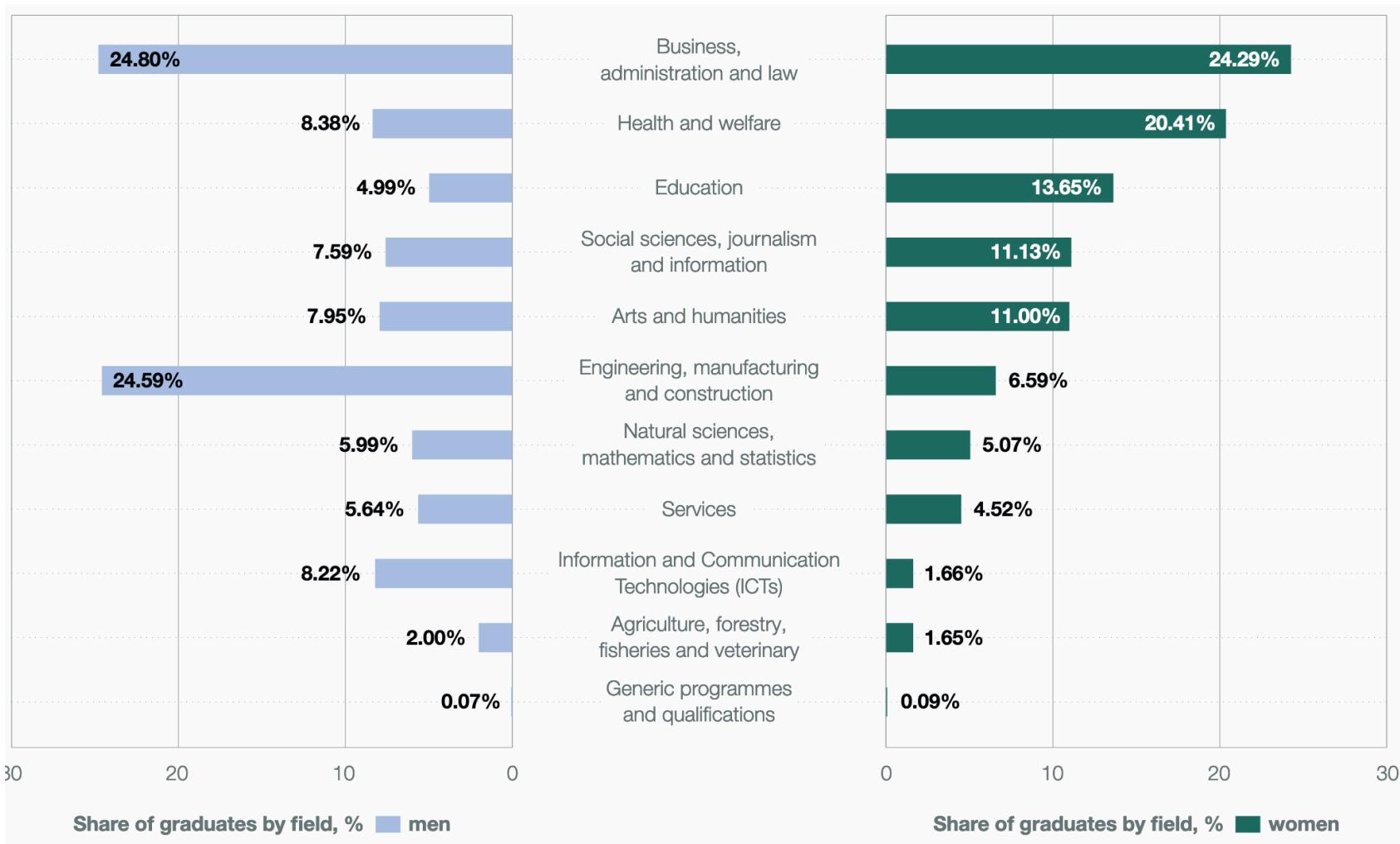
- There is parity in tertiary education enrolment but a significant gap in STEM areas (UNESCO, UIS.Stat education statistics data portal)
- The percentage of women graduates in ICT is 1.7%, compared to 8.2% of men graduates (World Economic Forum, 2022)
- In Engineering and Manufacturing the same figures are 24.6% for men and 6.6% for women (World Economic Forum, 2022)

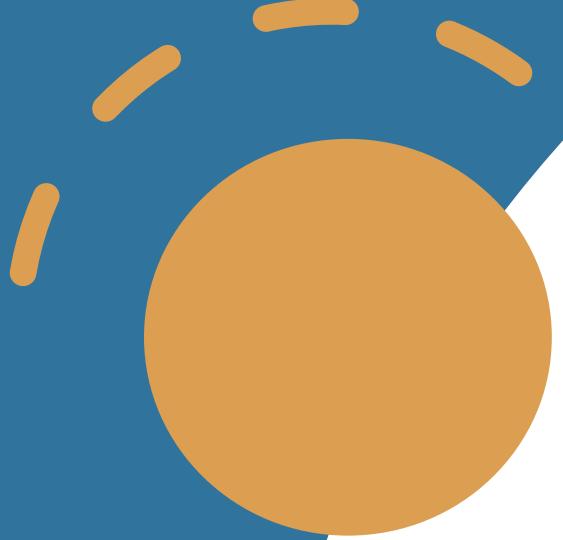


# The gender gap in STEM (II)

- According to data from the LinkedIn platform, it is estimated that women represent 15% of workers in the engineering sector, despite the fact that engineering has one of the highest employment growth rates in the world (World Economic Forum, 2020)

# The gender gap in STEM (III)





What can we do?



