

Women Entreprenurship in the Energy Sector

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Clean Energy Education and Empowerment (C3E) Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP)



Technology Collaboration Programme



The C3E TCP initiative aims to advance women's participation in clean energy by creating opportunities and closing the gender gap across five focus areas:



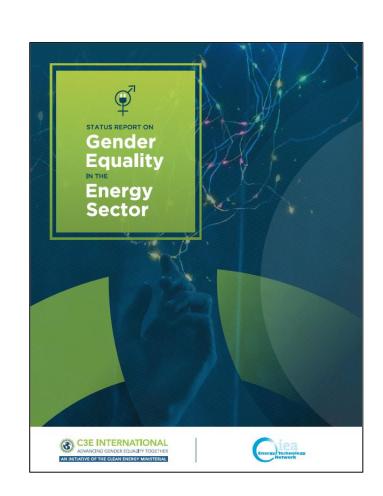




WORKSTREAM 1: DATA COLLECTION

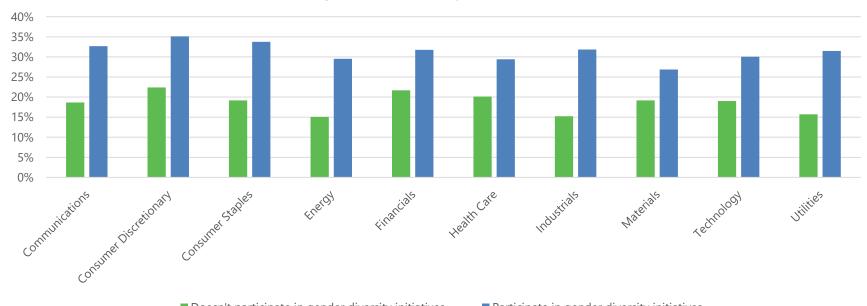
- Led by Italy, all member countries' participation
- New collaboration between governments on how to collect gender-energy disaggregated data.
- Biannual status reports tracking gender-diversity in public and private organisations
- IEA confirmed as Coordinator for Workstream 1 in March 2020
- Important next step is the revision of the workplan.
 - How does the energy sector do in comparison with other similar sectors?
 - What data do we have and what data do we aspire to have to influence policy discussions





Improving gender diversity in leadership in the energy sector

Average percentage of women on boards in companies by participation in gender diversity initiatives



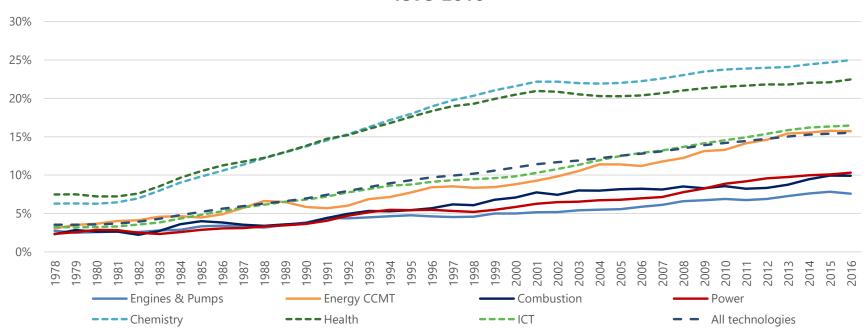




[■] Participate in gender diversity initiatives

Existing gender gaps in innovation and entrepreneurship

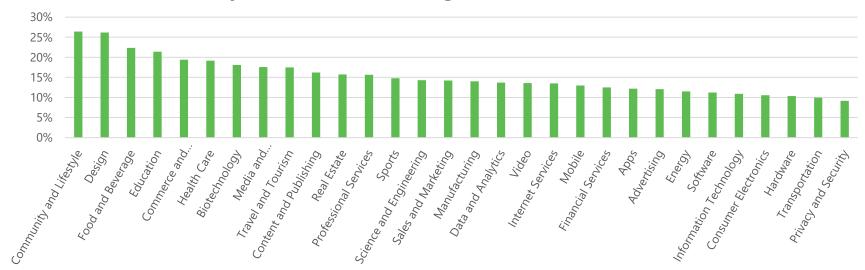
Percentage of female inventors in the energy (and control) technologies, 1978-2016





Existing gender gaps in innovation and entrepreneurship

Percentage of females in the sample of founders of companies less than ten years old and for whom gender is known, 2019



Source: OECD



There is more work to be done...

- C3E International's work on Knowledge and Data collection a resource for advancing data and knowledge gathering on energy and gender
- The IEA's 'Gender-diversity Initiative launched to support IEA member countries and C3E International to advance on both data and policy-making
- The purpose is to better understand why women in the energy sector face additional barriers in the areas of employment, leadership and entrepreneurship.
- Work together with other international initiatives will help the cause of advancing gender-diversity in the energy sector





Thank you!

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