Current situation on women’s participation in the Aeronautic sector
The desk research was complemented by the implementation of a questionnaire addressed to the 4 main target groups: Secondary Education Students, Higher Education Students and Professors, and Human Resources Managers. The questionnaire was available online from April 2014 to July 2014, and got a total of 1,329 responses.

- Secondary Education Students: 481 responses;
- Higher Education Students: 640 responses;
- Higher Education Teaching staff: 162 responses;
- Human Resources Managers: 46 responses.

Some conclusions obtained about the current situation of young women’s participation in AI, are presented as follows:

- The participation of women in the aerospace industry is unbalanced; less than 15% of the workforce in AI is female.
- In spite of the number of aerospace universities in Europe, the number of young women enrolled in engineering studies is low (around 25% of those enrolled in scientific and engineering studies are women).
- The number of women in positions of high responsibility in the aeronautic industry is lower than men.

The participation of women in scientific studies, and in particular in aeronautics, has improved over the last decades. But still it is important to develop measures and initiatives at the national and European levels to keep engaging and motivating young women to enroll in scientific and aeronautical careers.

Read the full report on the current situation, which is available for free download at the IN2SAI website.

Taking a closer look at educational programmes
The project partners will analyse the current curricula in higher education courses of scientific fields and propose modifications leading to an increase in the participation of women in scientific fields. Therefore, interviews have been conducted and further research was organised in the partner countries. During the next months conclusions and recommendations will be published on the project website.

Case studies
IN2SAI identified several case studies of women working in AI. Each of these women presented their educational pathway and job profile in order to show different career opportunities in the aeronautic field and motivate young women to pursue a career in this field. The case studies will be available online and printed in May/June 2015.

Make your pre-order already by contacting one of the partners!
IN2SAI on tour...
Many events have taken place in the partner countries, such as in:

The Netherlands
Technological Clinics were conducted at the Delft University of Technology on 26 November 2014, and 3 December 2014. The events were organized in collaboration with “TeamVoorlichting”, which organizes events for high school students throughout the year. Team Voorlichting promoted the event through the Delft University of Technology Website and contacted a number of high schools around the country. In total, 29 high school students participated in each event. Each event followed the same format. The first presentation of the day provided the high school students with an overview of the study program for the Bachelor and Master degrees. The second presentation focused on space engineering, and was given by a professor from the Space Department.

Italy
CESIE organized a mentoring field trip for 20 University female students to the ENAV S.p.A. company, which provides the Air Traffic Control service to the airport of Palermo. The study visit involved female students from the aeronautic engineering faculty and other general engineering faculties. It was an opportunity for the students to have an insight into the industry, talk to the researchers in the field, and learn about their possible future career.

Austria
On 24 November 2014 a mentoring field trip in Austria took place in cooperation with E.N.T.E.R. and ACStyria. Female students of the University of Applied Science (Aviation) and the TU Graz (Engineering) participated in the event. Visits to different companies in the region were on the programme. The group was welcomed by Pankl Aerospace, Böhler Bleche GmbH, Hightech Plastics Fohnsdorf, and the Planetarium Judenburg.

Video
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