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The question of the participation of women in research in Europe (and in Italy) is complex and takes into account a number of different indicators: access to tertiary education, the subsequent employability of women in the field of research, the specific data of the presence of women in academia and R&D.

This paper will provide, on the one hand, some figures on the presence of women in the field of social sciences, in particular comparing the leaky pipeline that presents an equal distribution between genders in doctoral programs in social sciences and a less fair distribution within the research profession, the well known scissors effect. On the other hand, it proposes an analysis of how the social sciences - especially sociology - have considered this issue. In this sense, social sciences may be considered both as an object of analysis and as a reference universe for an analysis, with the aim to provide a complete and updated picture of the participation of women in social research.