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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the representation of women in scientific careers

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the representation of women in scientific careers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas our future economic needs are likely to include, among other things, ‘green jobs’ in renewable energies that require engineering skills, and whereas demand for these professionals is expected to increase by 8 % by 2025;
- B. whereas in 2013 women accounted for just 24 % of science and engineering professionals in Europe and only 12.6 % of women with tertiary education were active in one of those specialised fields;
- C. whereas the shortage of professionals in scientific disciplines is an obstacle to future economic growth in the Member States, particularly since labour shortages have already been noted in certain engineering specialities;
- D. whereas policies discriminating in favour of women are not appropriate, but action to encourage women to consider the opportunities offered by the scientific professions would be useful;
- 1. Encourages the Member States to launch information campaigns, aimed particularly at women, on the prospects offered by careers in the sciences;
- 2. Urges the Commission to support such initiatives.