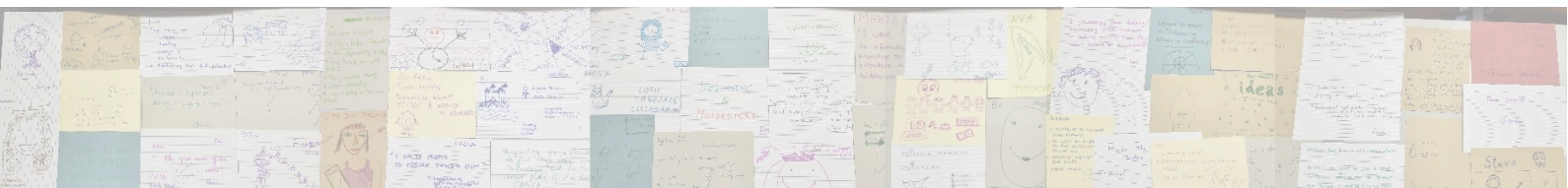




EUGAIN COST Action CA19122

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION PLAN

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1. Introduction

The main aim of the European Network For Gender Balance in Informatics (EUGAIN) COST Action is to improve gender balance in informatics through the creation and strengthening of a truly multi-cultural European network of academics working on the forefront of the efforts in their countries, institutions, and research communities. We will be building on their knowledge, experiences, struggles, successes, and failures, learning and sharing what has worked and how it could be transferred to other institutions and countries.

Among other outcomes, EUGAIN will provide the academic community, policymakers, industry, and other stakeholders with recommendations and guidelines to address the following key challenges:

- How to have more girls choosing Informatics as their higher education studies and profession;
- How to retain female students and assure they finish their studies and start successful careers in the field;
- How to encourage more female Ph.D. and postdoctoral researchers to remain in the academic career and apply for professorships in Informatics departments;
- How to support and inspire young women in their careers and help them to overcome the main hurdles that prevent women to reach senior positions.

2. Science Communication Strategy

There are four key objectives of the communication of EUGAIN:

- Create awareness of and advocate for the closing of gender gap in informatics in Europe and beyond;
- Reach and engage key stakeholders who could promote improving gender balance in informatics in Europe;
- Create a wider community sharing knowledge on the best practices and effective strategies on the topic of improving gender balance in informatics;
- Share results and success stories on the topic.

The communications objectives are being met by communicating through various channels and platforms, with adaptations to different groups of stakeholders.

A key stakeholder supporting the dissemination and communication activities of EUGAIN is [Informatics Europe](#) (IE).

3. Target Audiences

Four target audiences have been identified. It is important to highlight that the project must distinguish between *intermediate-users*, such as decision-makers, and the *end-users*. Channels are identified that will best help us to exploit and communicate our results considering all possible relevant stakeholders.

Institutions

Institutional communication. This target group involves the EU and other decision makers.

Benefits for the project of their involvement:

- Keep them constantly updated of the project status
- Improve the project visibility (and its results) through the COST, H2020, Horizon or other such communities (see also section "[Acknowledging COST](#)")

Channels:

- [Informatics Europe](#)'s (IE) channels
- EUGAIN website eugain.eu
- EUGAIN Social media: Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook (e.g. where COST and agency accounts may be active)
- H2020 related channels (Project results portal)
- EC events

Messages:

- Highlight how the project (and its results) contributes to the EC objectives

Possible content/actions:

- EUGAIN outcomes/activities promoted through Informatics Europe's bulletin, a dedicated page on Informatics Europe's website, LinkedIn posts and Twitter tweets, distributing surveys, and other promotional actions.
- Text in the form of public deliverables and official outputs, website news about project activities, etc.
- Video previews
- Photos of the events
- Printed version of EUGAIN's booklets with an accompanying letter, signed by the EUGAIN chair and IE President, to relevant stakeholders (including the EC)

Scientific community

This target group involves universities, research institutions, and individual researchers.

Benefits for the project of their involvement:

- Create a test group and/or Advisory Board → better documentation of the market
- Potential publication outlets for members of EUGAIN.

Channels:

- [Informatics Europe](#)'s (IE) channels
- Dedicated channels such as trade journals
- COST, ACM-W related channels
- Direct contact with top management / administrative decision-makers through existing communication channels
- Fairs/exhibitions/conferences
- Website
- Mailing (e.g. Newsletter)

Messages:

- Highlight how the project (and its results) contributes to the various scientific domains

Possible content/actions:

- Video previews

Young adults (university students)

Benefits for the project of their involvement:

- Create a test group for pilot activities
- Addressing a fresh, modern demographic

Channels:

- [Informatics Europe](#)'s (IE) channels
- Special events for these target audiences
- Dedicated (digital) channels
- Fairs/exhibition/ conferences
- Website
- Mailing (Newsletter)
- Social media (Instagram, TikTok, ...)

