

# Welcome

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Welcome to all of you! We are really happy to have you here to participate in our conference which is the final conference of a three year lasting transnational Learning Partnership in the EU SOCRATES/Grundtvig Programme. The name of the project was “Making Women’s History visible in Europe”. I welcome you in the name of the House of Womens History, the coordinating organisation of this project as well as in the name of all our project partners, which were very actively involved in the project activities.

My Name is Heidemarie Wünsche-Pietzka. I was asked to open this conference. Now I have to change my role in the voluntary role. I am a promoter of the National Agency for the Socrates/Grundtvig Projects. Unfortunately the Director of the Grundvig and Sokrates Projects, Mr. Rosenstein, who was announced for today, is not able to participate in the opening of the conference due to health reasons.

At short notice he asked me to take his part to inform about the importance of the project “Making Women’s History visible in Europe” for the German National Agency.

In the last three years our national Agency has supported very intensively this project to make women’s history visible not only in the project frame but also all over Europe in different countries, in various frameworks, in a lot of organisations. The national Agency was cooperating very intensively with the National Agencies of our partner countries, which you can see in the end of the description of the project. All National Agencies of the Socrates project were convinced that the subject of Making Women’s History visible is worth to be supported, that is worth to be promoted. The European Commission in Brussels funded for three years the travel, expenses for meetings of the Transnational Project Team (TPT) and also for a little bit of promotion, for publishing something and supporting workshops etc. But nevertheless a lot of voluntary work had to be done by all partners involved. That is what the European Union and the National Agencies expect and appreciate very much in the project activities of Learning Partnerships. So we come together today also in order to honour these work which has been done in the last three years. The National Agency of Germany wishes this conference a successful process.

We are pleased to welcome the Director of the Department for Equal Opportunities of our Federal Ministry of Family, Seniors, Women and Youth, Ms. Welskopp-Deffaa.