

Dear Colleagues,

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Newsletter of “[Women STEM Up](#)” project that aims at tackling a key challenge related to the persistent gender gap in STEM higher education i.e., Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and consequently, in the labour market. STEM graduates are in high demand in the labour market and STEM jobs are among the most highly paid.

### **IDA students participated in international hackathon on gender and STEM**

In September, three students from IDA took part in an international hackathon in Thessaloniki, Greece, within the framework of the EU project Women-STEM-UP. The project is funded by Erasmus+ and coordinated by LiU/IDA, with partners from Belgium, Greece, Norway, and Sweden.

The aim of Women-STEM-UP is to strengthen women's representation in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and to create conditions for more gender-equal and inclusive environments. Read more about the project here: [Women STEM-UP](#).

#### **The students' experience**

Two of the participants from IDA, Klara och Josefin, who are in their final year of the Master of Science in Engineering programme in Information Technology, shared their impressions:

*“Over the course of a few days we took part in a hackathon in Greece where we joined a workshop focused on gender equality within STEM. We were 15 students in total from different parts of Europe, engaging in lectures, discussions, and activities related to equality and sustainability. The work concluded with group projects where we developed and presented ideas to a jury. It was both fun and educational, and we came away with many new perspectives!”*

In addition to the students, Vivian Vimarlund from IDA, who helps coordinate the project, also participated, together with Malin Wiger from IEI and a gender studies lecturer from the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

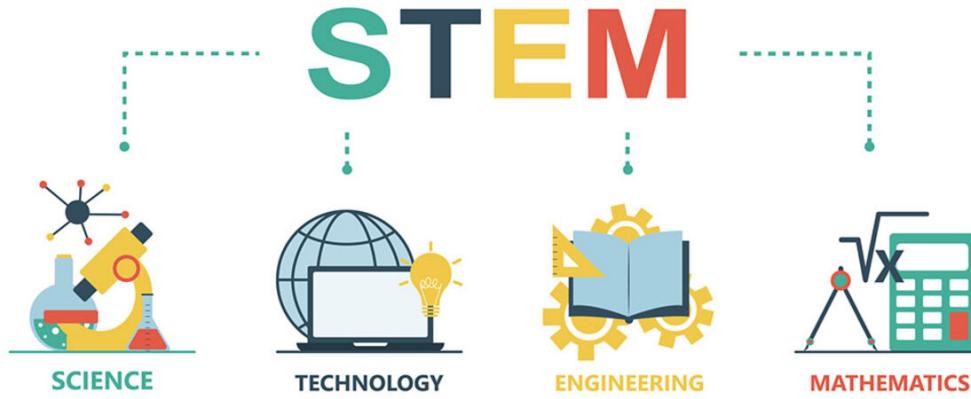


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### Final activity at UTH, LiU and NTNU

As the final activity of the project, an information meeting will be held at the end of October, with the goal of gathering at least 40 participants. An invitation with more details will be shared soon.



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