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1** NO  
POVERTY



**2** ZERO  
HUNGER



**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



**4** QUALITY  
EDUCATION



**5** GENDER  
EQUALITY



**6** CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



**7** AFFORDABLE AND  
CLEAN ENERGY



**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**10** REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES  
AND COMMUNITIES



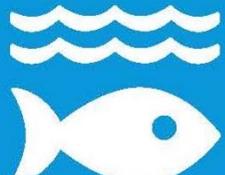
**12** RESPONSIBLE  
CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



**13** CLIMATE ACTION



**14** LIFE  
BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE  
ON LAND



**16** PEACE, JUSTICE  
AND STRONG  
INSTITUTIONS



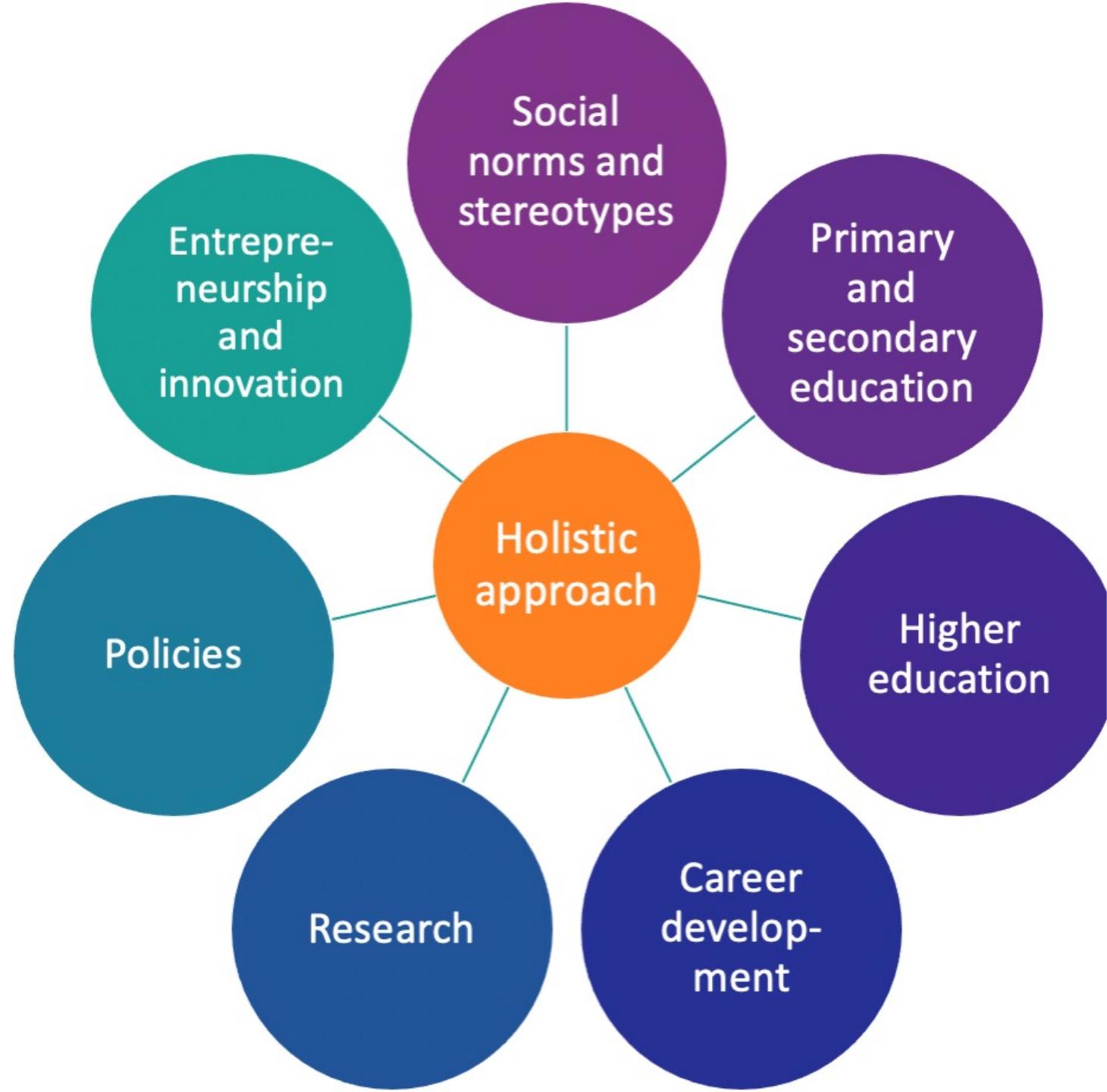
**17** PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



  
**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

# University role

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# Motivation

An international problem that needs to be addressed at all levels of education

## **University education**

- Methodological initiatives and proposals are still few and far between
- Although it is compulsory for university students to receive equality training, there is little or no practical guidance on how to do this in teaching guides and examples of educational activities

# Education for equality

- Methodological proposal for approaching teaching-learning processes with a gender perspective in educational centers
- Students and teachers must be trained in values such as equality, tolerance, dialogue and practical conflict resolution and introduce this knowledge and skills into the educational curriculum





## Different ways of gender mainstreaming

- Specific degrees focusing on gender studies
- Degrees that have specific equality subjects
- Gender mainstreaming, in which equality content is integrated into any subject of the curriculum

# Co-education

- “It is a current pedagogical proposal to respond to the claim of equality made by feminist theory, which proposes a reformulation of the model of transmission of knowledge and ideas from a gender perspective in socialization spaces for training and education” (Spanish Institute of Woman, 2017)

# Main characteristics of co-educational practices

Project/Problem Based Learning (knowledge and observation of the environment)

Crash of traditional educational dynamics and practices

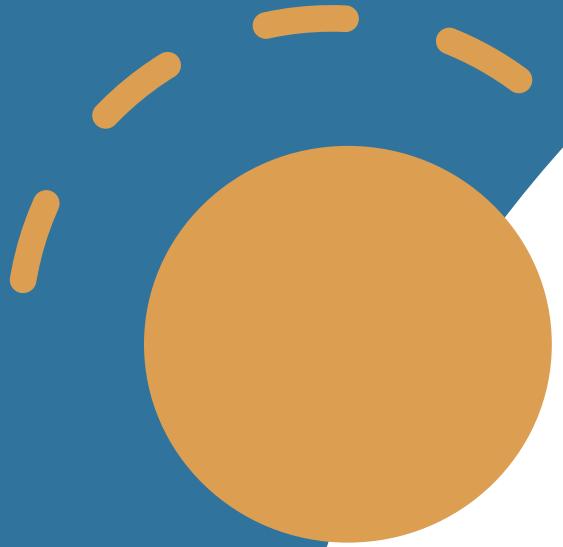
Active Methodologies, participatory and motivating

