

Women in Surveying - Today and Tomorrow

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SUMMARY

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Digital transformation and rapid, technological advances are leading to large changes in the surveying profession. Smart environment with new working methods offers the best opportunities for women in surveying for the future. In 2018, the annual OECD Education Report is focused on equity in education ("Education at a Glance"). In the evaluated countries there is an increase of women studying in STEM degree courses (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). The number of women in the engineering profession and practical surveying is growing, especially in Germany. For more than 20 years FIG has been viewing and presenting the topic of "women in surveying" from different national perspectives. Since 2015 the FIG Working Group 1.2, "Women in Surveying" has been scheduled. Australia is well represented by SSSI Women in Spatial (WIS) group and their statistical investigation in 2017.

In Germany, the group "Women in Surveying/DVW" exists since 1989 as a network of women working as professionals in surveying. The network is characterized by regular meetings twice a year and offers year-round exchanges of informations via social media. Subjects of the German Women's Network are presented in an international context. Attention should be focused on the potential of women in surveying, not only in times of lack of young engineers, in order to further increase the number of female surveyors.

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