

## **Business sectors**

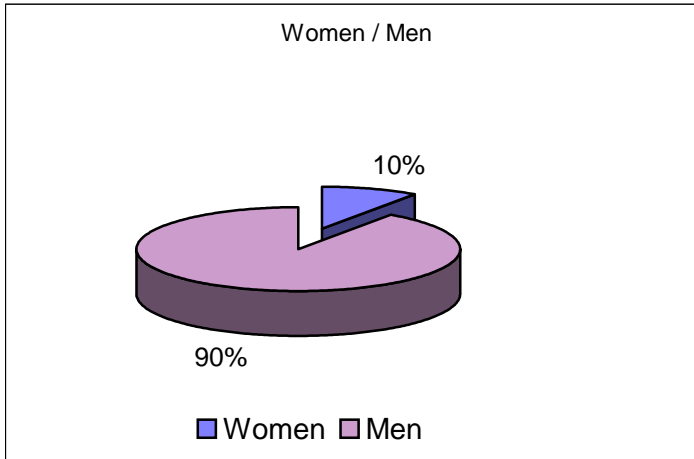
Of the companies created by women, 25% are dedicated to the non-food trade, 6% to food, a further 6% to consultancy, 2.5% to health and 6% to caring of dependants. This demonstrates that a wider range of cultural areas have been covered than initially anticipated, as companies have been created in all fields of activity.  
([http://www.comunae.com/html/articulos/81673\\_1.html](http://www.comunae.com/html/articulos/81673_1.html))

According to data made available by the Chambers of Commerce, the profile of the woman entrepreneur is that of a woman aged between 25 and 45, who has been unemployed for less than a year or already has a job, is a university graduate and has limited financial resources, and who only claims unemployment benefits as a solution to the precarious job market.

The Technical University of Catalonia's Programa Innova (Innova Programme) is a programme for the promotion of a culture of innovation and risk, the entrepreneurial spirit and the creation of businesses backed by the University. One of the Innova Programme's projects is FORCREST ([Training in the Creation of Sustainable Companies](#)). Its objective is to design and develop an educational methodology that allows the creation of innovative, technological and sustainable companies in every business sector. The pilot test will be organized by women who have academic backgrounds in technology and economics.

(<http://pinnova.upc.es/forcrest/forcrest.htm>)

The distribution of female entrepreneurs at the Technical University of Catalonia is as follows:



The origin of the people who have created companies in the framework of the Innova Programme is presented in the following figure:

