# Women in Mathematics: <br> France and Germany in the last 25 years 

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## Map of Europe



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& \text { femmes } \\
& \text { mathemadtiques }
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## France, 25 years later

## Extracted from a lecture

 by Laurence Broze
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## An endangered species 36 women professors against 515 men professors Many close to retirement

An endangered species is a population of organisms which is facing a high risk of becoming extinct because it is either few in numbers, or threatened by changing environmental or predation parameters.

## Germany in the last 25 years

## From panel at the DMV meeting in Munich 2010 (Thanks to Christine Bessenrodt)



## Warning :not only mathematics

Development of growth of women scientists at TUM (with forecast to 2013)


Prognose 2013
—Studentinnen
Wissenschaftlerinnen
$\longrightarrow$ Professorinnen

München, 09.03.2010

## What happened in France?

Previous good situation due to Ecole Normales Supérieures de Jeunes Filles Then NOTHING !
No affirmative action No specific effort BUT French governement 50\% women


## What happened in Germany?

MANY INITIATIVES! Hiring process<br>Excellence projects, special funds<br>Center of Excellence Women and Science



## Nuances

In France : numbers better in applied mathematics and statistics
In Germany : numbers still low in pure math Progress mainly in applied math and statistics


## New awareness in France?

- Index of academic parity (\% in labs)
- «Chargées de missions » in each university
- CNRS Institute of Mathematics


## Conclusion

- Need to watch
- No spontaneous progress
- Combine with general policies
- Funding useful
- Learn from each other !

