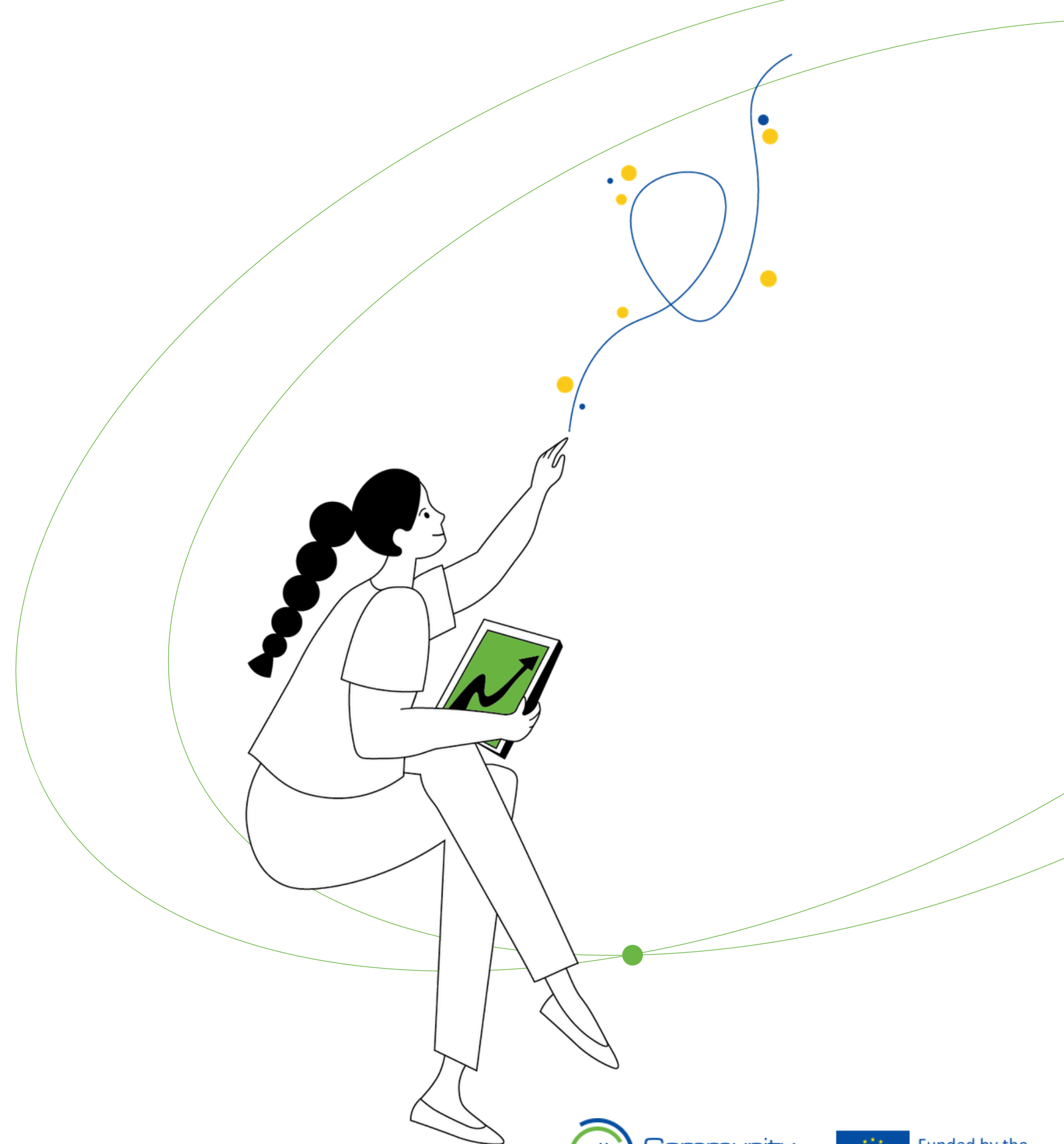


SUPERNOVAS

About SUPERNOVAS

Supernovas is an initiative of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and its Knowledge and Innovation Communities aim to bring more women into the world of entrepreneurship and investment.

The programme empowers **women-led startups** while also cultivating the next generation of **women venture capitalists and angel investors**.



OUR ACTIVITIES



ROCKET UP

A programme enabling top women-led startups to expand successfully across Europe. From this year onward, we also provide fundraising support to selected Rocket Up participants.



VC ACADEMY

A programme for junior women VC investors to advance their careers with expert training in both technical and personal skills.



