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Today, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, the International Women and Girls in Science Day, we are delighted to announce the opening of the "Greek Innovation Lab for Women - #GIL4W" as a separate Unit of the "Athena" Research Center.

The # GIL4W (Greek Innovation Lab for Women) is a partnership of 5 Ministries, 15 Agencies, Research Centers, Academic Institutions, Chambers and the Private Sector organizations launched 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by the Deputy Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Affairs for Demographic Policy and Family, Maria Syrengela, in order to support and promote the issues of innovation and entrepreneurship of women in Greece.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Development and Investment and the Deputy Minister Mr. Christos Dimas and under the auspices of the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation, a distinct Unit is now being created in "Athena" Research Center, which will have as its mission the support and realization of the goals and strategies of the nationwide partnership.

Through a comprehensive Action Plan created by all the partners of the partnership, a series of interventions will be implemented that will help women in Greece to join and benefit from the opportunities created by the 4th Industrial Revolution. Among the main actions of the Innovation Lab there will be opportunities to benefit from funding and business support for the innovative start-ups of women, as well as central interventions such as the strengthening of STEM in education, or incentives for young girls to choose professions related to new highly specialized fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics or Bio-technology.

The operating model of #GIL4W will also be based on examples and good practices from countries with a tradition in women's innovation and entrepreneurship, such as Norway, and to this end international collaborations have already been secured with organizations such as the ECWT- The European Center for Women and Technology as one of the co-founders.