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**Gender-SMART's mirror kick-off meeting at CIHEAM Bari: the European partnership on gender issues in agriculture and life sciences  
20 June, 9.30 a.m.**

Nine European partners of the Gender-SMART project working in the field of agricultural and life sciences at the forefront to define and implement gender equality plans, advance equality and integrate the gender perspective in research funding and/or performing organisations.

Gender-SMART (Science Management of Agriculture and Life Sciences, including Research and Teaching), coordinated by CIRAD and funded by the EC Horizon 2020 programme, brings together seven institutions: Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France), Centro De Investigaciones Cientificas Y Tecnologicas de Extremadura (Spain), Centre international de hautes études agronomiques méditerranéennes CIHEAM (Italy), CIRAD (France), University of Technology of Cyprus (Cyprus), Teagasc - Authority for Agriculture and Food Development (Ireland), University and Research of Wageningen (The Netherlands) and two specialized technical partners: Yellow Window (Belgium) and the Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences (Czech Republic).

Each partner will be involved in the development and implementation of a gender equality plan aimed at strengthening the culture of equality; developing measures to support equity in professional growth and career opportunities; reformulating internal policies on governance and decision making processes; and mainstreaming gender in training, research and cooperation funding.

They will then adapt their action plan to their own specific situation, taking existing inequalities and prejudices as a starting point, building a research and training offer that covers gender issues.

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Marcela Linkova, sociologist from the Prague Academy of Sciences, will be at the CIHEAM Bari on 20 June (9.30 a.m.) to introduce and focus on the project vision. Gender-SMART, officially launched last February in Montpellier (France), as part of the "Science with and for Society" programme (Horizon 2020), has been awarded 3 million Euros in funding over four years.

All Gender-SMART partners are therefore actively committed to leading the way in achieving equality in the workplace by 2023.