WOMEN2INVEST

Training programme for women with STEAM background studies to break into venture capital, with potential internship matching.



BUSINESS ANGELS ACADEMY

Programmes for new and experienced women business angels to start or advance in angel investment.

SUPERNOVAS ACTIVITIES



**Management & Stakeholder Engagement
Comms, Promotion & Growth**

SUPERNOVAS ACTIVITIES

**Business Angels
Academy**



Rocket Up



**Venture Capital
Academy**



**Community
for Investors**



**Fundraising
support**



Women2Invest



Data Room



**Management & Stakeholder Enga.
Comms, Promotion & Growth**



SUPERNOVAS IMPACT 2022-2025

667

WOMEN TRAINED IN INVESTMENT

Women2Invest

Supporting women with STEAM studies in launching their careers in Venture Capital

243

Women trained

35

**VC Funds
collaborating today
in recruiting**

30

**Internships/FT
jobs to date**

VC Academy

Training programme in personal and professional skills for women venture capital investors

264

**Women investors
trained**

Business Angels Academy

Training programme for new and experienced women business angels

160

Women trained

Rocket Up

Startup programme to support women-founded ventures on their internationalisation

42

Participants

100

SUPPORTED WOMEN-LED STARTUPS*

Investment Forums

Curated investment forums for both startups and investors

76

Participants

Data Room

Women-led startups supported by EIT showcased in a rich & user-friendly data base

1,150+

Startups showcased

**Investment attracted
by supported startups**

+93M€

Leverage effect[^]

103x

(vs 13x EIT average)

***From 23 countries.**

18 startups participated in both Rocket Up and Investment Forums in this period

[^]This means that for every euro invested in the programmes, €103 were raised.

EIT average source

WOMEN INVESTOR COMMUNITY GROWTH IN 2025

600

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

102

CITIES REPRESENTED

48

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

14 CITY AMBASSADORS



**ANDRA
STANCIU
PARIS**



**LAURIE
LANCEE
AMSTERDAM**



**SERENA
LEKA
COPENHAGEN**



**CHARLOTTE
JOSAM
BRUSSELS**



**DANIELA
DUCA
LONDON**



**BENEDETTA
MARIANI
BERLIN**



**FEDERICA
DANIONI
MILAN**



**MATILDA
ÅBERG-
WENNERHOLM
STOCKHOLM**



**CHRISTINA
FIGIEL
MADRID**



**PATRICIA
FALAGAN DE LA
SIERRA
VIENNA**



**ISABEL
HOLGUERA
LISBON**



**RAGNHEIDUR H.
MAGNUSDÓTTIR
REYKJAVÍK**



**JANA
ŠVECOVÁ
HEILBRONN**



**CARMEN
TOMAS
VALENCIA &
LONDON**

Provisional Dates for Upcoming Activities in 2026

September

October

November

December

WOMEN2INVEST

VC ACADEMY
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BUSINESS ANGELS
ACADEMY

FUNDRAISING
SUPPORT



GENDER BIAS REPORT PUBLICATION NOVEMBER 2025

LEVELLING THE PLAYING FIELD

KEY LEVERS TO MITIGATE GENDER BIAS IN EUROPEAN VENTURE CAPITAL

Publication and presentation date: 18 November 2025

Location: Slush in Helsinki, Finland

Developed in collaboration with the [Esade Center for Social Impact](#) and [Equinox Equality Experts](#). This report confirms that gender bias remains a significant barrier in early-stage entrepreneurship across Europe. The paper is accompanied by a mitigation tool designed to help VC firms identify, understand and mitigate gender bias across their investment processes.

More information and available to download [here](#).



GENDER MAINSTREAMING HANDBOOK PUBLICATION MAY 2026

HOW TO DRIVE EUROPE'S COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH GENDER-SMART INNOVATION

Publication date: Released during European Diversity Month 2026, 21 May.

Designed as a practical handbook for organisations, policymakers and ecosystem builders, the publication showcases tested approaches that can be adapted and replicated across innovation ecosystems. From inclusive deep-tech training and mentorship programmes to gender-responsive innovation calls and entrepreneurship support, it provides concrete examples of how to embed gender-smart innovation across education, research and business creation.

More information and available to download [here](#).





COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2025-2026

BUILD YOUR TRIBE WITH EIT SUPERNOVAS SLUSH SIDE EVENT

Date: 18 November 2025

Format: Physical event

Location: Helsinki, Finland

A curated gathering of 100 women startup founders and investors from across Europe designed to build a strong, **connected community ahead of Slush and beyond.**

The event featured the presentation of our latest report, “Levelling the Playing Field: Key Levers to Mitigate Gender Bias in European Venture Capital”, a bracelet bar as a creative networking activity, and meaningful exchanges that strengthened and expanded our women investor and founder community across the continent.