Non-sexist language

Sensitization of students, teachers and the immediate environment

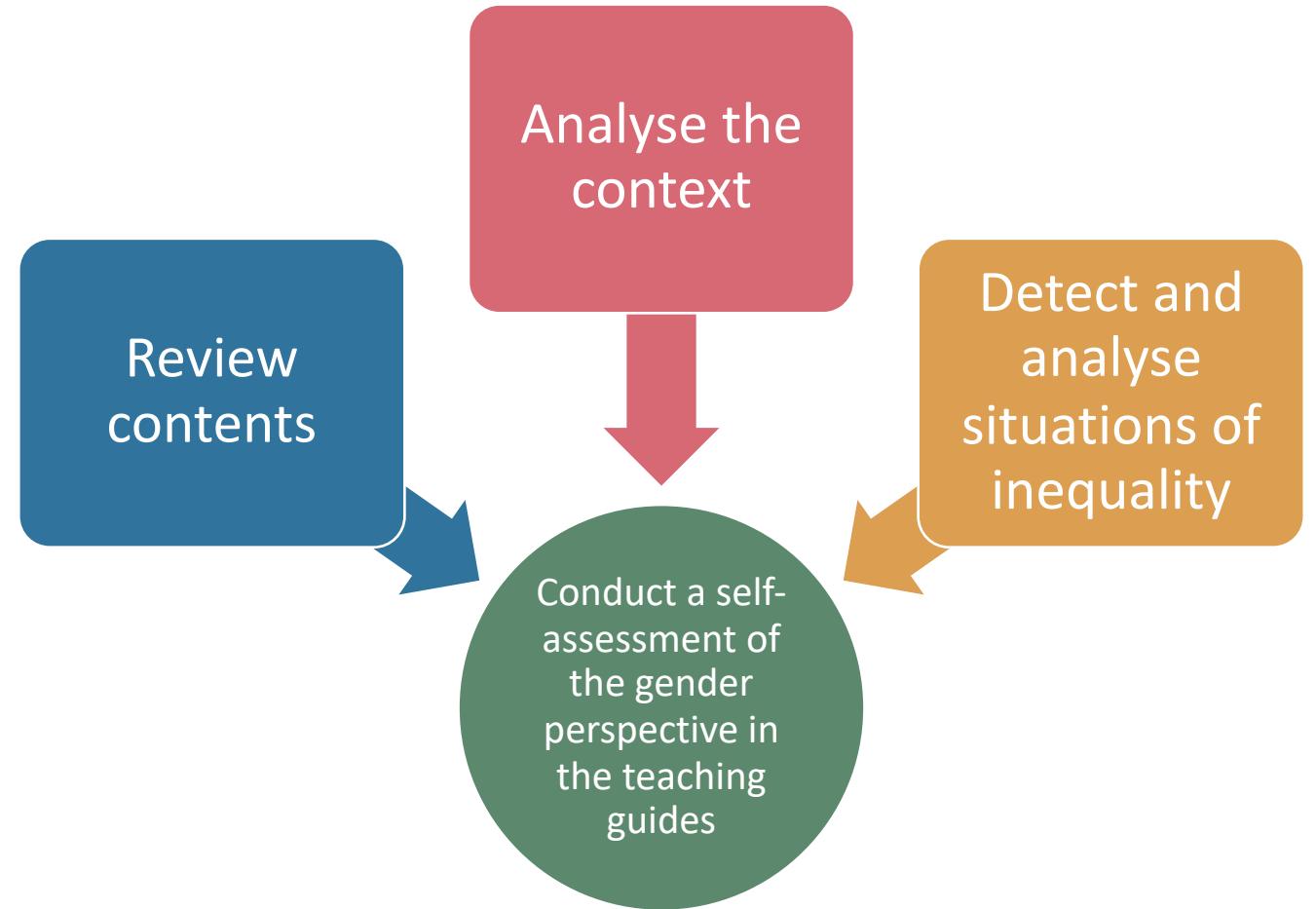
Participation and cooperation

Discovery, critical thinking and debate



# How can we incorporate co-education in engineering education?

# Self-assessment



# Rubric for co-educational practices



|                  | <b>Indicators</b>  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |                   | <b>Indicators</b>   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
|------------------|--|------------|-----------|-------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| <b>Classroom</b> | Consideration of the gender perspective in the class approach                            |            |           | <b>Contents</b>   | Inclusion of female names and protagonists                            |            |           |
|                  | Consideration of expectations about students   |            |           |                   | Non-sexist content  |            |           |
|                  | Assignment of responsibilities according to sex  |            |           |                   | Critical review of the bibliography including relevant female authors |            |           |
|                  | Consideration about treatment based on sex   |            |           | <b>Spaces</b>     | Balanced sharing  |            |           |
|                  | Spatial arrangement in the classroom to promote the relationship between different sexes |            |           |                   | Equal access  |            |           |
|                  | Construction of inter-sex and balanced groups  |            |           | <b>Leadership</b> | Differentiation of leadership capacities based on sex                 |            |           |
| <b>Language</b>  | Defense and use of non-exclusive language  |            |           |                   | Female presence in leadership roles                                   |            |           |
|                  | The language considers the participation of female students                              |            |           |                   |   |            |           |



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# Finding out students' perspective on the gender gap: the GENCE 2.0 questionnaire

\*Indicate the degree of agreement/disagreement with the following statements (Likert: 1-Strongly Disagree, 2-Disagree, 3-Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4-Agree, 5-Strongly Agree)

|   | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Engineering students are treated differently by their teachers according to their gender                            | <input type="radio"/> |
| People who enrol in Engineering studies receive the same institutional support regardless of gender                 | <input type="radio"/> |
| All people must have the same rights regardless of gender   | <input type="radio"/> |
| Gender equality is an important issue that must be addressed from all spheres (family, education, social, and work) | <input type="radio"/> |
| Gender equality must be part of the University's curricula  | <input type="radio"/> |
| The women who make studies in Engineering are not feminine enough   | <input type="radio"/> |
| People who study Engineering are considered "freaks" (rare)   | <input type="radio"/> |

