In the European Research Area (ERA), there are objectives to increase women’s representation and retentions at all career levels and to promote the integration of a gender dimension in research and innovation. This should lead research organisations and higher education institutions to implement institutional change in human resources management, funding, decision-making and also in research programmes.

Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) provide a framework to undertake this institutional change and are assuming an increasing importance since they are required as an eligibility criterion for Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) to get access to Horizon Europe funding. Despite the number of RPOs adopting gender equality policies at different levels increasing in recent years, still few women reach top positions in academia and research organizations with various issues stalling their career progression. In addition to this, the gender gap is still high among the enrolled students in several academic disciplines.

Thus, there is a need for more research to examine these topics from a gender perspective and the purpose of this mini track is to explore this scope. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Gender Equality Plans in Research Performing Organizations
- Gender Budgeting: tools and applications
- Gender equality in recruitment, careers and retention
- Policies for work-life balance
- Gender equality monitoring: measures and indicators
- Tackling the gender gap within the student population
- Integration of a gender dimension in research content

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**Submission details**

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