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Gender is not a barrier. Only our thinking can stop us from dreaming what we want.

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The Voice of the European Pump Industry

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What is your current job title and responsibilities?

 I am Managing Partner of DP Pumps and, as a mechanical engineer, I am involved in the technical and production part of our company.

What initially interested you, and lead you to this industry?

 Ever since I can remember I have had very practical thinking and been interested in machines, how they work and how they have been built. This led me to study mechanical engineering, where I specialised in pumps and their operating principles. DP Pumps is a family company, so I grew up listening to my father dealing with the management of the company and its challenges. During my studies though, I learned more about the technical aspect of the business. This fascinated me because I realised that pumps are involved in our daily life in many ways and they play key role in almost everything.

Do you have any insights or advice for other women who may not know this industry as a potential sector for them?

 I believe that nowadays more and more women realise that there are no barriers on which industry they can choose. We have to make this clearer through hiring young engineers regardless of their gender. Women in this industry bring a lot of benefits through different perspective and thinking.

Do you have any insights or advice for other women who may not know this industry as a potential sector for them?

 In the last decade, most engineers are oriented towards electrical industries, which are more popular. Pump industry seems old fashioned. However, what most young engineers do not realise is how pumps are involved in all kind of technologies. In power plants, flood controls, irrigation, oil and gas projects etc. This makes them one of the key players in construction. Projects nowadays are getting more and more complicated and there is a high demand for customisation of the design. The industry needs more young engineers interested in pumps and women can surely be part of such a team. Customisations need diversity and innovative ways of thinking.

What do you as a woman bring to the industry?

 As a woman who leads a group of people, I believe that I bring organisational skills, practical thinking, compassion, and innovative ways of production and management as well as instant decision making when needed and crisis management.

Where do you see yourself in five years? What is the big goal?

 My vision is to be able to work with more and more women engineers, to grow our company and target different markets and applications with new products and techniques.