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## Wasted talents: The situation of women scientists in Eastern European countries

ENWISE press conference

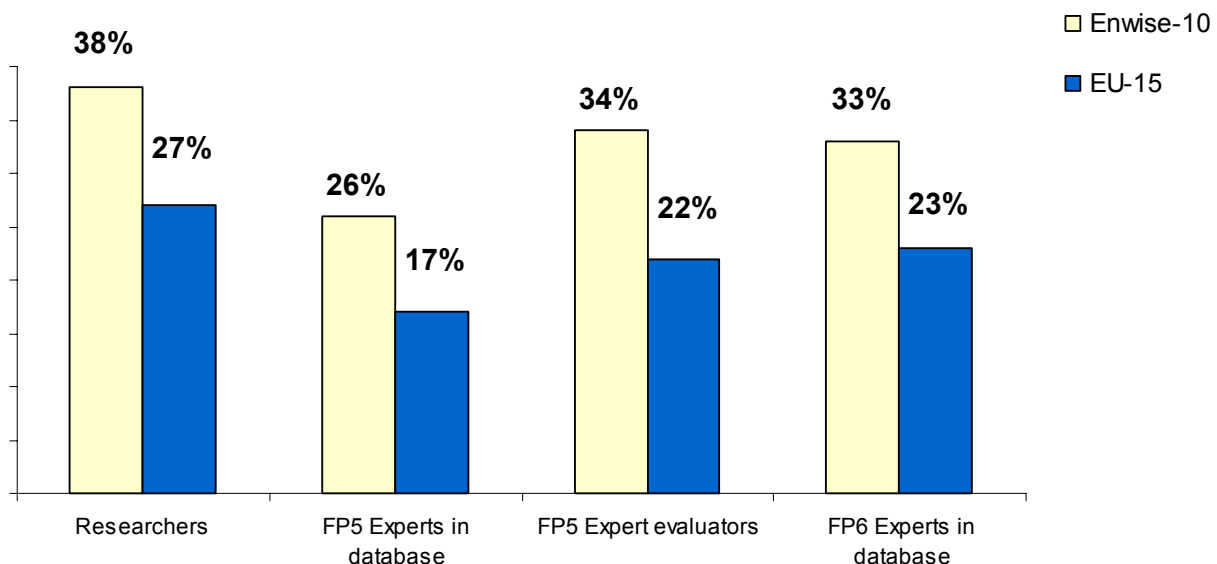
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### Findings of the ENWISE report

## The EU Framework Programme: a strategic lever to reinforce research in the Enwise countries

Scientists from the Enwise countries have been associated to the EU Research Framework Programmes since the beginning of the 1990s. The Commission welcomes the fact that women scientists from Enwise countries mobilise themselves to take part in the Framework Programme. During the Fifth Framework Programme, women constituted 34 % of all evaluators from the Enwise countries, while the respective figure for EU-15 was only 22 %. For the current Sixth Framework Programme, even higher numbers can be expected. The Framework Programme is a strategic lever for reinforcing research in the Enwise countries. By encouraging women's participation in the Framework Programme, the Commission wants to promote the role of women in research, together with the development of research capacities, in order to ensure that the new Member States contribute fully to the European Research Area.

Womens' participation in the EU research framework programme



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