

# **Engaging Women Scientists in the Research Policy Debate**

**The objectives of the  
European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS**

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# CEWS

- national node for the realization of equal opportunities for women and men in the area of science and research in Germany
- Think Tank
  - transfer of knowledge
  - advice
  - networking
  - strategy development
  - evaluation

# EPWS - background

- European Platform of Women Scientists  
EPWS
- Based on
  - long-going discussions among networks
  - the directory of networks and a feasibility study funded by the European Commission
  - a call for proposals under the Science and Society Action Plan (*fp6*)

# EPWS - Objectives

## ➤ Dual purpose:

- Promoting women scientists
- Engaging women scientists in the (research) policy debate
  - To make their voices heard
  - To make them better understand the role they can play in the debate

# EPWS - Concept

## ➤ Concept:

- Networking the networks

## ➤ Target groups:

- Networks of and for women scientists
- Supporting organisations
- Individual women scientists

## ➤ Structure:

- Membership Organisation (AISBL)
- Secretariat in Brussels
- Electronic Platform

# ***Thank you!***

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