# Gender Equality Plan 2022/2025





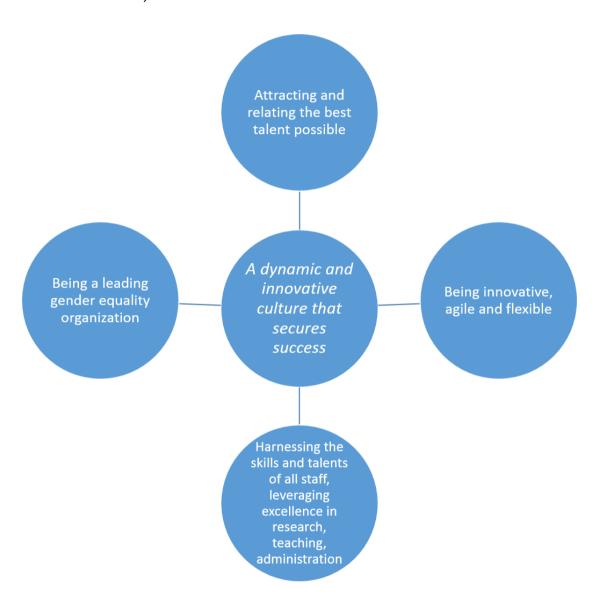


SE "UKRMETRTESTSTANDART" is an enterprise of European standards working within the spheres of standardization, metrology and conformity assessment that consistently improves and enhances efficiency and looks toward to meet the highest international standards. Our Company strives for gender equality and avoiding any discrimination, e.g. based on sex, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity. All employees shall be given the same opportunities to develop as professionals and human beings. This Gender Equality Plan spells out the organization's plan to achieve this goal, its scope and the strategic objectives we want to achieve over the next three years. It is intended to be a living document that will be updated regularly to accommodate new actions and developments. We consider equality to be 'part of the day job' and an essential part of building a fair and sustainable future for the social economy. Currently, around 50% of our staff, 35% of the management is women.

This Gender Equality Plan (GEP) analyses the state-of-the-art of gender equality at SE "UKRMETRTESTSTANDART", identifies challenges and targets to be achieved in the short-and long-term, and finally defines monitoring actions and indicators for the GEP.



Table 1: A dynamic and innovative culture that secures success



#### STRATEGIC GOALS

SE "UKRMETRTESTSTANDART" values the competence of employees, provided that women and men have the same opportunities to achieve the same competences through their study and professional life. As unfortunately a number of biases that prevent all persons to have SE "UKRMETRTESTSTANDART" commits to a number of targets to strengthen and maintain the already positive aspects (e.g. in the field of sexual harassment and work life balance) and contribute to gender equality in society development.

Five key areas can be identified to propose goals and actions for our Company:

Recruitment and career development Combating Leadership sexual and PRIORITY and decisiongender-based making harassment **FOCUS** IDEA Reconciliation of Gender professional perspective and personal and family life

Table 2: Priority focus idea

# 1. Reconciliation of professional and personal and family life

Promotion and support of an organizational culture and working environment that is inclusive and fair to all genders, facilitating a flexible workplace which enables staff to balance work and life responsibilities.

Target	Actions to achieve target	
Parenthood	Encourage both men and women to take parental leaves	
	Consider the needs of parent - employees when scheduling	
	meetings and Company events	
	Enable flexible working time, including remote - working	
	Diagnosis of the needs of persons coming back to work	
	after parental leave	
	Keep contact with employees that are on parental leave	
Work life balance	Consider the needs of female and male employees when	
	organizing Company meetings	
	Discourage overtime and when this occurs, enable	
	employees to get back the extra - time	

#### 2. Recruitment and career development

Equal access to and balanced participation of gender diverse individuals in decision making structures (formal and informal) and ensuring equal chances to develop and advance their careers.

Target	Actions to achieve target	
Applying gender -	Ensure that all positions are open to any gender	
sensitive recruitment	Shortlist job applicants ensuring gender balance	
procedures	Conduct job interviews by applying an inclusive and non	
	– discriminating language (i.e. focus only on the	
	competence of the candidates and not on family	
	status/wishes, sex, sexual orientation, nationality, etc.)	
Equal pay for equal work	Keep on paying equal salary for equal work and working	
	time	
Promoting gender		
balance in the Company	the next 4 years	
	Ensure that junior employees are guided in the first	
	employment period by a mentor	
	Ensure that opportunity of professional and personal	
	growth is given to junior employees to achieve the higher	
	position	
	Discuss competence development among the employees	
	and in annual individual employee/employer meetings	

