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GENERA Network originated from the GENERA project, when in September 2015, 11 physics institutes and two professional support organizations started this EU-funded project with the motto "from physicists for physicists".

After having assessed the status quo the GENERA consortium prepared all tools necessary to tailor and implement GEPs and gender equality measures in the participating institutions. In the GENERA toolbox, for example, more than 100 good practice measures to support gender equality in physics institutions have been compiled. All necessary steps to implement a GEP have been described in the GENERA Roadmap. Guided by a project internal evaluation the individual institutions created and implemented their GEPs.

The GENERA project officially concluded its original three-year run on 31 August 2018. During its lifetime, GENERA has boosted awareness on the issue of gender equity in physics. A series of Gender in Physics days – one-day national events invented by GENERA and organized by the project partners—was particularly helpful, and demonstrated that commonly addressing gender equality in a network is beneficial for all. This is why the partners of GENERA were setting up the GENERA Network to continue with the original project's activities, and to study the impact of GENERA on physics in the long run.

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