MIND the GENDER GAP in Computer Science awareness intervention @REN2024 Heraklion Crete

The <u>Institute of Computer Science of FORTH</u> (FORTH-ICS) raises awareness about the underrepresentation of women in Computer Science and empowers them to engage in it.

At the <u>Researchers' Night 2024</u>, we welcomed our visitors with an action dedicated to Gender Equality in Computer Science.

With slogans such as "Mind the Gender Gap in Computer Science", "Equal Minds, Equal Code", "Gender Inclusive Computing" and a <u>video with familiar faces of female employees @FORTH-ICS</u>, we distributed commemorative bracelets with the word "Shience" engraved on them, and had fun with <u>awareness-raising games</u>.

The action was supported by 2 wonderful young people, our volunteers, Ms. Zeta Froudarakis and Mr. Paschalis Tsakiris, 3rd semester students of the Department of Biology of the University of Crete. The two of them kept the interest of the visitors for many hours until late at night and had a lot of fun with the event. We thank them very much!

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