## 3. Leadership and decision-making

Target	Actions to achieve target	
Promoting women in	Increase number of female employees leading national and	
leading positions	international projects	
	Promote professional growth of female employees from	
	junior to senior positions	
	Support the reconciliation of leading project activities and	
	family life regardless of gender	
Incorporating gender	Ensure the consideration of rights, interests and needs of	
perspective in decision -	female and male employees when taking decisions at	
making	company level	
	Promote a focus on social impacts on woman when	
	performing sustainability assessment in activity	

## 4. Gender perspective

Target	Actions to achieve target	
Eliminating gender biases	Promote the use of an inclusive language in the Company	
	Promote the importance of gender equality in Company	
	meetings	
	Condemn the use of stereotypes in the Company, e.g.	
	based on gender, nationality, sexual orientation, religion,	
	and any other personal characteristics	
	Ensure that the employees have the chance to comment	
	on the Gender Equality Plan	
	Appoint two responsible persons for monitoring gender	
	biases, one of them will be from HR department and	
	another representative will be from the Trade Union	
	Committee. The responsible persons from HR Department	
	and the Trade Union Committee will collect employees'	
	complaints related to any discrimination and gender	
	inequality	
Ensuring gender balance	Promote gender balance in Company's participation to	
in Company events	conferences and other events	
	Consider the needs of female and male employees when	
	organizing Company meetings	

#### 5. Combating sexual and gender-based harassment

Preserving and promoting the physical and emotional health, safety and well-being of employees.

Target	Actions to achieve target	
A work environment free	Encourage employees to report any case of sexual	
of any sexual harassment	harassment to the leadership, another employee or the	
	appointed person for monitoring gender biases	
	Encourage employees to report any case of colleagues	
	incurring sexual harassment	
	The leadership takes action in the event of a report on	
	sexual harassment (e.g. investigation of circumstances,	
	lawsuit, termination of contract)	
	Condemn any way (verbal, physical) of sexual harassment	
	Raising awareness about the topic among female and male	
	employees	

## **MONITORING**

The Gender Equality Plan will be updated every for 4 years. Monitoring actions will be implemented to ensure that the foreseen targets are achieved in the short —and long-term. The Director General of UKRMETRTESTSTANDART and two responsible persons (see clause 4) to collect employee complaints related to any discrimination and gender inequality are responsible to monitor the actions planned to achieve the targets. In the event that one of the appointed persons leaves the Company, another employee will be selected to take over the responsibility.

The targets and actions set in this document are available to all UKRMETRTESTSTANDART's employees for commenting and making suggestions. New targets and actions can be discussed in Company meetings and contribute to an update the GEP.

A number of indicators can be set for each target to monitor the implementation and success of the related actions half – way (in 2 years) and at the end of the 4 years (before updating the GEP). The selected monitoring indicators are displayed in Table 3.

Table 3: List of monitoring indicators for GEP

Target	Time period 2022 - 2025	Indicator
Applying gender – sensitive	Gender ratio of shortlisted	Grapp
recruitment procedures	applicants for job positions	
Equal pay for equal work	Establishment of employee ranks	Er
	(senior, intermediate, junior	
	positions)	
Promoting gender balance	Gender ratio in the Company	Gr
in the Company		

Promoting equal	Share employees moving from	Mov
competence development	junior to higher positions	
in the Company		
Promoting women in	Share of women leading national	Wlead
leading positions	and international projects in the	
	Company	
	Share of women in senior	Wsenior
	positions	
	Share of parent – employees	Eparent.lead
	leading projects	
Incorporating gender	Number of projects where gender	Ngep
perspective in decision-	perspective is included in the	
making	sustainability assessment	
Eliminating gender biases	Number of complaints related to	Ncompl
	any discrimination and gender	
	inequality	
	Presence of appointed employees	Gbias
	to monitor gender biases	
	Inclusion of employees'	Ncomm
	comments and suggestion on GEP	
Ensuring gender balance in	Gender ratio in event joined by	Grconf
Company evens	UKRMETRTESTSTANDART (e.g.	
	conferences, meetings)	
Parenthood	Share of parent-employees	Nrem.work parent
	allowed with remote working	
	Share of parent-employees	Nflex. parent
	allowed with flexible working time	

	Gender ratio of parent-employees	Rpar.leave
	taking parental leave	
Work life balance	Share of employees allowed with	Nrem.work
	the remote work	
	Share of employees allowed with	Nflex.work
	flexible working time	
A work environment free of	Number of cases of sexual	Nsh
any sexual harassment	harassment	

This Equality Plan acknowledges that "gender equality is about nondiscrimination and the protection of fundamental human rights". With that in mind, we also recognize that gender is non-binary and that various gender identities apart from men and women exist, and our Company stands in support of equal rights and fair treatment of all our staff.