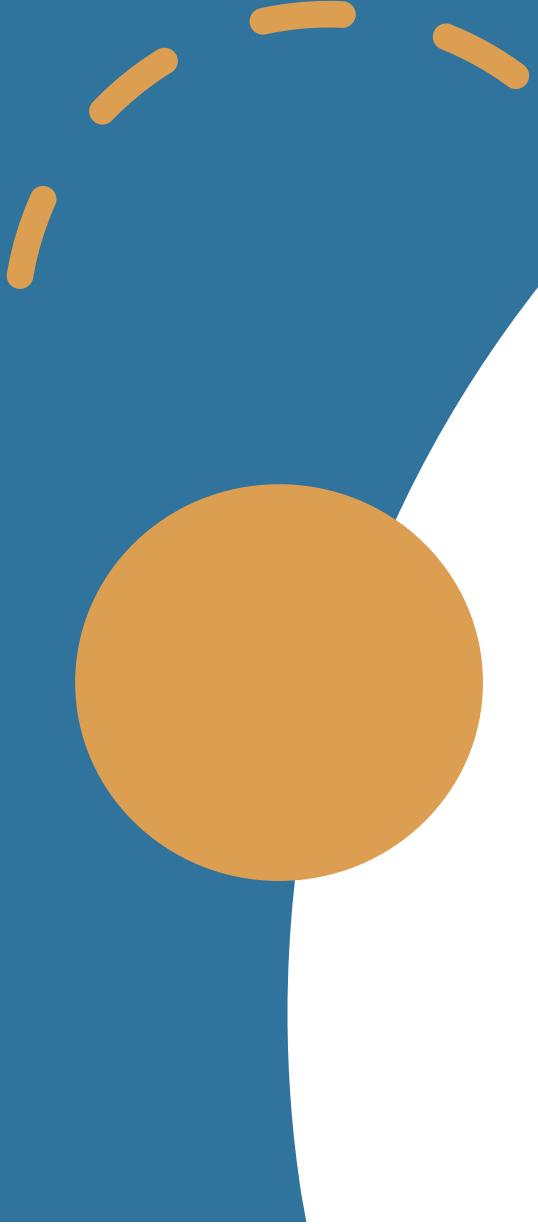
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Design,  
develop and  
evaluate the  
experience

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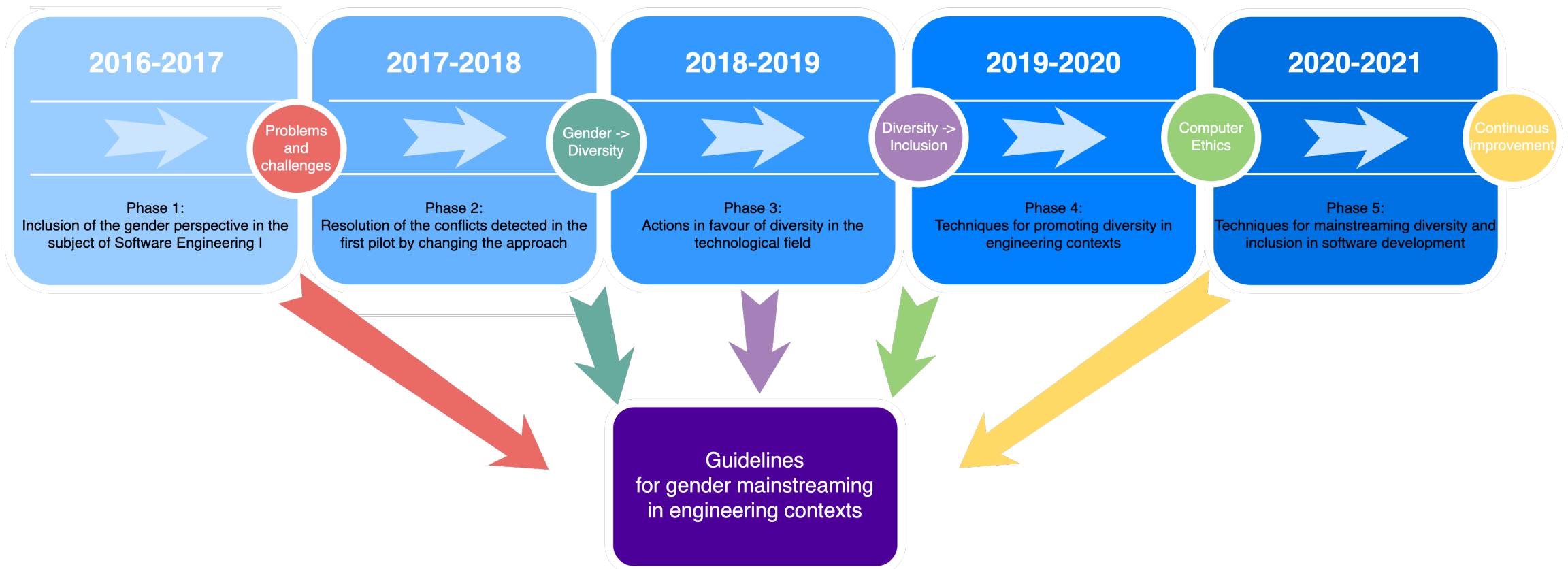


Some examples of  
teaching innovation with  
a gender perspective

# Gender Mainstreaming in Software Engineering course

Degree in Computer Science, University of  
Salamanca, Spain

## Gender -> Diversity & inclusion -> Ethics

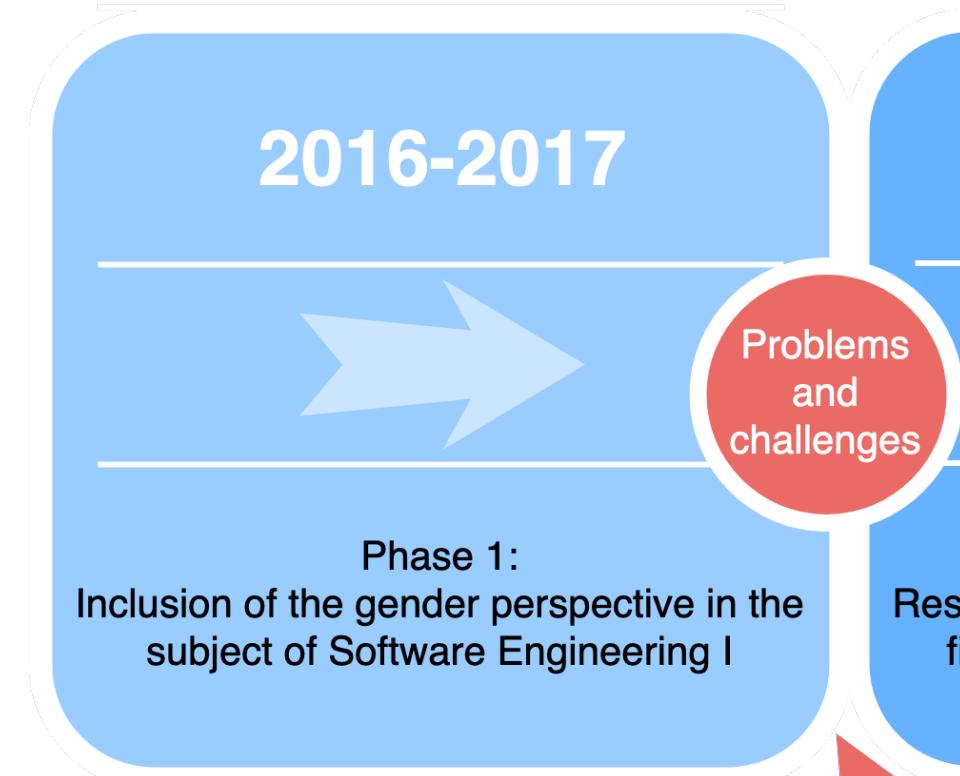


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# Phase 1

- Review and update educational materials
- Diversity in teams
- Twitter for sharing news
- Gender issues as problems to solve in the workshops
- Final Project developed across the course focused on solving society problems related to women



