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MEND THE GAP IN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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The Research Lab for Gender Equality at Bocconi University, the Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), and The World Bank's ECA Gender Innovation Lab (ECAGIL), the Institute for Economic Development, and the Center for Research on Women and Jobs (CRWJ) are inviting researchers to submit one-page extended abstracts.

THEMES: We welcome empirical research on the constraints women face in the labor market and on policies that expand access to good jobs and support women's entrepreneurship in the region. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Women's employment, earnings, and job quality
- Women's entrepreneurship, business performance, and access to finance
- Childcare, eldercare, and the care economy
- Technology, AI, and the future of women's work
- Education, skilling, and school-to-work transitions for young women
- Gender gaps in firm behavior and workplace practices

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Abstracts are due by January 18, 2027, to **mendthegapworkshop@worldbank.org**

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