



# European gateway for women's entrepreneurship



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# WEgate

## a one-stop shop for women's entrepreneurship

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WEgate has been developed to support women entrepreneurs.  
It aims to:

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| 1 | <b>INFORM</b>             |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concrete information on how to start and grow a business</li><li>• News and events</li></ul>                   |
| 2 | <b>INSPIRE</b>            |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Success stories and role models</li><li>• Best practices from support organisations</li></ul>                  |
| 3 | <b>FACILITATE SKILLS</b>  |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-quality resources and schemes</li><li>• Links to external resources</li></ul>                             |
| 4 | <b>SUPPORT NETWORKING</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directory of registered users and private messages</li><li>• Meeting place for support organisations</li></ul> |



# WEgate – start

The **START** section offers inspiration, motivation and the necessary information for women looking to start a business of their own



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## START: FIRST STEPS TOWARD STARTING YOUR BUSINESS

In this section, you will find inspiration, motivation and the necessary information to start a business of your own. You will also be guided to national and European websites that can provide legal advice, financial assistance and marketing and sales tips. Also, take advantage of the expertise of our mentors and ambassadors who can help you with any questions you may have.

### STARTING A BUSINESS

Get off to the right start – find practical and essential information here.



#### First steps

As a citizen of the European Union (EU), you are entitled to set up...



#### Practical help

Which licences, notifications or permits do I need to start a...

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- Starting a business
- Financing & funding
- Legal information
- Market access & operations
- Advice & mentoring
- Business innovation



# WEgate - grow

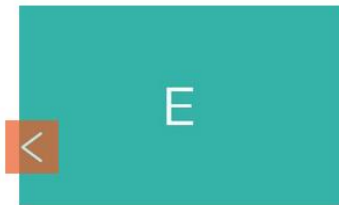
This section features resources on how to expand a business in other countries, covering multiple areas



## GROW: STEPS TO EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS

In this section, you will find information on growing your business outside of the European Union (EU). You might be looking to expand your business to a different country or find new business partners abroad. Also, if you need information on national regulations and taxation, this is the right section for you.

## GROWING YOUR BUSINESS



Expand in Spain (Spain)



Invest in Malta (Malta)



Guichet.lu (Luxembourg)



- Growing your business
- International expansion
- Business partnerships
- Staff matters
- Legislation & taxation
- Financing & funding
- Innovation & research



# WEgate – support

This section focuses on organisations supporting female entrepreneurship



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## GOOD PRACTICES



Opportunity knocks for budding businesswomen in Romania

Women represent a skilled yet underexploited entrepreneurial resource in Romania. They can often find themselves overlooked by companies, and face difficulties in accessing information about new business opportunities. The Business Opportunities for Women Association (ASOAF/BOW) was established...



Investing in women who share a vision

THE WOMAN is an organisation focused on creating and developing the first generations of female entrepreneurs in Romania. Their goal is to promote education and female leadership to the highest level through their events and company magazine. Since 2012, they have become a source of professional...



Belgian association brings women together

Markant vzw (Markant, Best Pittig and Artemis) is a Belgian association that was founded in the 1950s to unite and support female entrepreneurs. The association focuses on bringing women together to inspire and learn from each other, as well as encourage them to share experiences. Their most...

➤ **Entrepreneurship websites** offering useful information to new and experienced entrepreneurs alike

➤ **Women entrepreneurship policy resources & analysis**

➤ **Good practices** from support organisations across Europe



# WEgate – learn

This section provides learning materials and tools to develop knowledge and skills in the field of entrepreneurship



## LEARN: DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

This section provides learning tools so that you can further develop your knowledge and skills in the field of entrepreneurship. You will find links to e-learning material and organisations which offer useful training programmes, and a sub-section dedicated to webcasts and webinars.

## E-LEARNING MATERIALS AND TOOLS

Looking for online courses or training? Find the relevant tools here.



- Links to **e-learning materials** and **training programmes & organisations**
- A directory of **business mentors and coaches**
- Links to **webcasts & webinars**



# WEgate – share

This section is all about sharing ideas, information and knowledge



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## SHARE

This section is all about sharing ideas, information and knowledge. You can participate in the forum discussions, write a blog post, and follow the latest news and events related to women entrepreneurship. If you lack confidence or ideas, get inspired by the strong women in our 'Success stories' section. Find out how they overcame their challenges and what advice they might have for you! And if you want to get in touch with an entrepreneur, you will find contacts in our directory. And don't forget to register yourself or your organisation to have full access to the platform!

A COMMUNITY OF 1276 MEMBERS

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## SUCCESS STORIES



## ➤ Success stories

A section is for anyone who wants to get inspired by the stories of strong women that overcame their challenges and now offer advice to other entrepreneurs

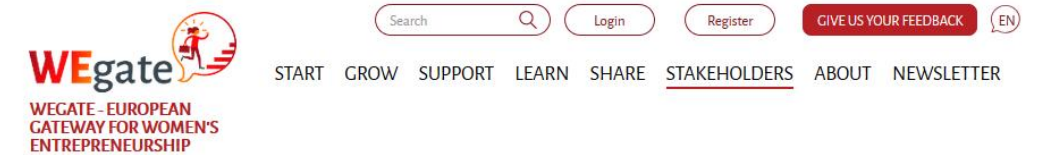
## ➤ News and events

Information on the latest news and upcoming events for women entrepreneurs



# WEgate – stakeholders

This section is all about networking with other entrepreneurs and organisations



## STAKEHOLDERS

WEgate brings together not only women entrepreneurs, but also their mentors, policy-makers and all relevant stakeholders and supporters. This section provides strategies and tools for stakeholders, including good practices and policy resources. You will also find a directory of registered organisations and associations. Add yours to the list!

## GOOD PRACTICES

Looking for strategies and instruments for support organisations? Exchange your best practices here!



European Training Foundation – Good Practice Award



CIG Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality



Approval and implementation of the Government of the Republic of Armenia's 2015 SME support programme



- The register of **WEgate community members** makes it easy to find and contact like-minded female entrepreneurs
- The directory of registered **organisations and associations** helps women find the most appropriate support organisation for their business journey.





# Additional information

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**Twitter hashtag:** #WEgate

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The platform is available in English, French and German.

