



PRESS RELEASE

Yasar University participates in Horizon2020 Project CALIPER

Yasar University is proud to announce that, Yasar University is an official member of the CALIPER project which has received funding by European Union's Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon 2020. CALIPER will last four (4) years and aims at making Research Performing (RPO) and Research Funding Organizations (RFO) more gender equal increasing the number of female researchers in STEM, improving their careers prospects and integrating a gender dimension in research.

Yasar University is one of the nine (9) RPOs/RFOs involved in CALIPER project that covers a wide geographical area across the Europe from Southern, Balkan, Central European and Baltic countries. Thus, CALIPER elaborates on a diverse landscape of STEM research infrastructures in varying cultural settings. In addition to the aforementioned RPOs and RFOs, the project's Consortium features two SMEs and a pan-European Professional Association to support the Project undertaking management, scientific assistance, evaluation and dissemination activities.

CALIPER will orchestrate the core inward auditing/internal assessment and GEPs design with outward actions engaging external stakeholders to activate synergies at all different junctions of the 'education-research-transfer to market of STEM research results' chain through the establishment of Research and Innovation (R&I) Hubs in each RPO/RFO of the project. CALIPER will adopt an intersectional approach to gender equality issues, paying attention to the ways gender inequalities are linked to and intersected with other discriminations.

Being a Member of CALIPER Consortium, Yasar University seeks to foster internal procedures that are going to result to tailored gender equality policies and sustainable structural changes in favor of a gender balanced and competent environment. The Organisation is projected to assess the current conditions regarding gender issues and work on creating a GEP to introduce specific steps towards enhancing female researchers role. Yasar University especially aims to increase the participation of women in research and innovation by creating opportunities for female students and researchers and increasing enrolment rate of female students in STEM degree programs.

CALIPER envisions to create strong foundations for women's engagement with higher management and decision-making roles in research and business field of STEM. The project is going to influence both the internal environment of the involved research organisations and the innovation ecosystem existing in their respective countries in order to welcome gender equality designs. Leading by the example of Yasar University, progress throughout CALIPER the goal is to enhance female researchers career prospects, increasing the involvement of young females into STEM research and solidifying the gender dimension in research and innovation, which constitute objectives of the European Research Area (ERA).

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