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# THE TRANSNATIONAL EMPOWERHER PITCHING COMPETITION

## Newsletter
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**The Transnational EmpowerHER Pitching Competition** took place from September 8th to 10th, 2026, in Brussels, marking a major milestone for the project. Ten national winners presented their innovative business ideas to an international EU jury to compete for the EU Prize.

Alongside the competition, participants presented project achievements and took part in study visits to key European institutions, including the European Parliament and the European Commission. Hosted by Connect International with support from WIDE, the 3-day event celebrated young female entrepreneurship and fostered lasting European connections.




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# Next steps



As **EmpowerHER** approaches its final months, the consortium is fully focused on maximizing the reach and impact of the project's outcomes. Partners are actively sharing key deliverables, digital tools across target networks, educational institutions, and policy channels.

The main priority now is ensuring that the resources developed throughout the initiative remain accessible to support young female entrepreneurs well beyond the project's conclusion.

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