

Enhancing more participation of women entrepreneurs' activities in Horizon 2020

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Investor Day for Women in Tech

The [European Innovation Council \(EIC\) pilot](#) of the European Commission invites you to [apply for an exclusive pitching event](#), dedicated to Women in Tech. The event will take place in European Commission premises, in Brussels on 4 April. Do not miss this opportunity to pitch your business to top-tier European investors, meet with like-minded women entrepreneurs and investors and discuss how to tackle the financing gap for women entrepreneurs. More information available [here](#)

4 EIC-funded innovators on Forbes' 2018

The [European Innovation Council](#) pilot's [SME Instrument](#) is funding outstanding women innovators that break new grounds in technology, science and engineering. This year four women entrepreneurs funded by the SME Instrument have made it to Forbes' Europe's Top 50 Women in Tech 2018 list. From the CEO of Ada Health to the Founder of SoapBoxLabs have a look at these remarkable innovators. The [European Innovation Council](#) pilot's [SME Instrument](#) is promoting women in tech notably with its Jury of evaluators composed of a majority of women. Read the full article [here](#)

Join the EIC Community Platform now!

The EIC launched a platform with the aim of creating a virtual meeting-place where companies funded by the European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot can connect, share their experiences, find investors and leverage potential businesses partnerships. Read the full [article](#) to understand how the platform works!

Female inventors

Inventions of all kinds make our daily lives easier. When you picture the creative people behind these ideas, who comes to mind first? Is it Johannes Gutenberg with his printing press (1440), Alexander Graham Bell with his telephone (1876) or maybe Thomas Edison and his famous light bulb (1879)? That's a good start. But as you ponder the question over a cup of coffee, ask yourself whether you know who invented the coffee filter? In 1908 Melitta Bentz was granted a patent for her ground-breaking idea. And who's the genius that helps you clean up the mess after a sumptuous meal? That's Josephine Cochrane, another female inventor, who created the first commercially-successful automatic dishwasher in 1886, using her profound knowledge of hydraulic systems. As you put on your lightweight glasses, think about another smart character: the woman who invented them in 1973. Working on more than 300 types of optical glasses, German inventor Marga Faulstich was granted around 40 patents for her work. Read the full article [here](#)

EMPOWA BARCAMP

33 participants discussed women entrepreneurship support measures at EMPOWA BARCAMP

How can the situation of women entrepreneurs in Horizon2020 be improved? This was the guiding question for the EMPOWA Barcamp on September 18 in Brussels. 33 participants from 12 countries attended the event. Women entrepreneurs, organisations supporting women entrepreneurship, EU officials and other stakeholders gathered at the representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to exchange opinions, experiences and suggestions in order to improve the innovation capacity of women entrepreneurs. Material&Information available [here](#)

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