



HER FUND's final achievements

A pan-European network of gender-conscious investors to support female-led companies for growth and sustainability

THE HER FUND WEBINARS

To continue supporting female founders beyond the coaching programme, HER FUND hosted **3 webinars in January and February**, open to the wider community of entrepreneurs, investors and ecosystem partners.

HER FUND x Mastering the Art of Connection – held on January 15th, 2026

This webinar brought together founders and investors for a dynamic session focused on **building meaningful professional relationships**. The objective was for participants to gain practical, actionable guidance on how to approach the right contacts, establish trust, and cultivate long-term connections. Not only the discussion explored effective outreach strategies but also ways to create mutually valuable partnerships, and how to navigate networking challenges with confidence and authenticity. Whether seeking investment, scouting innovative startups, or expanding professional influence, attendees were equipped with tools to strengthen their networking approach and support sustainable growth.

The session was led by [Eefke Jansen](#), founder of [She Does It](#) and a certified executive and leadership coach with more than 20 years of experience in consulting, management, and entrepreneurship across four countries. Eefke is dedicated to empowering women to design and build the professional lives they aspire to.

A recording of the session is available on [YouTube](#).

As a complement to the discussion, Eefke also recommended [the TED Talk “Networking Doesn’t Have to Feel Gross”](#), encouraging participants to reframe networking as an authentic and value-driven practice.

HER FUND x European syndicate: Accelerating early-stage investment in female founders held on February 12th, 2026

This HER FUND webinar showcased **European syndicates actively investing in female founders** and present a **new cross-border investment initiative** supporting early-stage, female-led startups.

The session was opened to **angel investors from BCEIs and LCIEs**, and featured **syndicates** introducing their investment approach and explaining the **requirements and process to join as a member**.



“We are thrilled to spotlight syndicates actively investing in female founders and to invite deeper participation from angel investors across the continent. By aligning diverse investment networks, we ensure that capital and strategic support reach the startups shaping Europe’s future.”

Anne-Charlotte Joubert, coordinator of the HER FUND Project

The webinar featured a distinguished speaker **lineup of founders and investors** with hands-on experience in empowering women entrepreneurs:

- [Lucia Cerchlan — LUMUS Investment Collective](#)
- [Maria Koletsou — Blossom Ventures/Syndicate](#)
- [Birka Wolff — Encourage Ventures](#)
- [Esther Babasasa — Thousand Faces](#)
- [Nina Simone Franke — Female Founders Breakfast](#)

They shared practical strategies for syndicate formation, investment sourcing, due diligence, and community building, inspiring investors and potential collaborators to deepen their engagement in gender-balanced finance.

A recording of the session is available on [YouTube](#).

HER FUND Grand Finale: From impact to what's next held on 26 February 2026

This webinar marked **the conclusion of the HER FUND project**, which ends on March 17th, 2026.

It provided a farewell moment to highlight the **key results and learnings of 24 months of collaboration**. It was also the occasion to present the next steps for the HER FUND community and how participants can get involved.

More than a closing event, the Grand Finale highlighted the project's transformation into **a lasting European movement committed to building a more inclusive and gender-equal innovation ecosystem**.

For the keynotes, we welcomed **Taryn Andersen**, President and Co-founder of Impulse4Women and Investor Relations Director at THCAP VC, as well as a Jury Member at the European Commission's EIC Accelerator.

A recording of the session will be available on [HER FUND YouTube channel](#).

HER FUND Talks

All along HER FUND, a series of inspiring podcasts featuring women and men who are shaping today's innovation ecosystem, **HER FUND Talks**. In total, 32 episodes were produced and a special wrap-up session is now online.

Find out more on our [Website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

FROM HER FUND TO SCALE HER

HER FUND, our pan-European initiative supporting women-led businesses through gender-sensitive investment, is coming to an end in March 2026. But the story doesn't stop there: **SCALE'HER**, the "little sister" project, goes a step further by focusing on scaling women-led startups in high-growth sectors such as digital and deep tech.

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