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Eduxo.eu ASBL and The Nine Launch “Lead with Her Mentorship Programme” to empower young women leaders in Brussels

Brussels, 25 March 2026 | Today, **Eduxo.eu - European Network for Democracy and Equality ASBL**, and **The Nine**, Belgium’s first female-focused members’ club, officially announce the launch of the “**Lead With Her Mentorship Programme**”, a high-level initiative designed to empower 18 young women across Europe to grow as leaders in activism, policy, civil society, and public life.

Georgia Brooks, Founder and CEO of The Nine said: *“Leadership should never feel like a closed room. At The Nine, we believe in creating spaces where women can meet, learn from each other, and grow together. This mentorship programme means opening our community to young women who are ready to challenge norms, support one another, and shape a more equal future.”*

The programme was created in response to the structural and informal barriers that young women continue to face when accessing leadership opportunities and spaces of influence, particularly in Brussels, one of Europe’s most important political and policy-making hubs. Based on a shared-ownership mentorship model, **the programme pairs nine mentors with eighteen mentees** (aged 18–30), fostering a collaborative learning process rooted in intersectional feminist values of solidarity, accountability, and mutual growth. In Brussels, the programme will unfold through a hybrid format combining structured learning and personalised mentorship. At its core are three flagship in-person gatherings hosted at The Nine in May, July and November 2026, offering participants a welcoming and professionally enriching environment to build lasting intergenerational networks.

- Beyond these key moments, the initiative provides participants with a unique professional ecosystem. Mentees gain exclusive access to The Nine clubhouse, a space designed for high-level networking just minutes from the European Commission, alongside digital collaboration tools like a dedicated LinkedIn community and 2 online events. This combination of physical and digital engagement ensures that the networks created through the programme continue to grow long after its conclusion.

Isabella Sofia De Gregorio, Co-Founder and President of Eduxo.eu ASBL stated: *“Young women across Europe have the talent, the ideas, and the determination to lead, but too often they lack access to the networks and opportunities where decisions are shaped. Lead With Her was created to bridge that gap. By connecting emerging leaders with mentors in Brussels, we are sharing knowledge and we are building a feminist community that will continue to influence policy, diplomacy, entrepreneurship, activism, and democracy for years to come.”*

By combining their expertise, Eduxo.eu - European Network for Democracy and Equality ASBL and The Nine are bridging the persistent gap in women’s leadership by creating a direct pathway for young women to access spaces of influence and actively shape gender equality and democratic participation across Europe. The application period for both mentors (members of The Nine) and mentees will run from 25 March to 25 April 2026.

Young women aged 18–30 who are passionate about activism, diplomacy, entrepreneurship, policy, civil society, and leadership are encouraged to apply and become part of this growing European network. Experienced professionals and members of The Nine who wish to support the next generation of feminist leaders are equally invited to join the programme as mentors and contribute their expertise, guidance, and networks. **Together, this community aims to help shape a more inclusive, equitable, and representative future for leadership in Europe.** **Press Contacts:** For



further information about the *Lead With Her Mentorship Programme*, interview requests, or media enquiries, please contact the dedicated programme mailbox: leadwithher@eduxo.eu

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Representatives from both organisations are available for **interviews, media briefings, and additional information** about the programme.