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Implementation of Gender Equality Strategies in project partner countries

FEM-ABLE is pivotal in increasing public awareness, mobilising support, and influencing policy changes for gender equality. During this stage, the project focuses on workshops, seminars, and events to disseminate national gender equality strategies developed across partner countries. Objectives include ensuring the adoption of these strategies by political parties or relevant bodies, enhancing stakeholder capacity and skills, and raising public awareness. The activities are designed to engage a broad spectrum of organisations and strategic partners at local and national levels, inspiring and informing future efforts towards achieving gender equality and political inclusiveness across Europe.

Portugal

FEM-ABLE's hybrid event in Portugal "Conversations for Equality": On May 23rd, Portuguese partners at Universidade Lusófona collaborated with the graduating students of Communication Sciences at Universidade Lusófona – Lisbon University Center, holding an event **where they put the Portuguese National Strategy into practice.**

With an audience of 65 people, the "Conversations for Equality" event unfolded in the José Araújo Auditorium, in Lisbon, and featured distinguished guests including Maria Helena Santos, Carla Semedo, Ana Vitorino, and Francisca Cabral. Over a span of approximately two hours, the discussions centered around themes such as the **Civic Movement for Parity, challenges hindering female political engagement, feminism and intersectionality, and the role of men as advocates for women.**



Lithuania

Discussion at a national level: Implementation of WP4 in Lithuania started with the fruitful discussion at a national level with women's organizations representatives on the importance of **parity in politics for achieving gender equality**. The political situation of women in Lithuania and EU, the **FEM-ABLE Strategy** and measures for **achieving gender equality in politics** were presented and discussed. The role of women's **NGOs** with the focus on **EP elections** and **elections of Seimas of Lithuania**. The event took place in Kaunas on 16th of April.



Cyprus

FEM-ABLE through an EU lens: On the 26th of May, Cyprus organised a live podcast featuring three distinguished **female candidates for the European Parliament**, representing various political backgrounds. The discussion aimed to explore the role of women in politics, with a **particular focus on the European Elections**. The event provided an opportunity for the in-person audience, including stakeholders and relevant bodies, to engage in the discussion by asking questions and contributing to the overall **gender-themed informative event**, thus enhancing the thematic scope of the project.

The full live podcast is available in our CSI YouTube account and was conducted and recorded in the Greek language: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW7GpigZIx0>



Italy

FEM-ABLE's first Workshop in Palermo "Women and politics - challenges and opportunities". On May 13th, FEM-ABLE held its first workshop at Palazzo Comitini in Palermo, focusing on "Women and Politics: Challenges and Opportunities." Supported by the **Metropolitan City of Palermo**, the event gathered prominent local figures to discuss gender equality in political participation. The workshop **introduced FEM-ABLE's national gender equality strategy** with legislative proposals and educational initiatives. Participants explored solutions like **affirmative actions and equal pay** through debates and interactive sessions. Emphasising the importance of women's voices in decision-making, the workshop aimed to foster a culture of respect and equality, promoting a more inclusive and fairer society.



FEM-ABLE in educational contexts: "Debating with students from the University of Palermo". On May 31st the **University of Palermo** hosted the FEM-ABLE project presentation at the **department of Political Sciences**. The event, focusing on women empowerment, featured speeches from Professor Manoela Patti, Milena Gentile, and Ninni Terminelli, who discussed **gender equality in politics and law**. Students from various disciplines actively participated through **quizzes and open debates**, exploring topics like gender quotas and political representation in Italy and Europe. The event aimed to engage the younger generation in the FEM-ABLE National Strategy, fostering **intergenerational dialogue** and empowering students to contribute to future policy-making.



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The upcoming Newsletter will highlight the other FEM-ABLE events in project partner countries.

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