

BONEX GENDER ENGAGEMENT

To maximize BONEX's impact, the project engages three key groups: Local DP Steering Groups, Regional Working Groups (RWGs), and the BONEX Community of Practice.

- Targeted Communication, Dissemination, and Exploitation Strategy developed, including interviews, surveys, workshops, and a final conference.
- Special focus on involving and reaching women to ensure representation in surveys and events.
- BONEX promotes gender-sensitive policies, addressing gender disparities in agriculture and food processing.
- Demonstration Projects selected to tackle gender inequalities, integrating women's interests.
- Women's presence ensured in all project activities, decision-making bodies, and stakeholder groups.

Additional gender initiatives are organized to promote equality, fostering inclusivity and women empowerment

BONEX GENDER ACTIONS

BONEX has carried out a wide range of activities where gender was the central focus or where women from our consortium played a key role. These actions reflect the project's strong commitment to giving gender the visibility it deserves and to recognizing women's fundamental role in advancing the WEFE Nexus.

01 National Agriculture Day of Tunisia

On May 16, 2023, BONEX Team members in Tunisia celebrated with the Regional Directorate of Agricultural Development of Monastir (CRDA Monastir), alongside the new Director General, Ms. Farida Joumade Mansour.



02 International Mediterranean Day

Dr. Olfa Mahjoub from the BONEX team in Tunisia and Ms. Sara Mekada, a young woman farmer and BONEX project participant, were invited to participate actively in the event.



03 Rural women in the heart of the WEFE Nexus

On November 28, 2023, UfM and FFEM co-hosted a conference titled "Rural Women in the Heart of the WEFE Nexus," bringing together diverse stakeholders to discuss cooperation and innovation in the WEFE Nexus.



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Autumn School Aurora 2023

The Autumn School AURORA 2023 prioritized gender equality, with students from Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Germany contributing diverse perspectives to discussions on sustainable agriculture in the MENA region.



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2nd Spanish BONEX Workshop in La Axarquía

BIOAZUL, alongside the University of Almería and the University of Córdoba, hosted the 2nd BONEX Workshop in La Axarquía (Málaga) on November 14. The workshop highlighted "Agrarian Innovation for Sustainability: Gender-Equal Opportunities and Impacts in the Use of Reclaimed Water in Axarquía."



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2nd Lebanese BONEX workshop at the American University of Beirut

On November 23rd, the second BONEX workshop in Lebanon, highlighting gender equality, took place at the American University of Beirut. The focus was on exploring the Agrivoltaics solution within Lebanon's WEFE Nexus.



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2nd Jordanian BONEX workshop in GJU

On December 14th, 2023, the Second Stakeholders Workshop for the BONEX Project emphasized gender equity. Hosted by the German Jordanian University and IUCN-ROWA, the project, funded by the EU-Foundation "PRIMA," focuses on the Wadi Mujib Basin in Jordan to develop gender-sensitive solutions for WEFE nexus challenges.



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CARE Workshop on Responsible Consumption

Ángela Magno from BIOAZUL joined a CARE project workshop on responsible consumption. Discussions focused on sustainability strategies, including water management. BIOAZUL highlighted BONEX's WEFE nexus approach for responsible consumption.



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WEFE Nexus International Conference

On 11th and 12th, 2025, the event co-organized by BONEX and SureNexus, featuring a dedicated pillar on "Gender and the WEFE Nexus" and an oral presentation and poster on BONEX's gender-focused research.



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WEFE Nexus in Egypt and the MENA Region

On 13th and 14th May, 2025, BONEX presented the oral communication "Assessing the BONEX Project Through a Gender Lens: Individual and Collective Perspectives on Gender Dynamics", delivered by Antonia Lorenzo from BIOAZUL.



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World Water Congress in Marrakech

On Dec 1st – 5th, 2025, INRGREF presented the paper "Women are Custodians of Cultural Heritage and Local Knowledge in Agricultural Irrigation with Reclaimed Water in Tunisia."



PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

UNESCO-IWSSM GWSI Issue 7 on Gender and Water

BONEX contributed a chapter entitled 'Gender Lens in Mediterranean Research Projects: The BONEX Project.' The proposal was submitted in February 2025, accepted in March 2025, and the full chapter delivered in June 2025. The volume is scheduled for publication between 2026 and 2027.



BONEX GENDER COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

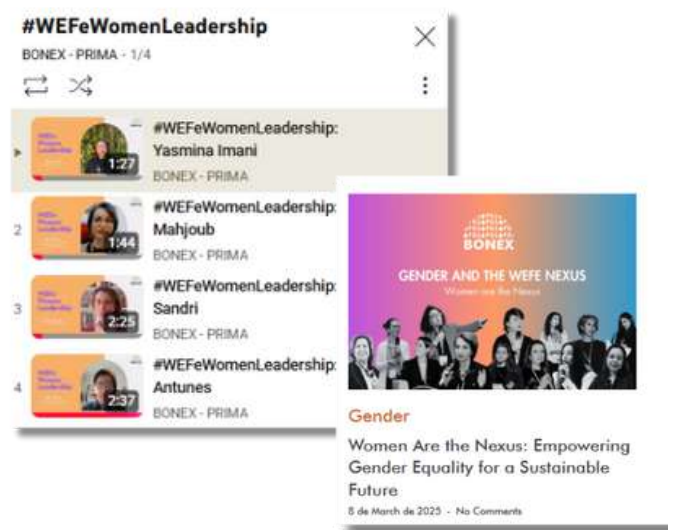
Gender equality has been a core priority of the BONEX project, embedded in its communication and outreach efforts to promote inclusivity, empower women, and address gender challenges in the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (WEFE) Nexus.

