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**Subject: International Day of Women and Girls in Science
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With this letter, I would like to state the EIROforum support expressed by the eight EIROforum Director Generals for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. The EIROforum, a collaboration of eight scientific research and technology organizations consisting of CERN, EMBL, ESA, ESO, ESRF, European XFEL, EUROfusion and ILL, aims to improve the quality and impact of research throughout Europe. Their combined resources, facilities and expertise supports European science to reach its full potential.

In seeking to inspire the next generation of researchers, the EIROforum reaffirms its commitment toward providing equal opportunities for all, ensuring a positive impact of science in society, worldwide.

In this spirit, and in particular today, on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, the EIROforum pays special tribute to the contribution of women and girls whose critical role in science and technology serves to strengthen the scientific community and its collective, global achievements.

With my best regards,



Tony Donné
Chair of EIROforum