# FEMALE FOUNDERS RETREAT

# UNIVERSITE PARIS CITE

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# Circle U.

The European University Alliance Circle U. brings together Aarhus Universitet, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, King's College London, Univerzitet u Beogradu, Universitetet i Oslo, Université catholique de Louvain, Université Paris Cité, Universität Wien and Università di Pisa. The "European Universities" initiative, which promotes cutting-edge teaching and research in Europe, is supported and funded by the European Commission. Our goal is to build an inter-university ecosystem and make Circle U. an **inclusive, research-intensive and interdisciplinary European university** where students, staff and partners from civil society, businesses and the public sector collaborate to jointly develop competencies and solutions.

## Creating a Student-Led Female Founders Parliament

One of the missions of Circle U. is to empower female entrepreneurs, women in science and academia in general whether they are established members of the community or young students aspiring to become innovators.

Following two successful events in Oslo aimed at identifying key challenges and suitable solutions, Université Paris Cité will host and organise a 2-day retreat on March 21st and 22nd 2023.

The objective of the gathering is to establish student-led Female Founders' Network, declare their goals and values in a Circle U. Female Founders Manifesto and to define the action plan for the upcoming academic years.

## Towards Female Empowerment

This event will focus on making the first concrete step towards involving students in female empowerment with the creation of a student-led committee, named Circle U. Female Founders' Parliament. It will serve as a trailblazer and catalyser for setting-up a network of student-led female founders' groups within the Alliance. Participants will have the opportunity to listen to the testimonies of inspiring female founders, women in academia who will share the challenges they have encountered as students and young innovators as well as share the solutions they have found to overcome them.

# MONDAY 20/03

**19.30 - Welcome dinner for academic participants – Les Editeurs 4 Carr de l'odéon 75006 Paris**

# TUESDAY 21/03

**ESPACE PHI UFR DE PHARMACIE 4 Av. de l'Observatoire, 75006 Paris**

**Morning Session (9:00 am-12:00 pm)**

**9.00-9.30: Welcoming breakfast + icebreaker**

**9.30-9.45: Opening Speech** (*Université Paris Cité*) - *speaker to be confirmed*

**9.45-10.00: Presentation of the Circle U. Alliance, Student-led Sustainable Innovation Group and the Female Founders Network** – *Viktoria Nagy (Student-led sustainable innovation lead)*

**10.00-12.00 Talks, Testimonies and Discussion Panel**

**10.00-11.00 Panel and Q/A 1: Challenges of Women in Science, Academia Innovation and Entrepreneurship - facilitator: Viktoria Nagy**

**The first Panel will include speakers from Academia**

*prof. Amélie Jacquemin: professor, researcher in female entrepreneurship*

*prof. Jonathan Weitzman, biogeneticist, involved with the "Women in Science" iniative with L'Oréal*

*Ass. Prof. Laurice André: researcher in female entrepreneurship, UPCité*

**11.00-11.15: short coffee break**

**11.15-12.15: Panel and Q/A: Testimonials from sucessful female founders**

*Ronita Bun Chhim* (entrepreneur, alumna Université Paris Cité*)*

*Amanda Brun* (founder of an innovative start-up in healthcare)

*Claire Bigot* (student entrepreneur in healthcare, Université Paris Cité)

*Anne DUBRAU (social entrepreneur, OSLO)*

*Marie Villares - laureat of the L'Oréal Prize*

*Eva Dérabanne, - student entrepreneur, start-up owner healthcare tech.*

**12.15-13.00: Official opening of the entrepreurial co-working space 'Espace Phi' with UPCité dignitaries**

**13.00-14.00: Lunch**

**Afternoon Session (2:00 pm-4:30 pm)**

**2.00 pm- 3 pm: Workshop on self-confidence, barriers, alignment organised by Vesna Damjanovic** *(professor in entrepreneurship, WP4 chair, Belgrade) and other Circle U.WP4 partners (Jessica Horwill, Katja Brunner, Adriana Hansen, A; Jacquemin, V. Nagy)*

**3.00 pm-4pm: Workshop on leadership and project funding in Europe organised by Circle U. WP4 partners** *(Jessica Horwill, Katja Brunner, Adriana Hansen, A; Jacquemin, V. Nagy)*

**5.30-6.00: Virtual visit of Station F (largest start-up campus in the world)**

**Cheese and wine tasting (location TBC)**

## WEDNESDAY 22/03

**ESPACE PHI UFR DE PHARMACIE 4 AV. DE L'OBSERVATOIRE, 75006 PARIS**

**MORNING (9:00 AM-01:00 PM)**

**09:00 – 9:30 Welcome coffee**

**9.30-10.30: Presentation of the entrepreneurial ecosystem of Circle U partners - focus on programs for female founders**

**10.30-11.30: Student-led Brainstorming Session in groups - facilitated by Circle U. WP4 partners: Values and Action Plan for the student-led network**

**11:30-11:45 Break**

**11:45 -1:00: Plenary session: Female Founders Parliament**

- Pitching of the results of group discussions

- Creation of the 1st draft of the manifesto (values, goals, and action plan)

**1pm: light lunch**

**Afternoon optional program:  Boat trip on the river Seine (location TBC)**