

FEM·ABLE

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## What FEMABLE is all about?

This project aims to **promote gender equality in political decision-making**. This will be achieved through the development of national strategies and the collaboration with stakeholders for the successful integration of research findings into national policy. By achieving these objectives, the project will contribute to a **more equal representation of women and men** in political decision-making, leading to **more inclusive and equitable societies**.



## What are our main activities?



1. Conduction of a desk and field research to identify and assess existing gender equality strategies in national contexts and to determine gaps, needs and expectations of women involved in the political sphere and young women and men voters.
2. Design of 7 National strategies and 1 European strategy to promote equality between women and men in political decision.
3. Local delivery of National Strategies through workshops and other participatory activities involving women and men voters/candidates, gender equality bodies, political parties, NGOs, public authorities, academic staff, etc.

## Why FEM-ABLE?

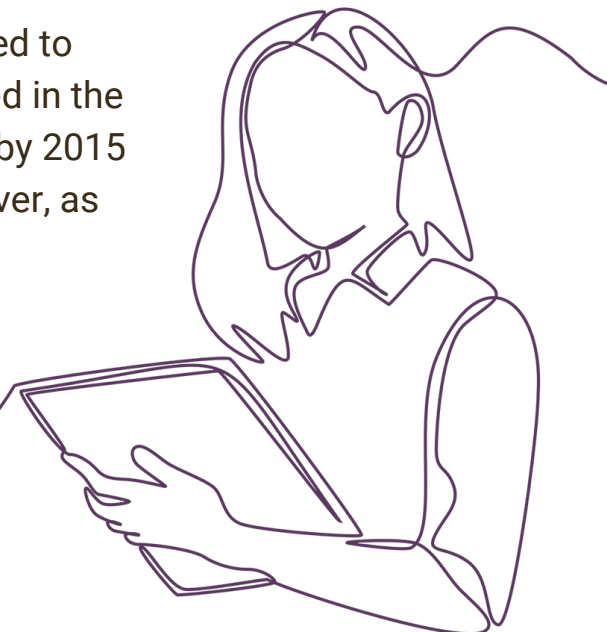


Our partnership of seven organizations from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain and Sweden is committed on promoting gender equality in politics and empowering women to actively participate in political decision making. Our goal is to give a voice to these women and let their opinions, views and experiences to be heard through the development of an online platform. Consequently, we will contribute to a more inclusive political environment where women can fully engage in the political process.

## Increasing gender equality on a European level

For most of democracy's history, women were not allowed to participate in politics as voters or candidates. This shifted in the 19th century with the women's suffrage movement, and by 2015 all countries had granted women the right to vote. However, as of 2019, women only hold 24.3% of parliamentary seats globally, and **political power for women is still low according to the Gender Equality Index.**

Despite efforts to increase gender equality in politics, the **political sphere remains a challenge for women.**



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