

## Berlin - Capital of Women Scientists

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17:00-21:00 CEST

Press Club Brussels Europe, Rue Froissart 95, 1040 Brussels

### Celebrating Women and Diversity in Science

Women have made incredible contributions to science, yet they remain largely invisible and significantly underrepresented. In the EU, women represent only one third of the total number of researchers in Europe.

The unique exhibition 'Berlin - Capital of Women Scientists' aims to change this bias and provides a platform to showcase contemporary female scientists across various fields of research. The 'Capital of Women Scientists' project was first carried out by the Berlin Institute of Health (BIH) and is part of the one-year campaign 'Wissensstadt Berlin 2021' ([link](#)). Since then, the exhibition has been shown in various places around the world and is now celebrating its debut in Brussels.

DAAD and the embassy of the federal republic of Germany in the Kingdom of Belgium cordially invites you to the vernissage under the theme "Celebrating Women and Diversity in Science". We would like to use this unique opportunity to celebrate women and diversity in science while learning more about inspiring figures shaping the field today. As part of the event, one of the featured scientists will discuss her work and the importance of diversity in science.

### Programme:

Moderation: **Michael Hörig**, Director, DAAD Brussels

<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Welcome drinks</b>
<b>17:30 – 17:50</b>	<b>Words of Welcome - Celebrating Women and Diversity in Science</b> <b>H.E. Martin Kotthaus</b> , Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Belgium <b>Dr. Caroline Felske</b> , Head of Unit Sustainability and Diversity, DAAD
<b>17:50 – 18:15</b>	<b>Keynote – “From Invisible to Indispensable – Science needs diversity”</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Theda Borde</b> , Project lead “Empowerment for Diversity”, Charité University Medicine Berlin
<b>18:15 – 19:00</b>	<b>Panel Discussion “Empowering women in science”</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Theda Borde</b> , Project lead “Empowerment for Diversity”, Charité University Medicine Berlin <b>Prof. Dr. Sarah-Maria Fendt</b> , Professor Faculty of Medicine KULeuven <b>Dr. Lidia Borrell-Damián</b> , Secretary General, Science Europe (tbc)



<b>19:00 – 19:10</b>	<b>Presentation of the exhibition concept</b> <b>Karin Höhne</b> , Head of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Berlin Institute of Health at Charité (BIH) <b>Katharina Kalhoff</b> , Press, online and social media editor for science communication, Berlin Institute of Health at Charité (BIH)
<b>19:10 – 21:00</b>	<b>Opening of the exhibition with appetisers and refreshments</b>