

Women careers at imec

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1984 - imec was born

- Established by state government of Flanders in Belgium
- Non-profit organization
- ▶ Initial investment: 62M€
- ▶ Initial staff: ~70



Imec Today

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Business model

Research programs for full industry eco system



Imec Full eco system





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Revenue 2009: 275 MEURO



±1800 co-workers



>550 residents and guest researchers



>60 nationalities





companies worldwide partner with imec

>600

31 spin-offs





Women @ imec?

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Status m/v and sourcing



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Imec invests in gender diversity as...

- and of the imec values (*respect and integrity*)
- ...it minimizes the loss of -highly valued talented researchers, managers and specialised employees.
- ...it improves the quality of decisions by having diverse viewpoints.
- ...our image and target recruitment market are male -oriented, so we need to focus *explicitly* on gender diversity to attract the diverse workforce that we want and need to have on board

Women vs MEN at imec



Decreasing number of females from mgr level

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degrees (>6 typically), except for top level

ACTIONS at work

- Formulating *imec values*, with diversity as a core value
- Stronger focus on *career development* for everyone, including the female workforce
- Meeting culture with focus on family friendly meeting hours
- Time flexibility /home work
- Well accepted part-time work throughout the organisation

ACTIONS outside work

- Work Hife improvements:
 - Day-care on imec site (limited #)
 - Day-care for children during the summer holidays
 - Ironing service at work
 - Cafetaria with hot meals
- Role model for students:
 - Shadowing days for girl-students
 - RvO foundation (promoting technology, specific actions towards girls)

women careers task force 2009

Facts findings: What is the situation in imec? Outside imec? Known methods for success?

Creating awareness within the organisation

Actions proposal to stimulate women careers

Proposals from WTF

- Screening of high potentials, for women from L-1
- Shortlist 1 /3 women for vacancies /promotions
- Develop awareness amongst all mgrs about their individual leadership style and its influence on their work environment
- Networking trainings and events
- Mentoring /role models inside company
- Household help instead of (larger) lease car budget
- Promoting technical/scientific studies and jobs to girls
 15-18yrs (role models)

conclusion

Joint multi-disciplinary R&D in a multi-cultural, multi-partner environment...

They key to innovation







"Being powerful is like being a lady.

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are, you aren't."



