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Paper title

REGULATIONS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY ACCORDING BULGARIAN LEGISLATION – GENDER ASPECT

Abstract

The relationship among the actors in the scientific field is subject to regulation through legal instruments, rules and other normative documents, applicable to this activity.

A review of the existing legislation related to the gender aspect in science will give the picture to what extent this area is regulated, namely:

Constitution of Republic of Bulgaria
Law on protection against discrimination/2003/
Law on High Education /1995/
Law on Scientific Titles and Degrees /1973/
Law on Bulgarian Academy of Science /1991/
Law on Scientific Research Promotion /2003/
Health Law /2004/
Environmental Law/2002/
National Strategy for Scientific Research 2005-2010 /2004/ and others.

Analysis of the provisions of these acts will try to answer the questions if they are effective in providing equal opportunity in scientific research, are they gender sensible and gender balanced, is there a legislative gap or not, are proposals “de lege ferenda” needed or not – more relevant legislative measures on high-tech activities?

What happens in practice, are women underrepresented in different scientific areas, what are the possible solutions./Examples and some statistic data/

Activities of women bodies and organizations in order to sensibilise public opinion and decision-makers about the relevant rights of the women in science. Description of some rights and how are they respected.

What is the level of development of biotechnology in Bulgaria, what is the female share in it, are some specific regulations needed? Other methods to achieve the goal.

Description of the problem with the horizontal segregation – concentration of men and women in different scientific fields and sectors in relation with the financial assurance.

Shares in participation in scientific projects for scientific research in the Frameworks of EU.

The Bulgarian society is less sensible to the principle of equality of the two sexes, in science, due to the neglecting and not quite understanding the problem.

The European initiatives for integrated politics of the equal opportunities is also not well known and needs to be spread in a larger way.

Comparative study of the situation in the ENWISE countries on this issue

Conclusion

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