

Gender equality is an essential precondition for social justice and for the quality of education, research and innovation in Europe.

Notwithstanding the past strong support for gender equality in the ERA in particular and the EU in general, the European Women Rectors Association (EWORA) is deeply concerned that the political consensus about gender equality as a priority is under threat.

We urge the member states and the EC to reinforce actions for gender equality, which go beyond "equality of opportunity". Gender equality is a comprehensive issue that must continue to be tackled at structural level by research funding and performing organizations.

EWORA is a non-profit association under Belgian law with 90 individual (rectors/vice-rectors) and institutional members (universities). The General Assembly passed this resolution unanimously during the 6^{th} conference that took place at Malmö University, Sweden, from 13^{th} - 14^{th} May 2019.