Messages:

- Why study Informatics, careers in Informatics, opportunities to extend educational possibilities

Possible content/actions:

- Video teasers (e.g. YouTube shorts)

Students (under the age of 18), Educators, and Parents

Benefits for the project of their involvement:

- Awareness

Channels:

- [Informatics Europe](#)'s (IE) channels
- School networks
- Dedicated events
- Website
- Social media (Instagram, TikTok, ...)

Messages:

- Why study Informatics, opportunities to extend educational possibilities

Content:

- All kinds of content: textual, videos, photos etc. + game

4. Visual identity

The following logos and templates should be used when promoting EUGAIN activities:



[Folder with all versions of the EUGAIN logo](#)

Also ppt templates.

5. Communication outlets

Publications

Booklets

Deliverables in the form of reports.



More information and cover images of the booklets will follow.

The booklets are available for download from <https://eugain.eu/results/deliverables/>

Research papers

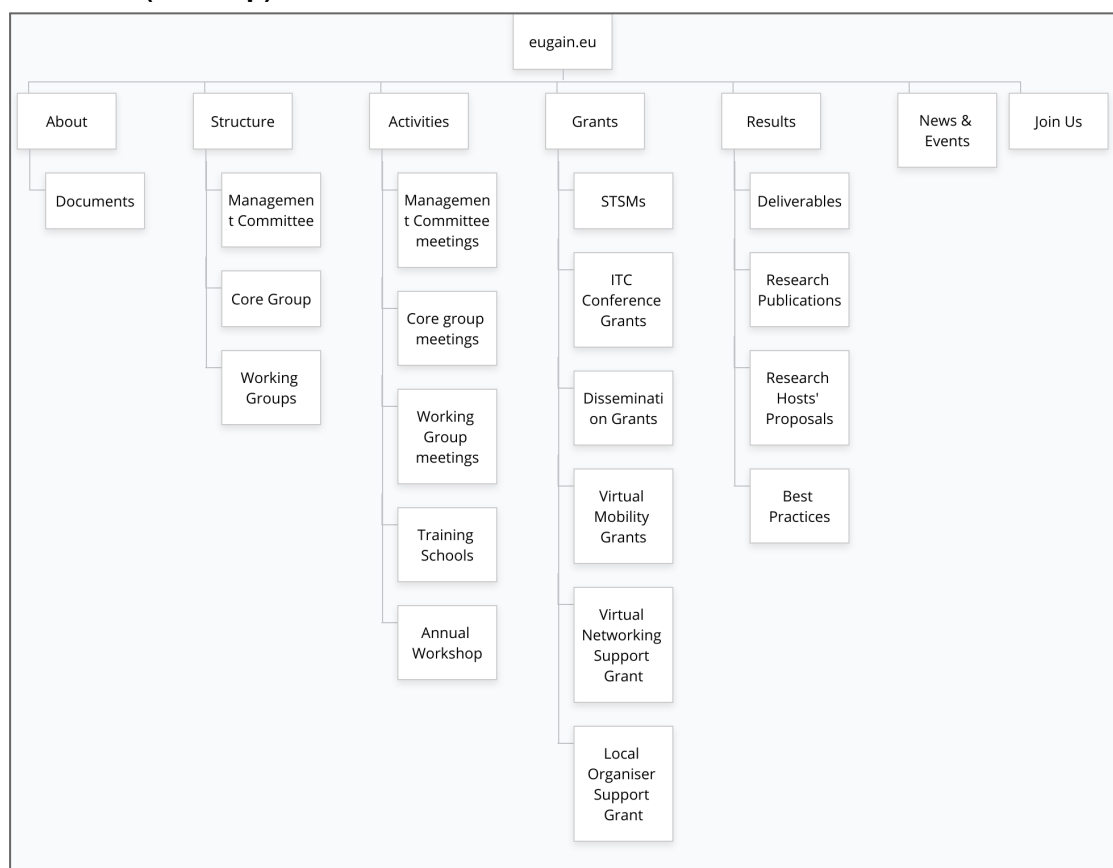
An internal spreadsheet collecting papers and publications has been created. This is used to populate the Research Publications page of the EUGAIN website: <https://eugain.eu/results/research-publications/>

