

## **WA4STEAM reinforces its commitment to good governance during its Annual Ordinary General Assembly**

- ***WA4STEAM held its Annual Ordinary General Members Assembly virtually on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with close to 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of members represented***
- ***WA4STEAM members endorsed the Associations' management and approved all items in the agenda, including a Code of Ethics and a new Electoral Process for the Association's committees***
- ***WA4STEAM 120 members have invested EUR 1.3 Million in 22 start-ups since its foundation in May 2018***
- ***WA4STEAM is an association of women business angels that invest and support STEAM<sup>1</sup> related start-ups led by women entrepreneurs***
- ***Members reelected the Executive Committee in full including Regina Llopis as President, Sylvie Lemaire as Vice-President, Ana Suarez as Treasurer and Blanca Ochoa as Secretary to continue managing WA4STEAM, until the new elections***

***Barcelona (Spain), May 02, 2021.*** WA4STEAM, an all-women business angels' association committed to invest and support STEAM related start-ups led by women, held on April 30<sup>th</sup> its Annual General Assembly virtually with over 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of its members represented. Members endorsed the Executive Committee management and approved all proposals in the Agenda.

WA4STEAM President and co-founder, Regina Llopis, gave an overview of the Association. The **membership base, currently at 120**, has grown 220% since its foundation in May 2018. WA4STEAM business angels have invested **EUR 1.3 Million in 29 seed financing rounds of 22 start-ups** founded or co-founded by women.

These figures are a testament of the success of the Association and the commitment of its members to support women entrepreneurs in STEAM and ensure women founders have access to capital.

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<sup>1</sup> STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Architecture and Mathematics

WA4STEAM believes good corporate governance is essential to the success of any venture, regardless of size or life cycle stage, and its members take ESG<sup>2</sup> principles into considerations when taking its investment decisions. In line with these commitment Blanca Ochoa, WA4STEAM Secretary and co-founder, presented the Code of Ethics of the Association and a new Electoral Procedure aimed at achieving an orderly succession in all the Associations committees.

Key agenda items ratified by WA4STEAM members include:

- Approval of the Associations' Annual Accounts
- Ratification of the Executive Committee management
- Re-election of the Executive Committee members: Regina Llopis Rivas (President), Sylvie Lemaire (Vicepresident), Ana Suárez Gamazo (Treasurer), Blanca Ochoa Gómez (Secretary), Olga Santos Canelles, Marta Huidobro Barbero, Gloria Lorenzo Jorge, Yolanda Díaz Villarrubia, María del Sol Santana Valencia and Emma Fau Sebastián.
- Approval of the Code of Ethics and Committees' Election Procedure
- Various amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations

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## 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 relevant member within the international ecosystem of business angels and entrepreneurs in STEAM by helping women-led STEAM projects become profitable enterprises.

WA4STEAM's main objective is to increase the number of women business angels and of women entrepreneurs in STEAM.

WA4STEAM's members are more than business angels driven by profitability and aim to become strategic partners, nurturing women future leaders and role models.

The broad skill set of its members, its dual approach to investing, driven by socio-economic profitability and technological impact, together with its strong values, make WA4STEAM a unique organization.

For more information visit [www.wa4steam.com](http://www.wa4steam.com)

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<sup>2</sup> ESG – Environmental, Social and Governance