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WA4STEAM and the Royal Academy of Engineering join forces to foster the incorporation of women into technical professions

- This agreement seeks to motivate girls and teenagers to study technical careers, as well as to promote female entrepreneurship initiatives in technical areas, to achieve greater incorporation of women into engineering related professions.

Madrid, September 30, 2019. The Royal Academy of Engineering ([*“Real Academia de Ingeniería”*](#)) and Women Angels for STEAM (WA4STEAM [*Asociación Women Angels for STEAM*](#)) have signed a collaboration agreement whereby the association joins the [*“Mujer e Ingeniería”*](#) (“Women and Engineering”) project to promote vocations in STEAM studies (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Architecture and Mathematics) of girls and teenagers encouraging them to take positions of responsibility in their passage from the academic to the professional world.

“Women and Engineering” is an initiative, aligned with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), born from the concern of the Royal Academy of Engineering for the shortage of women in the fields of engineering and technology, that implicitly disregards their creative potential, key to innovation and the development of companies and society in general.

Through this agreement, both entities have committed to develop a **specific work plan** that includes **participation in mentoring programs, lectures, conferences, meetings, as well as exhibitions and publications**. The objective is to promote and disseminate engineering and its role in the development of society to increase the presence of female engineers in strategic sectors.

The signing took place with the participation of **Elías Fereres**, president of the **Royal Academy of Engineering**; and **Javier Pérez de Vargas**, its managing director, and of **WA4STEAM** co-founders: **Regina Llopis**, President; **Sylvie Lemaire**, Vice President; **Gloria Lorenzo**, Partnerships' Leader; **Olga Santos**, Communication Coordinator and **Blanca Ochoa**, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

WA4STEAM is an association of women business angels, which seeks to promote the presence of women in STEAM fields, investing and creating a collaborative environment that allows women entrepreneurs to develop their projects. After the signing, the president of WA4STEAM, **Regina Llopis**, highlighted “It is an honor to collaborate with such a prestigious institution as RAI. We share its concern about the shortage of women in the fields of engineering and technology and about disregarding their creative potential, which is key to innovation. This agreement represents a further step in our objective to increase the presence of women in the technological field”



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Elías Fereres, president of the Royal Academy of Engineering closed the event acknowledging that the "Women and Engineering " initiative seeks to bridge the gender gap that has existed for years in technical careers, but also seeks to give visibility to engineering professionals and help them break the glass ceiling. Having the support of associations such as WA4STEAM allows us to be closer to that goal."

About "La Real Academia de Ingeniería" (The Royal Academy of Engineering)

The Royal Academy of Engineering is an institution at the forefront of the technical knowledge, that promotes the excellence, quality and competence of Spanish Engineering in its various disciplines and fields of action.

Created in 1994, following the tradition of the royal academies, the Royal Academy of Engineering was the first academy created during the reign of S. M. King Juan Carlos I. It is currently chaired by the Academic Hon. Mr. Elías Fereres.

About WA4STEAM

WA4STEAM is a non-for-profit association of women business angels that provide seed capital and support to STEAM start-ups led by women.

WA4STEAM aspires to be a reference within the start-up ecosystem by helping women-led STEAM projects to become profitable enterprises. It aims to be a cohesive body of knowledge for both, women angels (WA) and women entrepreneurs (WE) as well as a community of mentoring and networking.

The broad skill set of its members, its dual approach to investing, driven by economic profitability and social impact, together with its strong values make WA4STEAM a unique organization that:

- Promotes women's entrepreneurship initiatives in STEAM.
- Fosters women's talent and innovation in STEAM.
- Influences society towards gender equality in STEAM.
- Encourages women's greater participation in financing STEAM projects.
- Creates a collaborative environment that allows women entrepreneurs to find the tools and the support to develop their business projects.
- Promotes networking between professionals, entrepreneurs and other organizations.

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