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Celebrating International Day of Women and Girls in Science: how ♀ scientists do it!

Zoom event

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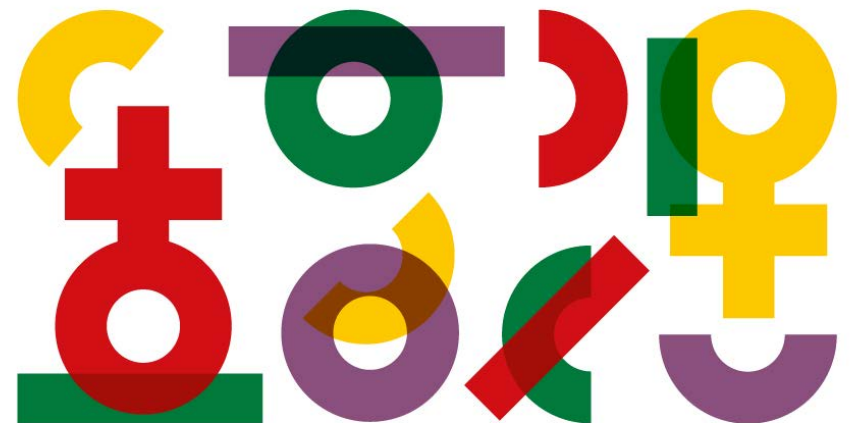
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Agenda

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12:30h Welcome by Moderators

Sofia Batista Leite, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

12:35h Funding and performing science in Portugal: Is gender relevant?

Prof. Helena Pereira, President [Foundation for Science and Technology](#), Portugal (FCT) & member of JRC Board of Governors

12:45h A Ciência: Science is a feminine word (the experience of 2020 ERCs)

How viruses shape societies:

Maria João Amorim, [Instituto Gulbenkian Ciência](#)

The dance of chromosomes (along with the XX challenges):

Raquel Oliveira, [Instituto Gulbenkian Ciência](#)

Reward and aversion: from neurons to circuits to behavior:

Ana João Rodrigues, [ICVS: Life and Health Sciences Research Institute](#), [University of Minho](#)

13:15h Gender inclusion policies in science in the EU

Anne Pepin (TBC) European Commission

13:25h Science for policy in the life sciences and roundtable discussion

Moderators and all participants – men wanted!

13:55h Keepers of the sea: women wisdom for science

Raquel Gaspar, [Ocean alive](#) – Launch of online exhibition

14:00h Thank you and learnings from the session

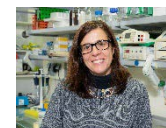


Helena is the President of the Foundation for Science and Technology and a Professor at the University of Lisbon. She is also a member of the JRC Board of Governors and from 2008 to 2010, has presided AMONET – the Portuguese Association of Women Scientists. Her research focused on forest, natural resources and biorefineries and has rewarded her with numerous scientific, academic and entrepreneurship prizes.



Raquel Oliveira is the head of [Chromosome Dynamics lab](#), at Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, in Portugal.

Raquel has made critical contributions to uncover how chromosome morphology influences the fidelity of cell division. She was involved in the creation of PARSUK – Portuguese Association of Researchers and Students in the United Kingdom and was also the recipient of “Prémio Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira” attributed yearly to a Portuguese woman of outstanding professional achievements



Maria João Amorim is the head of the [Cell Biology and Viral Infection Laboratory](#) at the Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência in Portugal. A biochemist turned virologist, her group studies influenza A virus host-pathogen interactions. She has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic with a new research line and conscientious effort to bring science to the general public frequently in TV, Radio programmes and newspapers. Maria João is also involved in actions to promote equal opportunities for women in STEM fields. .



Ana João, 39 years old, is currently a Team Leader at ICVS/School of Medicine, University of Minho, Portugal.

She is also a Science Outreach Coordinator, responsible for science dissemination and health literacy promotion for the society. Her research is focused in unravelling how our brain encodes rewarding and aversive events to drive motivated behaviors.



Raquel Gaspar is a biologist who since a very early age has dreamed to dedicate her life to the study and conservation of the ocean. During her Phd she found that the decline in the Sado bottlenose dolphin population could only be avoided by eliminating the human threats to their habitat (the seagrass meadows).

In 2015, Raquel co-funded the [Ocean Alive](#) creating the project Guardians of the Sea which trains women from the Sado estuary fishing community as marine guides and awareness agents.