



Enhancing Female Entrepreneurship in India (ENPRENDIA), a capacity-building cross-border consortium project supported by **Erasmus+ Program** of the European Union. The program has a total of 14 higher education institutions including 5 European and 8 Indian partners.

Banasthali Vidyapith is among the 8 premier Indian Universities which have been finalized to develop & implement the ENPRENDIA program. The one of its kind unique program offers an opportunity to learn best practices from European partners towards promoting gender equity through enhancing female participation in entrepreneurship, develop modules & programs and implement in India Higher Education Institutions.

The program seeks to enhance entrepreneurial culture among female population in Indian HEIs while promoting gender equality and gender equity – not only inside the walls of academic institutions but also extending it to civil society and their local communities. Indian society is characterized by miscellany in caste, religion, languages, festivals, attire, economic status and location, among others. However, for various reasons the representation of various groups of the society in terms of participation within the higher education system has remained historically unequal. The emphasis laid on providing an equitable access to opportunities to female students representing various diversified groups is highlighted in ENPRENDIA. More details of the activities of the program at <http://enprendia.eu/>

The main objectives of the project are:

1. To develop and advance institutional strategies for gender equality and equity in Indian higher education through a comprehensive analysis and transfer of EU best practices.
2. To establish and reinforce gender equality through sustainable structures that bring together enterprise-universities and promote active participation of female population in society with the involvement of public and private stakeholders so as to create mechanisms that support startups and business initiatives.
3. To facilitate activities between HEIs and schools and colleges of proximity to enhance entrepreneurial mindset.
4. 4.To build an index system for gender equality in Indian HEIs within internal quality framework.
5. To manage adequately the enhancement of gender equality among Indian HEIs and Indian HE.

The International Universities selected for the project ENPRENDIA are:

1. Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, **United Kingdom**
2. University College of Dublin, Dublin, **Ireland**
3. Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Santiago, **Spain**
4. Universidade de Lisboa – Instituto Superior Tecnico, Lisbon, **Portugal**
5. Kinder Universität Wien, Vienna University Children’s Office, University of Vienna, **Austria**

The Indian Universities selected for the project ENPRENDIA are:

1. Banasthali Vidyapith, Banasthali, **Rajasthan**
2. Amity University of Kolkata, Kolkata, **West Bengal**
3. Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha, **Maharashtra**
4. Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar, **Punjab**
5. Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, **Haryana**
6. The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, MSU, Vadodara, **Gujarat**
7. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, **Andhra Pradesh**
8. Edulab Educational Exchange Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, **Maharashtra**