

QUIN-Estonia – network of creative and innovative women

QUIN (*Qvinnliga Uppfinnare I Norden* = Innovative Women in the North) network was established in 1992 in Sweden. Today it is connecting about 800 innovative and inventive women in Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Island and Estonia. NGO QUIN-Estonia was registered in April 2001.

The main goals of activities of QUIN-Estonia are:

- Enhancing the participation of women in innovation and improving realizing of innovative ideas in female entrepreneurship in Estonia
- to develop innovative approach creating necessary and suitable atmosphere or landscape for:
 - innovative ideas
 - identification, analyses and protection of these ideas
 - marketing, testing and production procedures

Activities of QUIN-Estonia are:

Researching “Women Entrepreneurs & Innovation”:

- Making overview about situation of female Entrepreneurship,
- Mapping problems,
- Designing possible solutions.

Women’s view on themselves needs to be changed:

- Bringing more women into higher value markets
- Increasing value of women’s business activities
- Introducing good role models - women’s success stories

How to best mobilize and support women:

- Supporting women entrepreneurs and innovation (local support system, EU support)
- Promoting female entrepreneurship at EU level and local level
- Good European and world practices in fostering women entrepreneurship
- Creating and developing an European Network for innovative female entrepreneurship
- Disseminating more information addressed to women only
- Mentoring of innovative activities and enterprises of women
- Raising finance for starting & growing business, based on innovation

How QUIN-Estonia fosters innovation:

- Activating women to create ideas (courses, lectures, etc.)
- Idea contests just for women, girls
- Seminars just for women (creativity, intellectual property, etc.)
- Exhibitions of female patented ideas, innovations
- Knowledge based developing of ideas into goods, realizing them into entrepreneurship (courses, seminars, support systems, network, etc.)
- Enhancing co-operation with universities, schools to mobilize young people to creative activities

QUIN-Estonia’s partners are:

- QUIN (Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Island and Norway)
- The Estonian Patent Office and Estonian Patent Library
- Tallinn Technical University
- Estonian Academy of Arts
- Junior Achievement Estonia
- The Network of Estonian Entrepreneurial Women
- Co-operation Network of Estonian Women
- Global Women Inventor’s and Innovator’s Network (GWIIN)
- IFIA, etc.

QUIN Estonia has supported EU co-operation projects of Tallinn Technical University related to innovative approaches between universities and entrepreneurs. Some of them:

PREFACE www.eupreface.org

Preparing Female Students for Academic Entrepreneurship

Project N0 2002 S/02/B/F/PP –127014

01.12.2002 – 30.06.2005

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To develop an **European training programme** especially targeted at female students in the SET field.

LOUPE www.loupe.ee

Search tool for Useful cases in Problem Oriented Learning in Engineering curricula

Project no 2002 –NL/02/B/F/PP/123235 01.11.2002 – 30.04.2005

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To promote the knowledge circulation and the cooperation between institutes for higher technical education and the technological business sector to support the renewal process in higher technical education.

VISBY project

Title of the project: “WOMEN on WEB, financed by the SI”

The planned goal of the project:

To contribute to the promotion of:

Economic and political reform process

Strengthen co-operation and links between the countries of the Baltic area, Russia and Sweden in the field of education

Further cultural understanding of the countries involved

To contribute to the educational and intrinsic innovation in higher technical education.

Partners institutions:

Royal Institute of Technology, KTH, Sweden

ST.PETERSBURG STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, Russia

National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute", Ukraine

Turku Polytechnic, Finland

QUIN Finland and QUIN-Estonia

Helsinki School of Economics, Finland

Main aim of the project:

Women’s interest in new media is both intense and widespread, a fact which is evidenced by constantly rising numbers of female Internet users.

Concrete steps towards a systematic improvement of women’s participation in the Internet will be set out. Different countries will describe their foster programmers.

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