

## Small Particles, Big Issues: PRIORITYze DEI

### Issue 4 13/06/2023: Gendered Science.

Dear all,

I hope this email finds you well. Today, we want to stress the importance of addressing the gender dimension in research and innovation content. This entails considering sex and gender in the whole research & innovation process.

The integration of the gender dimension into R&I content is mandatory unless it is explicitly mentioned in the topic description. Also, the integration of the gender dimension represents an award criterion in EU funding programmes.

The question is: *Why do we need to integrate the gender dimension into R&I content?*

Some possible answers are:

- Every cell is sexed and every person is gendered
- It brings added value of research in terms of excellence, rigor, reproducibility, creativity and business opportunities
- It brings an in-depth understanding of all people's needs, behaviours and attitudes
- Goods and services better suited to the needs of all citizens
- The enhanced societal relevance of research and innovation

On the topic, we suggest “**Gendered Innovations in Science, Health & Medicine, Engineering, and Environment**” (<http://genderedinnovations.stanford.edu/index.html>). This project was initiated at Stanford University, July 2009, and collects, updates and expands the Gendered Innovations methods and case studies. More than 220 experts from across Europe, the United States, Canada, and Asia participated in peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary workshops and collaborations. Gendered Innovations harness the creative power of sex, gender, and intersectional analysis for innovation and discovery.

Considering these approaches may add valuable dimensions to research since analysing gender enhances all phases of research, **as the attachment reveals.**

Feel free to ask for more information and material about Gendered Science!

Best regards

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