

Successful kick-off meeting of the ST(R)E(A)M IT project in Budapest

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A new Horizon Europe project, ST(R)E(A)M IT, has been launched under the coordination of the HÉTFA Research Institute. STREAM IT aims to initiate change about the persisting gender inequalities in STEM education, research, and innovation to contribute to the implementation of the 'The European Manifesto for gender-inclusive STE(A)M education and careers.' The envisioned aim of the project is achieved by empowering underrepresented groups in STEM, promoting gender-inclusive career paths and supporting STEM education providers through knowledge sharing, and capacity building to remove gender-based barriers in STEM.

The kick-off meeting was held on the days 29 February and 1 March 2024 in Budapest, at the ADAPTÉR creative technology knowledge centre. A total of 21 partners from 17 different countries attended the meeting, which was launched by Gábor Balás, Managing

Director of HÉTFA Research Institute. The first section also included a welcome speech by Jorge Molina-Martinez, the Project Officer, and a presentation about the policy context and legal framework of the project by Oriane Gilloz, Policy Officer. During the 2 days of the meeting, the participants laid down the framework for the ST(R)E(A)M IT project management and discussed important matters regarding the professional implementation of the project. Katalin Oborni – the Senior Project Manager responsible for the coordination of the project – led the event's agenda and professional discussions. Beáta Bozsó, Financial expert of HÉTFA gave a presentation about the important details related to the budget, finances and reports of the project. Eszter Szőnyi, Senior Analyst of the Division for Public Policy and Impact Assessment of HÉTFA, gave a presentation on the main aspects of the impact assessment to be carried out during the project.



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