Key stats: **231 registrations, 100 attendees**

Rating from participants: **4,8/5**

The event was co-hosted by EIT Culture & Creativity.



WOMEN INVESTING IN CHANGE

Date: 5 February 2026

Format: Physical event

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Speakers: Claire Munck (BeAngels, WomenINvestEU), Laure Peronnin (Astanor), and Inès Mertens de Wilmars (ImpactEurope, Impact Shakers, Aqcelerator) together with Agnieszka Wojdyr (European Commission)

Key stats: **80 registrations, 50 attendees**

The event was co-hosted by Norrsken Brussels, and organised by our ambassador in Brussels, Charlotte Josam.



WOMEN INVESTORS COCKTAIL

Date: 9 February 2026

Format: Physical event

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Side event organised in collaboration with Female Founders and SIA (Startup Investor Accelerator) the night before the Female Founders Experience (FFX) at the Norrsken Barcelona premises.

The event featured a dedicated networking activation for women investors through a **bingo-style activity**, alongside gamified engagement initiatives including raffles for free FFX tickets and the distribution of branded hoodies to further promote community building and visibility.

Key stats: **71 registrations, 42 attendees**

Rating from participants: **5/5**



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FOUNDERS**

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**Startup Investor
Accelerator**

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FEMALE FOUNDERS EXPERIENCE IN BARCELONA

Date: 10 February 2026

Format: In-person event, preceded by a giveaway of 15 complimentary tickets to members of our women investor community. Additionally, we delivered a keynote presenting the findings of our latest report: "Levelling the Playing Field: Key Levers to Mitigate Gender Bias in European Venture Capital".

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Participation in this one-day event was made possible through our partnership with **Female Founders**, a Vienna-based community supporting women entrepreneurs, investors, and leaders across Europe while promoting gender-balanced investment ecosystems.

Speaker: Celia Alija, EIT Food

Key stats: **250 attendees** and **42 report downloads** driven by the presentation



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED

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ONLINE WORKSHOP

AI IN INVESTING:
OPPORTUNITY, RISK,
AND THE BIAS WE
CAN'T IGNORE

Serena Leka

PhD Fellow &
Innovation Consultant



18 FEBRUARY

12:00-13:00 (CET)

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ONLINE PANEL DISCUSSION

CURRENT VC-FOUNDER COLLABORATION MODELS

PRACTICAL GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

15 APRIL 2026
10:00 - 11:30 (CEST)




CELIA ALIJA

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT MANAGER


eit Food


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CARITTA SEPPÄ


SENIOR INVESTMENT MANAGER






BARBARA BACHUS


CO-FOUNDER





SARAH ANTO

FOUNDER




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Brussels lunch gathering
Mainstreaming diversity in
shifting times

21 April 2026

12:30



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PARIS GATHERING
SIP & SPARK

Wednesday, December 10th

19:00-22:30



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Q&A SESSION
ROCKET UP


KIRRA PICKERING

ROCKET UP
PROGRAMME LEAD

JANUARY 14

13:00-13:45 CET

ONLINE




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PARIS GATHERING
READ THE MARKET
BEFORE IT MOVES

Thursday, February 5th

8:30 - 11:00



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WHAT OUR **ALUMNI** SAY



"Thanks to Rocket Up, we saved €160,000 and gained world-class mentoring, a powerful network, and EU-backed support to fast-track our market entry."

Julia Katrin Rohde

Co-Founder & CEO, agriBIOME
Rocket Up graduate



"Coming from a technical background, Women2Invest gave me the essential knowledge to kickstart my career in venture capital."

Anna Cachadiña

Now a VC Investor at Crane Venture Partners
Women2Invest graduate



"The programme has allowed me to review concepts that I had learned before, but also to reflect on my own investment thesis and has made me aware of how I had readjusted it over time. Initiatives like Supernovas encourage me to do even more to support other women entrepreneurs."

Emma Fau

Founder, WA4STEAM and EUcapital
Experienced Angel graduate



"If you are an intern or analyst at a VC fund and are eager to grow, this programme is a game-changer. It gives you not only practical investment skills, but also the confidence and support needed. I can honestly say it went far beyond what I imagined when I first signed up."

Agnieszka Grabowska, PhD

Now a Foundaton & Equity Portfolio Manager at DKFZ Innovation
VC Academy graduate



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