

## **Women in Engineering Coordinator**

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### **Goals**

My main goal is to get the SMART plan approved before the end of this year. As from my point of view it will strengthen and activate the local WIE AGs in a directional manner, towards the current goals of the region.

### **Status and Past Contributions**

SMART Award plan:

What I would really like to convey to the committee is my vision about the SMART plan award. I have met with a few of the WiE AG chairs around the region who have also agreed that the award could be a good strategy to achieve the region's goals and that it is easy to be tracked and handed-over from one year's committee to the next.

### **Outlook**

Hopefully, the SMART plan award will be approved by the end of this year. Hence, it will be ready to be implemented next year. I will make sure to hand over the vision and all the details of the award to the next coordinator. Having tailored plans for different AGs will help covering the different needs of the diver societies in the region 8 countries. Each AG will create a Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time marked (SMART) plan based on actual data collected from questionnaires or civil societies and governmental authorities statistics. The plan should address the problems faced by Women in the Engineering field (which are different in different communities). Since it's a Measurable and a Time marked plan it will be easy to follow by jury of the competition. The AG which comes up with the best plan and accomplishes most of its goals receives the award.

The Smart plan award must include the student AGs to work towards the same goals as the section's AG.

### **Points of Concern**

The only problem which I have faced was that I had to apply for a visa for every meeting or an event in the European union. Many times I didn't have enough time to apply for the visa, I couldn't attend the SYP in Germany and now the committee meeting in Porto because I didn't have enough time to apply for the Schengen visa. Therefore, I think it is really necessary to consider issuing multiple-entry one year visas for officers who don't hold a European passport.