

PROMETEA

**EmPoweRing WOMen Engineers in Industrial
and Academic ResEARch**

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18 partners, 14 countries
Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Chili, Serbia

RUSSIA ❖ Orel State Technical University

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Aim of the project:

- ❖ To better understand the gender issues in engineering and technology research
- ❖ To propose effective measures and recommendations to empower women engineers' careers in research

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History of our collaboration with Orel State University

- First contact : Summer University- Lyon 2003 (Programme WOMENG)
78 students from 24 countries: one student from Orel U.
- Declaration of interest: EU web site
- Reaction from Orel State U: Pr Vera Uvarova
- Discussion with Pr Uvarova about a possible project
- Invitation to Chios for the first meeting with prospective partners: Pr Uvarova did not get the visa

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History of our collaboration with Orel State University

- Excellent impression and conviction that a common work was possible
- Reaction to a call from the EU and signature of the contract for the PROMETEA programme

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- **After 26 months of work:**
 - Very positive conclusions:
 - Methodologically speaking : excellent
 - Quality of work produced: excellent
 - Management of money: excellent, perfectly clear and precise (money is sent by Swift; additional cost, overhead 20%))
 - Respect of schedule: perfect
 - Participation in meetings: no problem
 - Personal relation: excellent

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- **Analysis of condition of work:**
 - English always used (oral and written)
 - Pr Uvarova hired a Russian researcher
 - Close relation between Dr Pourrat in Paris and Vera Uvarova
 - Excellent training of Russian researchers
 - Good administrative management in Orel (ex. Money transfer fast and effective)
 - Support from the institution

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Problems

Difficulties for visa and travel:

- Direct intervention of Dr Pourrat to the French Embassy in Moscow
- Two meetings were missed

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Conclusion

« We are ready to start again any time »

Dr Yvonne Pourrat

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