#WEFeWomenLeadership Campaign:

A series of short videos featuring women leaders from the BONEX consortium sharing their experiences, achievements, and insights in science and WEFE sectors.

Women-Related Anniversaries

Dedicated posts for events such as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11 February), International Women's Day (8 March), and International Day of Rural Women.



#BONEXGenderActions Campaign

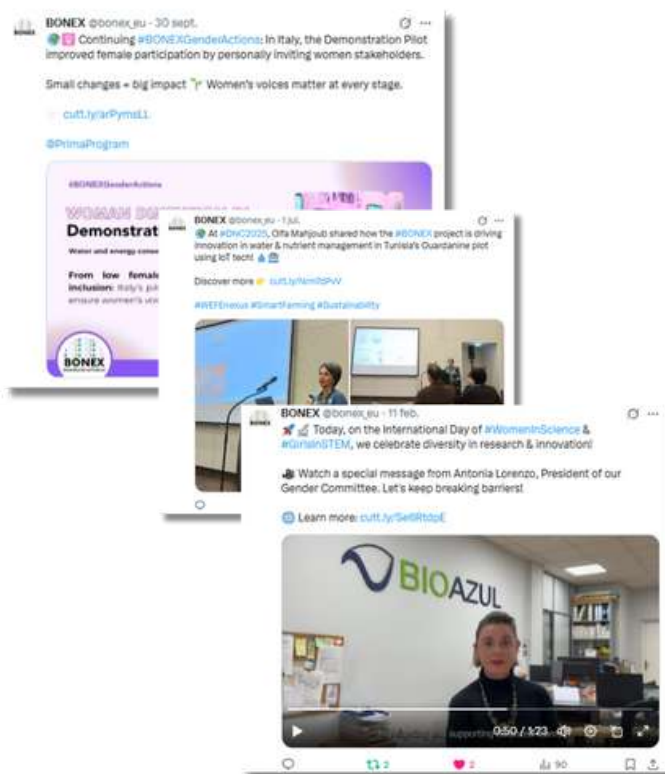
Highlighting gender integration in all BONEX Demonstration Pilots, showcasing women's roles as leaders, innovators, and key actors in WEFE Nexus solutions.

Promotion of Gender Events:

Communication of BONEX partners' participation in gender-related conferences and workshops, reinforcing the project's active role in inclusivity discussions.

Visibility of External Gender Initiatives:

Promotion of relevant events in science, innovation, and gender equality to encourage engagement and awareness.

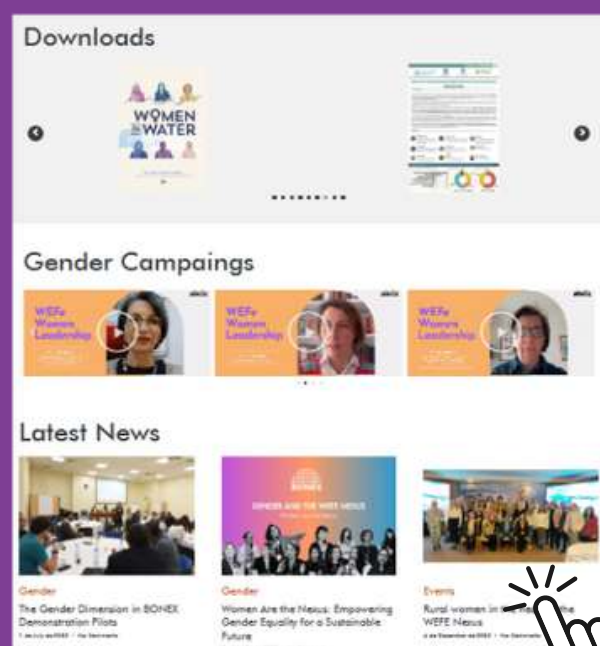


DEDICATED GENDER SECTION ON THE BONEX WEBSITE:

The "Gender Equality" page showcases BONEX's gender objectives, actions, and results. It addresses persistent inequalities in the agricultural workforce and highlights BONEX's measures to integrate gender at all levels. The Gender Equality section also connects visitors to dedicated subsections where materials and updates are collected:

- **Downloads:** Flyers, deliverables, articles, presentations, and abstracts.
- **Gender Campaigns:** All communication campaigns related to gender issues.
- **Latest News:** Updates on events, activities, and milestones related to gender equality within the project.

<https://bonex-prima.eu/gender-equality/>





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