

EVENT REPORT



70
participants



3 inspiring
speakers



1 Networking
session



2 Breakout
discussions with
WTP Patrons

Women Talent Pool Leadership Programme Kick Off / Closing Ceremony

15 MARCH 2023
15:00-16:30 CEST

Women Talent Pool Programme

8th edition



Welcome to the network!

On the 15th of March, WIL Europe launched the 8th edition of the Women Talent Pool (WTP) leadership programme and closed the 7th edition, with a special online Kick Off/Closing Ceremony for our 57 new Talents and 48 outgoing Talents. The event opened with introductory remarks by WIL Secretary General Pinuccia Contino, Head of the Unit "Product safety and Rapid Alert System" at the European Commission, and was followed by interventions by 7th edition patron Pervenche Berès, Chair of Association Europe Finances Régulations, former Member of the European Parliament and WIL Board Member, and 8th edition patron Cristiana Falcone, non-executive Board Director and Principal at CBF Strategy. In part two of the event, the Talents were able to put questions to their respective patron, after which they moved into a networking session.

Opening by Pinuccia Contino, WIL Secretary General



"I've been at WIL since the beginning and seen how much impact the WTP has had on the women who've taken part."

Pinuccia Contino opened the session with a welcome to the Talents from both editions. She highlighted why the programme was so important for the WIL network, presented the newly-arrived Talents and recalled some of the best moments from the last 12 months.

Words from Pervenche Berès, WTP7 Patron

"Today we're coming together in the positive spirit that means we can transform things".

Pervenche Berès opened with strong words of encouragement for the emerging leaders in the virtual room, noting that when one put their mind and strengths to something, it was possible to achieve anything - even be the patron of the WTP programme! She described what being patron for the 7th edition had meant to her and thanked the Talents for their engagement.



Words from Cristiana Falcone, WTP8 Patron

"Being part of a community like WIL helps us to get better, give back, learn & be uplifted"



Cristiana Falcone spoke about how and why WIL had become such an important part of her identity, insisting on the importance of communities, especially of women, for supporting us through good times and bad. She noted her honour at being this year's patron and how much she looked forward to seeing the Talents in person in Rome.

Exchange and Q&A between the Patrons and their Talents



For part two of the event, the Talents from both editions moved into a breakout exchange and discussion with their patron. This was a welcome opportunity to put questions to the senior leaders, and, for the WTP8 Talents, to get to know each other better. The session with Pervenche was moderated by Sally Kim, Business Development Manager - TMC at Osborne Clarke, and the session with Cristiana was moderated by Nicola Whitehead, WIL General Manager.

Ice-breaking networking session between WTP7 & WTP8 Talents



The third and final part of the Kick Off and Closing Ceremony was dedicated to a **networking session in small groups**. This saw Talents from the former and current editions of the WTP programme mixed together, enabling the WTP7 Talents to talk about their experience of being on the programme and the WTP8 Talents to put their questions, concerns and expectations to the group. This was a welcome opportunity for our emerging leaders to get to know and support each other, and was an important precursor to WIL's upcoming Annual Gathering in Rome, where the Talents will have the chance to meet each other, and their patrons, in person.