SHE FIGURES present data on the European Commission’s gender equality priorities in the field of research and innovation policy.

**Women** are close to reaching gender parity among doctoral graduates...

- **48.1%** of doctoral graduates in EU 27 (2018 survey)

In addition, more women work under precarious contracts than their male counterparts.

- **1.3%** in 2019

**Women** are under-represented at the highest level in academia...

- **26.2%** of heads of higher education institutions are women...

...and in decision-making positions.

- **24.9%** among self-employed professionals in Science and Engineering (S&E) and Information & Communication Technologies (ICT)

Women represent 24.9% of the European Commission’s gender equality priorities in the field of research and innovation policy.

**Women** are less successful than men in accessing research funding...

- **10.7%** of inventorships in 2015-2018 (based on European patent applications)

...and are significantly under-represented among inventors.

- **89.3%**

The 2020 European Research Area Communication renewed the EU’s commitment to gender equality in R&I. Horizon Europe (2021 – 2027) has gender equality as a crosscutting priority and will play a key role in ensuring structural change towards gender equality in research and innovation.