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FOSTERING GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN THE ICT SECTOR

Newly launched European project focuses on fostering gender mainstreaming in the ICT sector in Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

The **gender-IT** project is a two-year initiative co-funded by the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme, under the Leonardo da Vinci Action. It is implemented by seven partners from Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Spain, Sweden and the UK.

The gender-IT project aims to contribute to innovative and attractive VET practices in the ICT sector in order to cover the existing gender gap with **women accounting for less than 20% of computer systems designers, analysts and programmers in the EU27**.

Its specific objective is to build a sustainable multistakeholder network at a European level which will actively foster gender mainstreaming in VET for the ICT sector.

Its **operational aims** are to:

- Create a comprehensive, virtual resource centre on gender mainstreaming in VET for the ICT sector at European level;
- Promote good practices and innovative approaches in VET for the ICT sector regarding gender mainstreaming;
- Identify trends of gender mainstreaming in VET for the ICT sector and resulting impacts on VET practice;
- Raise awareness, inform and engage stakeholders and women;
- Expand the network, exploit its results and set the basis for sustainability.

gender-IT has been developed by a **transnational consortium** specifically set up for the purpose of implementing the project. It involves seven (7) actors from six (6) EU Member States with complementary expertise. Namely, the IMCS Intercollege LTD (Cyprus) which is the project leader, the University of Tartu (Estonia), ITEC Continuous Vocational Training Centre (Greece), MILITOS Consulting SA (Greece), Scienter Espana S.L. (Spain), Emmerce EEIG (Sweden) and Inova Consultancy (UK).

Work is underway to produce the project's deliverables.

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More information on the **gender-IT** project is available online at http://www.gender-it.eu

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