# Phase 2

- Improve and solve issues detected in phase 1
- Remove the introduction talk about gender in technology



# Phase 3

- Coach. Focus on diversity and ethics.
- Talks on topics related to software engineering and the professional sector
- Gamification through a set of badges associated with diversity and inclusion



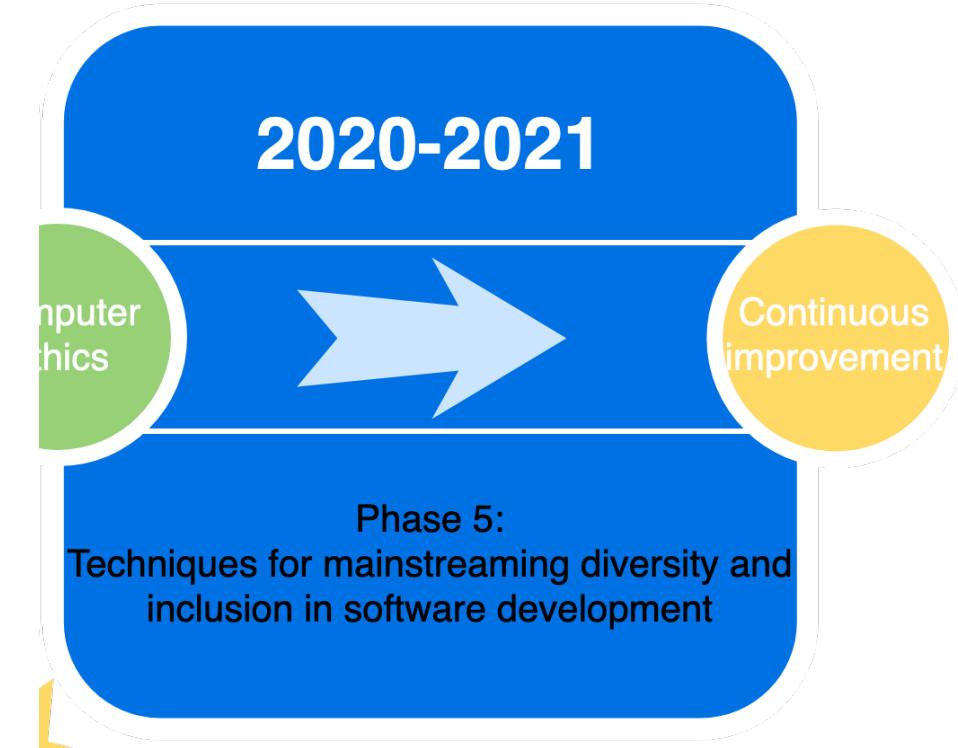
# Phase 4

- Selection and adaptation of techniques used in agile methodologies to establish group dynamics that promote internal and external inclusion
- Design thinking techniques



# Phase 4

- The last phase focused on incorporating ethical aspects related to software development in the Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering through a SPOC
- Lectures on computer ethics: introduction to computer ethics, ethics and HCI, ethics and universal design, and ethics and AI



# Gender-sensitive mentoring

# Gender-sensitive mentorship network

- Co-education approach outside the classroom
- Gender-sensitive mentorship network across countries from Latin America and Europe
- Main action of the W-STEM network

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# W-STEM Network



Tecnológico de Monterrey – ITSM  
Universidad de Guadalajara – UDG

Northern Regional College – NRC

Oulu University – OULU (Finlandia)

Technological University Dublin – TUD

Politecnico di Torino – POLITO (Italia)

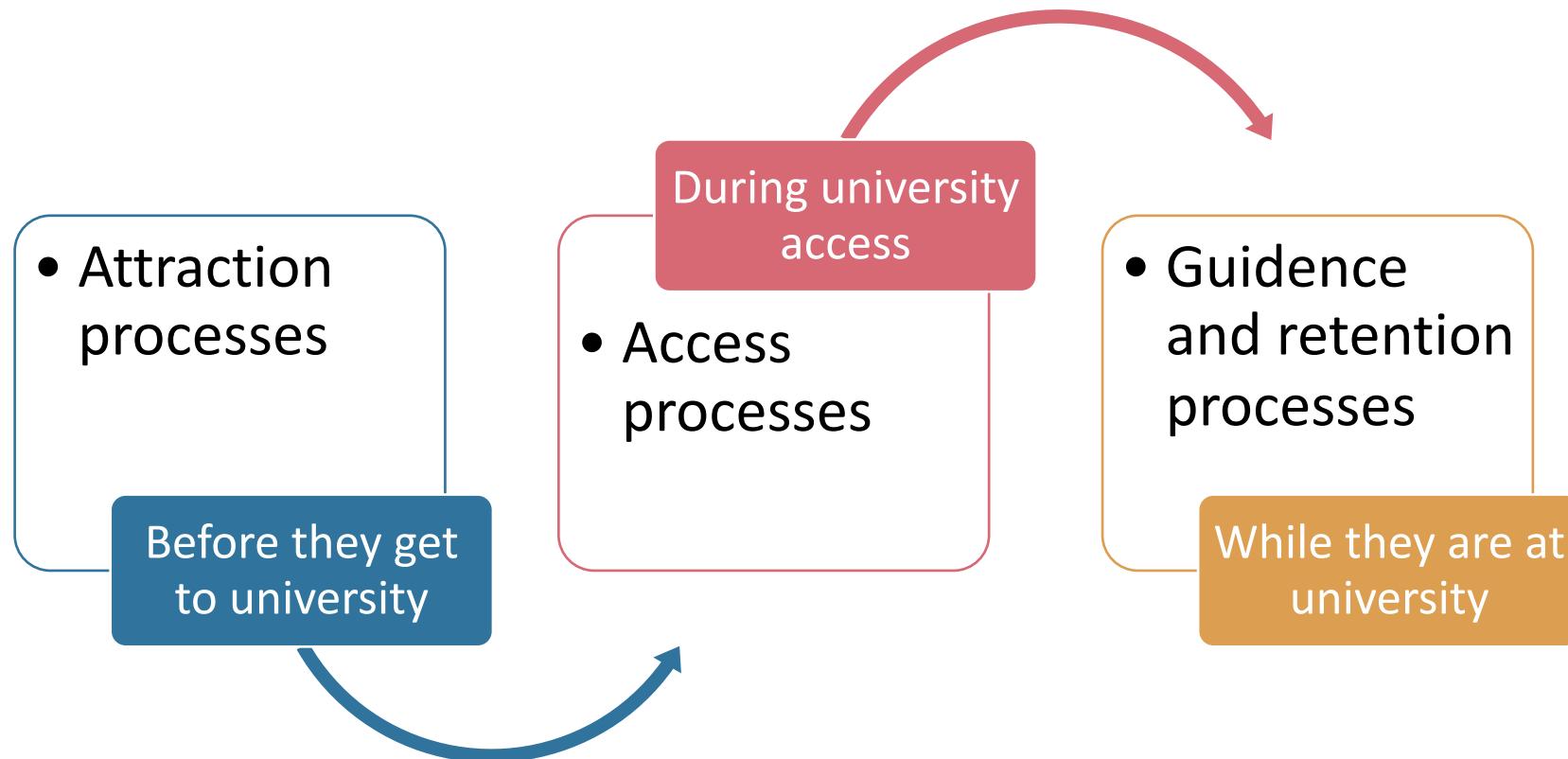
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Universidad Técnica del Norte – UTN

Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María – UTSM  
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso – PUCV

# W-STEM model (I)



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# Gender-sensitive mentorship for guidance and retention

The goal of the Mentoring Network is to empower women and encourage their active participation in STEM careers

- Training of MENTORs (teachers + students) at centralised level
- Accompanying first-year STEM students and enhancing their student participation
- Generate indicators to characterise young women choosing STEM careers

Cross-cutting training in leadership, women's empowerment, inclusive language, creating inclusive environments



# Roadmap to implement the gender-sensitive mentorship

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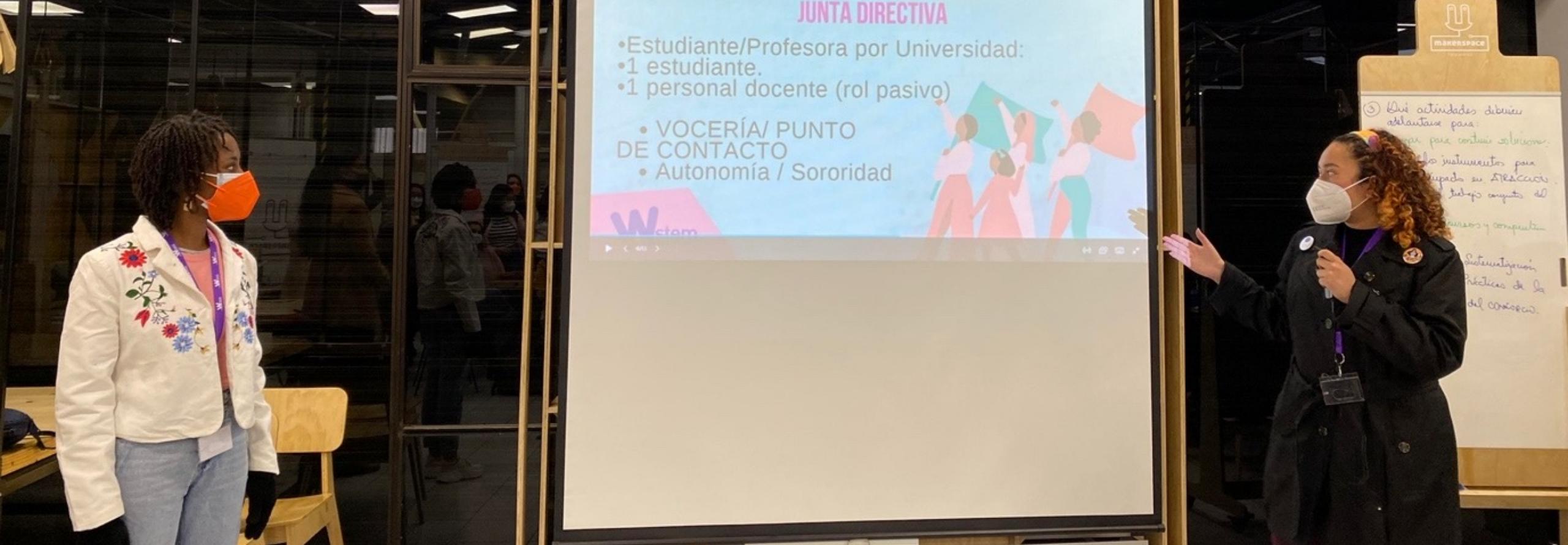
- Identify tutors among the academic staff
- Engage students from first year
- Engage students as mentors

## Training

- Training for tutors about co-education
- Training for mentors and mentees about gender equality and inclusion

## Implementation

- Share the initial questionnaire
- Organise follow-up meetings
- Collect feedback



# Strengthening the network

# STEAM-Labs

A co-education  
approach in secondary  
school

# CreaSTEAM project

## Co-thinking and Creation for STEAM diversity-gap reduction

- **Acronym**
  - CreaSTEAM
- **Funding**
  - European Union. Erasmus + KA2 – Cooperation and Innovation for Good Practices. Strategic Partnerships for school education
- **Reference**
  - 2020-1-ES01-KA201-082601
- **Dates**
  - 01/10/2020 a 30/09/2022
- **Budget**
  - 240.736€



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# CreaSTEAM Consortium



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# CreaSTEAM Objectives

- Develop a framework for secondary schools to create a collaborative space in which diversity and inclusion in STEAM is promoted
- Establish mechanisms to foster collaboration between STEAM communities and initiatives and secondary schools



# STEAM-Labs

- STEAM-Labs merge three concepts
  - Fab-Labs
  - Media Labs
  - User Labs
- They seek to create inclusive spaces that work with STEAM in an integrated way
  - Science
  - Technology
  - Engineering
  - **Arts**
  - Mathematics