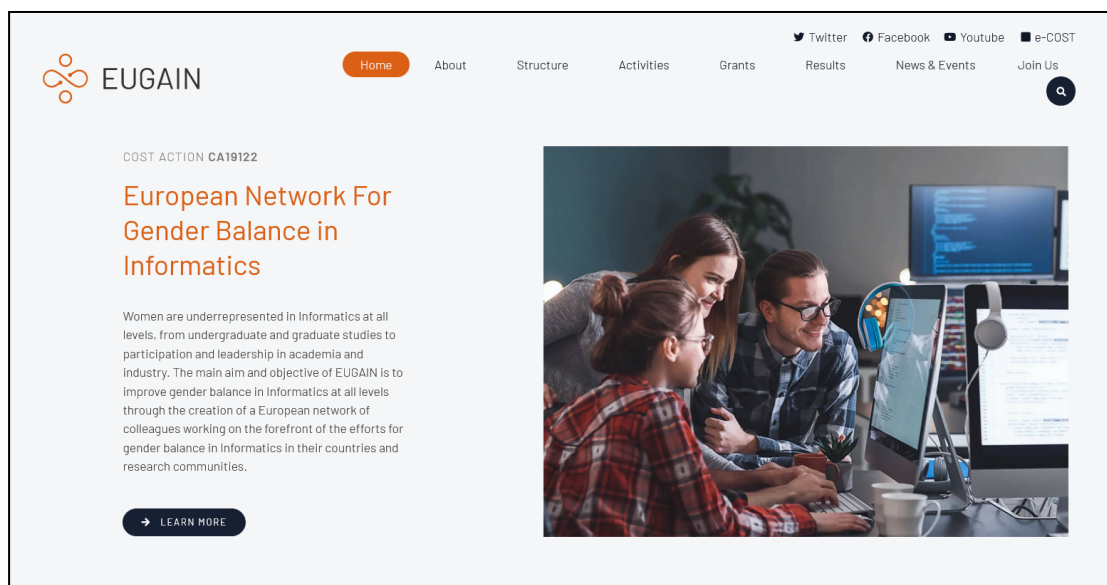
Online presence

Website

The EUGAIN website (<https://eugain.eu/>) serves as the major dissemination hub, and includes news items and general information on objectives, WGs, and events. It also hosts all deliverables of EUGAIN, e.g., our booklets and publications. Finally, it serves as the central contact point for involved stakeholders. The EUGAIN website also provides a unique portal to the dissemination of research results to the general public and stakeholders.

Structure (sitemap)





Social media

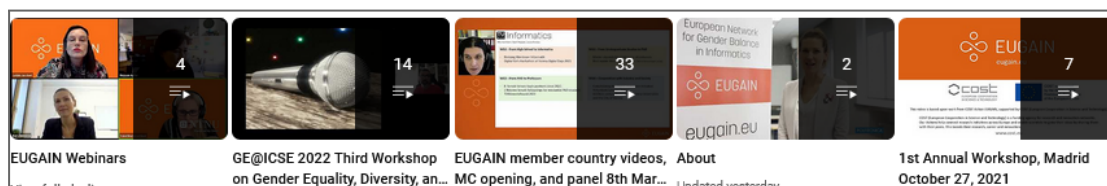
In addition to the website, EUGAIN's accounts on Facebook and Twitter target different groups of stakeholders. Communication via these platforms includes news on recent achievements, upcoming events and opportunities (conferences, workshops, training schools, publications, reports, etc.). In addition, the EUGAIN Twitter profile serves as a direct communication platform via live tweets during conferences and MC meetings.

- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Eugain19122> (handle #eugain19122)
- **Twitter:** @eugain19122 (handle #eugain19122)
- **Linkedin:** no LinkedIn page but use handle #eugain19122

