

EIGE

Director

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Subject: Calendar 2011 "Women Inspiring Europe"

Dear Madame/Sir,

Allow me to introduce the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) – a recently established EU Agency that aims to promote gender equality, to fight discrimination based on sex and to raise awareness of EU citizens on gender issues.

One of the objectives of our work is to combat gender stereotypes. In this context, on the 8th of March, 2010 EIGE has launched a creation of its future **"Women of Europe" resource pool**, that will contain information about women from all over Europe, who made their lives in spite of existing gender stereotypes. These women could act as role-models and as a source of inspiration for others. The resource pool will be used by EIGE and its stakeholders and partners in search of realistic evidence of success in the form of testimonials, expert or speaker interventions. Over time as the activity gains momentum, the 'Women of Europe' resource pool will become an integral part of the Institute's resource centre pooling experience and bringing recognition to their achievements.

Among the women who have applied or have been nominated for the resource pool, every year 12 women will figure in the **"Women Inspiring Europe" Calendar**. Via this initiative EIGE aims to give visibility and pay homage to some of Europe's most remarkable women, through highlighting their achievements and success stories. Nominations for the Calendar 2011 are taking place **until 25th of August**. More information and the on-line application form can be found on EIGE's website www.eige.europa.eu.

In this regard, I would like to kindly ask for your assistance in distributing this information via your communication channels to relevant organisations of your country which could be interested in this activity.

Let's work together to find Women Inspiring Europe!



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