## Fab labs

**HackForGood\_2017**  
SALAMANCA DATA DRIVEN ECONOMY

**MEDIALAB**  
Presenta: Anatomía de la Crisis

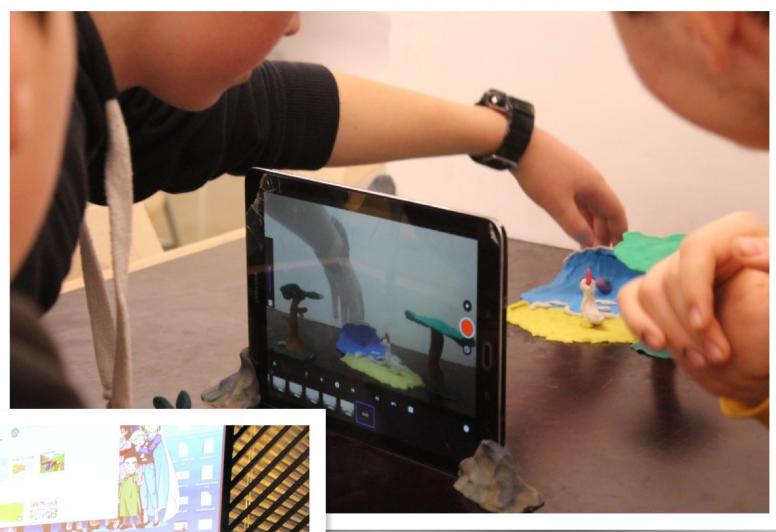
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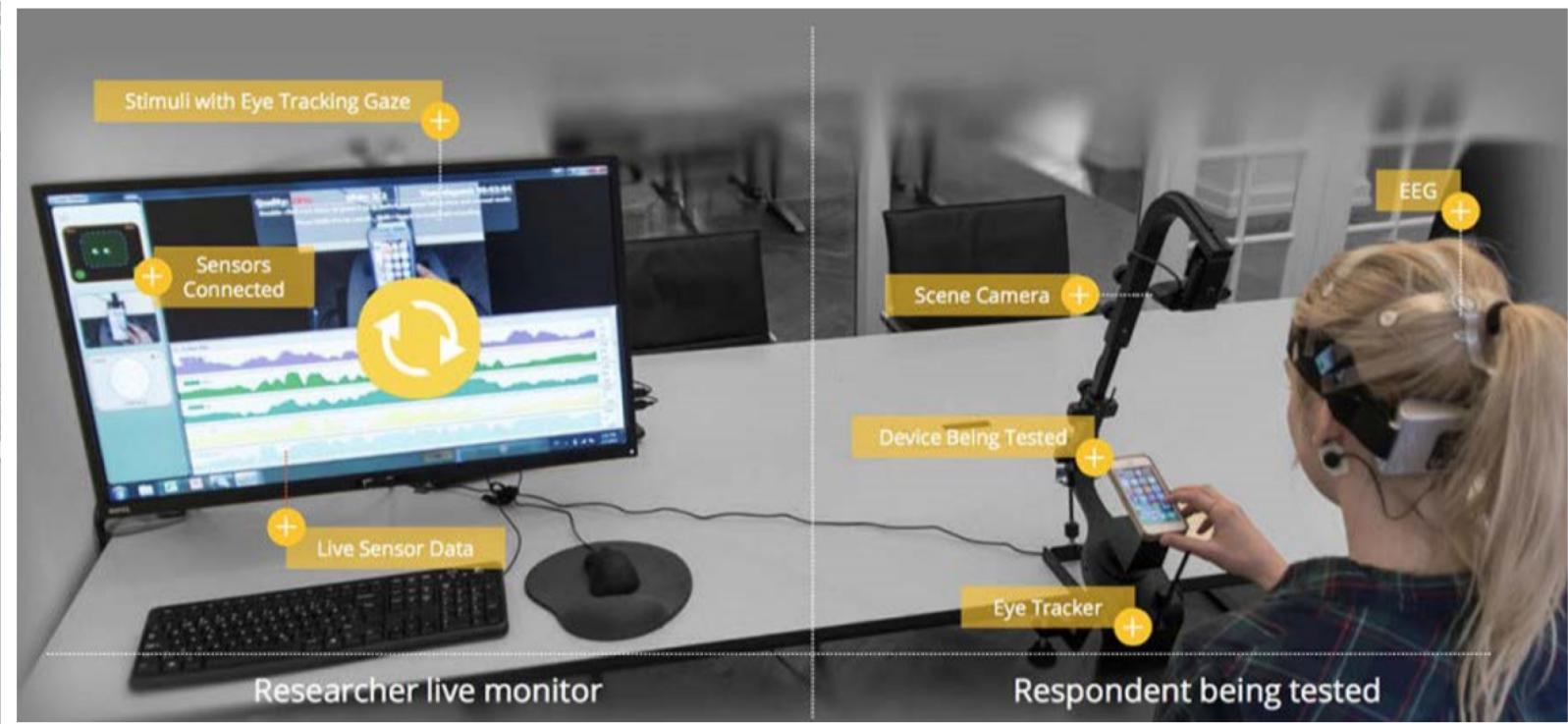
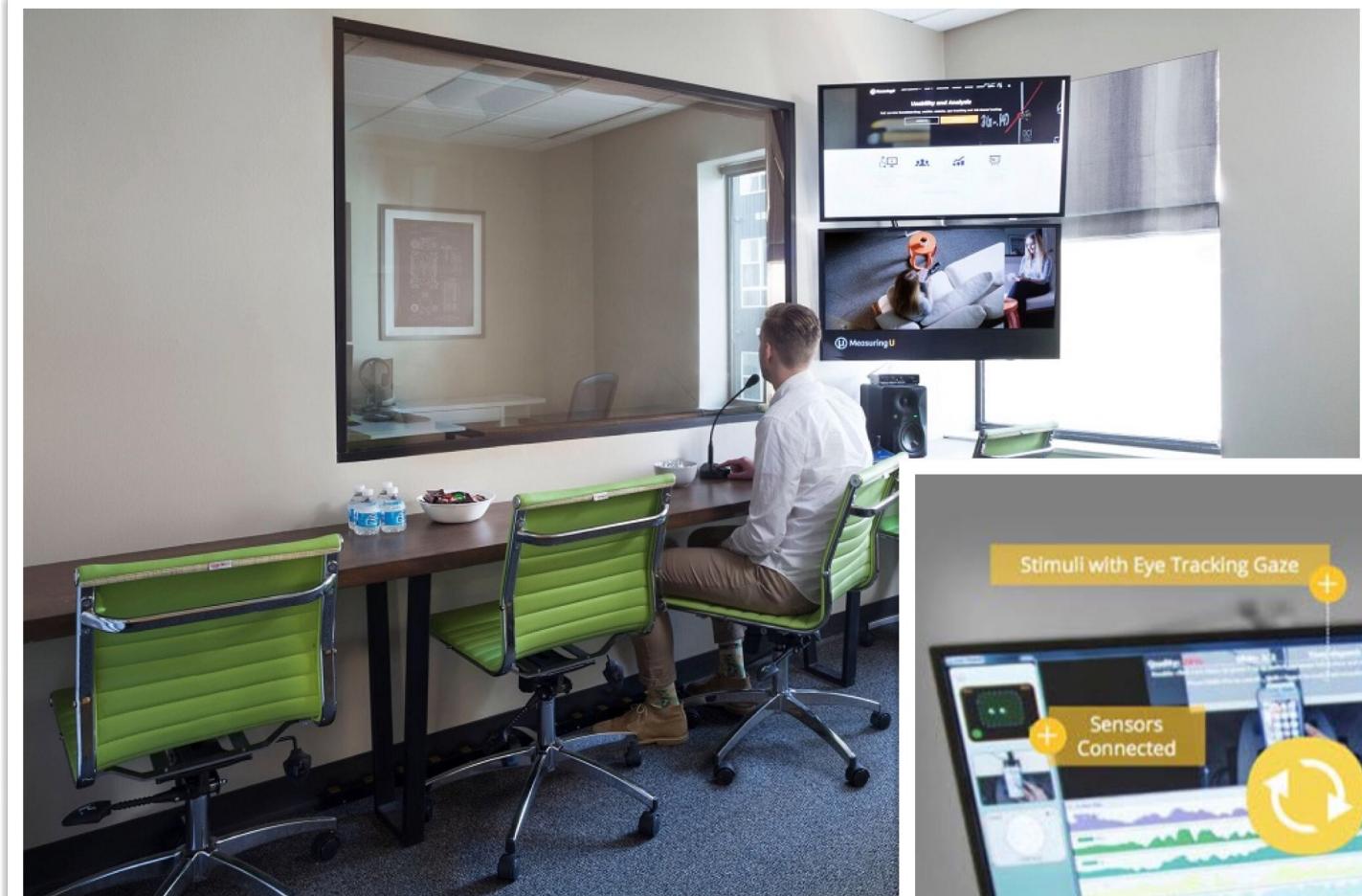
