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BARCELONA

Transforming biomedical research
through **gender equality,**
intersectionality and **collective action.**



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About the conference



What transformations are needed for gender equality, intersectionality and diversity to move beyond formal commitments and become effective criteria for scientific quality, responsibility and impact?

The final INCLUDE Conference will bring together **researchers, institutional leaders, health professionals, civil society organisations and agents of change in Barcelona** to discuss how to advance towards biomedical research that is more equitable, diverse and scientifically rigorous.

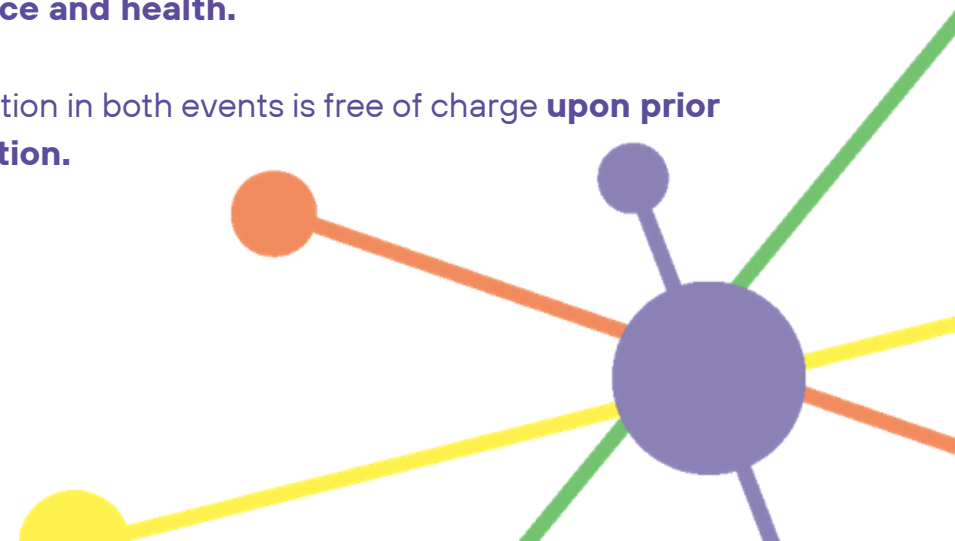
Organised by the **INCLUDE consortium**, the conference will share the main **lessons, tools and experiences** developed throughout the project, while opening a **space for dialogue** on the challenges that still persist within scientific institutions.

The programme will offer a journey from the analysis of the structural inequalities that shape science and health to the discussion of concrete strategies for institutional transformation.

Topics will include **the integration of sex, gender and intersectionality into biomedical research; diversity in research teams and knowledge production; geopolitical inequalities; safe and equitable working environments; Gender Equality Plans; and the resistances, lessons and possibilities involved in institutional change.** The conference will also present INCLUDE's main results and resources, including its Manifesto, Toolkit and Policy Brief.

An associated pre-event will take place the previous day. We welcome researchers, health professionals, institutional representatives, civil society organisations and **anyone committed to a more critical and equitable approach to science and health.**

Participation in both events is free of charge **upon prior registration.**



Where & when

NOVEMBER 12TH ASSOCIATED PRE-EVENT

Museu de la Ciència
CosmoCaixa

A public keynote with **Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim**, one of the world's leading HIV researchers. Entrance is free for INCLUDE participants upon registration.

 **CosmoCaixa Science Museum.** Carrer d'Isaac Newton, 26, 08022 Barcelona.

 **19:00h – 21:00h**

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A day of exchange and reflection to share the **main outcomes of INCLUDE** and discuss how biomedical research institutions can move from commitment to transformation.

 **PRBB, Auditorium.** Carrer Doctor Aiguader, 88, 08003 Barcelona.

 **08:30h –17:15h**

 **REGISTRATION LINK**

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Museo de la Ciencia CosmoCaixa

Programme

19:00h - 20:00h Public keynote with Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim

20:00h - 20:30h Q&A session.



Quarraisha Abdool Karim is a leading South African infectious diseases epidemiologist. She is co-founder and Associate Scientific Director of CAPRISA, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at Columbia University, and Pro-Vice Chancellor for African Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Her work has made major contributions to understanding the HIV epidemic in South Africa, particularly among adolescent girls and young women, and to advancing HIV prevention, treatment and public health policy.

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Programme

08:30h–09:00h **Registration & entry.**

09:00h–09:20h **Institutional Welcome.**

09:20h–09:35h **INCLUDE Review.**

Presentation of the project's objectives, main achievements and key learnings by Maria Sangiuliano.¹

09:35h–10:15h **The socio-political context
shaping biomedical research,
structural inequalities,
intersectionality and equity in
health.**

Keynote lecture and Q&A by Dorte Nickel,² offering a critical perspective on persistent structural inequalities, emerging challenges and the political nature of biomedical research.

10:15h–10:45h **Diversity Regimes in European
Academia.**

Presentation and discussion of Dounia Bourabain³ and Sinem Yilmaz's⁴ research on EDI approaches in European academia and current challenges for institutional change.

10:45h–11:00h **Coffee Break**

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11:00h–12:00h	Intersectional Utopias.	A collective speculative exercise on intersectionality, facilitated by Francisca Casas-Cordero, ¹ with introductory framing by Victoria Showunmi ² on the current landscape in universities and research institutions.
12:45h–14:15h	Lunch & Meet.	
14:15h–15:15h	Good practices and strategies for advancing GEPs.	Exploration of the project's pilot actions, from identified needs and implemented activities to impact and long-term continuity.
15:15h–16:15h	Challenges of central eastern european and baltic partners.	Roundtable moderated by Redi Koobak ³ on the experiences of project's partners from Slovakia, Romania, Latvia and Lithuania in advancing EDI and intersectionality.
16:15h–17:00h	INCLUDE Legacy.	Presentation of INCLUDE Toolkit, Manifesto, Policy Brief and Community of Practice as resources for continuity beyond the project.
17:00h–17:15h	Final reflections.	

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