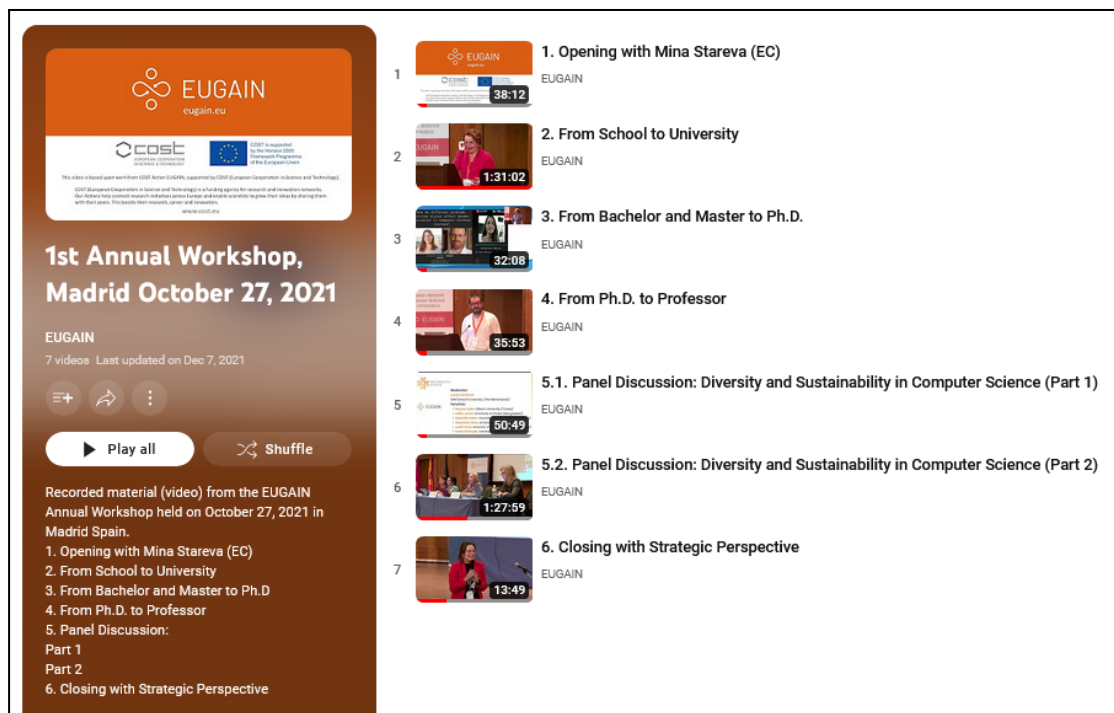
Video channel

EUGAIN has established a **YouTube channel**, which acts as a repository of videos to be linked to from all other communication outlets. The channel is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvBGQWPrO1hHotE7Pz6JkOg>

Five playlist have currently been created.



Example content of a video playlist:



Events

Scientific conferences

EUGAIN disseminates research results in the scope of gender balance in informatics among academic as well as industrial communities in spaces where these communities gather. To this end, EUGAIN strives to be visible at key conferences in the field, being often invited to share the results via keynotes and invited talks.





EU projects are working on the promotion of gender equality in research and academic communities. Having built a strong network, and raising mutual help, these projects form a strong and sharing community of changing the stereotypes and giving equal opportunities. This workshop is presenting the impact of each project on the targets and the environments in that they are addressed to. An interactive discussion about the expectations and the final outcome of their action.

WHEN?

Day 1 - Thu 16 June, 14:15 - 15:45

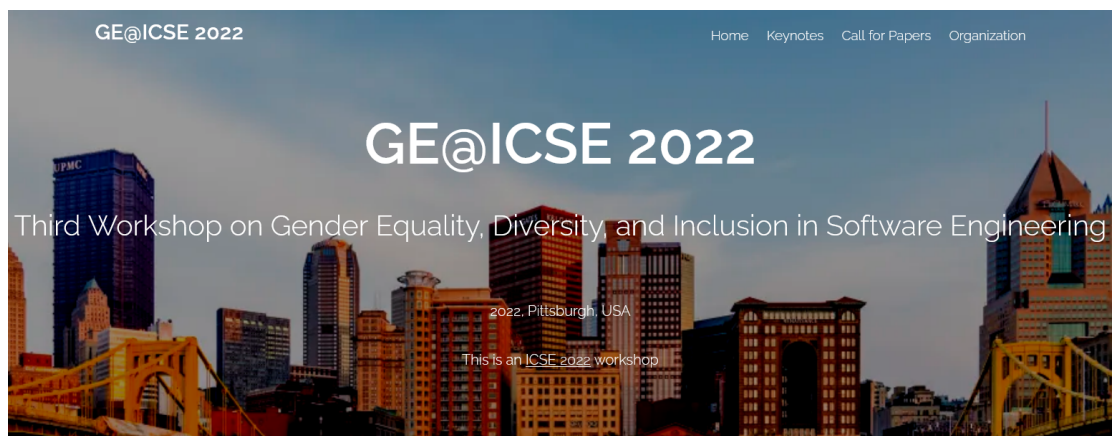
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Articles in scientific journals	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
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