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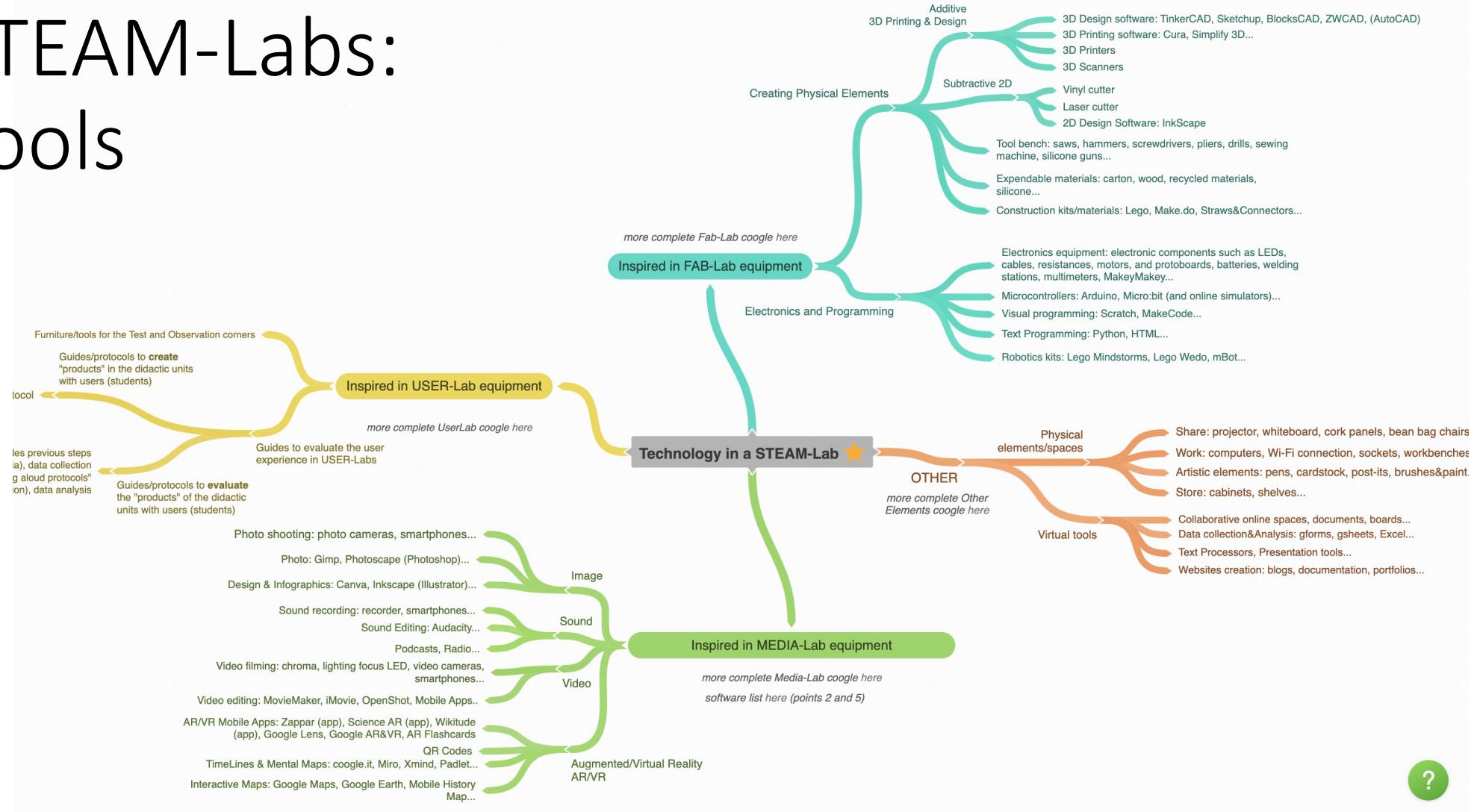


# Media Labs

# User Labs



# STEAM-Labs: Tools



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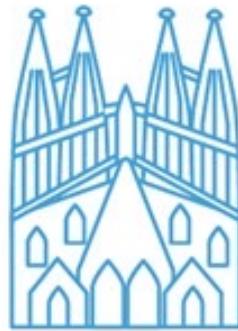
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