

Launch of EIGE's Gender Equality Index 2015

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9:00-16:00

Belgian Royal Museums of Art and History's Auditorium and Foyer

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Agenda

9:00-9:30 Opening session

Virginija Langbakk, Director, EIGE

Vera Jourova, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Ulrike Lunacek, Vice-president, European Parliament

Lydia Mutsch, Minister of Equal Opportunities, Luxembourg

9:30-11:15 Session 1

Update of the Gender Equality Index, main trends and relevance at EU and national level

Presentation: Dr Jolanta Reingardė, Senior Researcher/Analyst, EIGE

Moderator: Dr Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides, member of EIGE's Management Board, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Cyprus

Panellists:

Elke Ferner, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Marco Peronaci, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy at the European Union

Demetris Michaelides, Senior Employment Officer, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, Cyprus

Martina Vuk, State Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia

This session presents the updated methodology for the domain of work and reveals the scores of the Gender Equality Index at three different time points: 2005, 2010 and 2012. The update also includes scores for Croatia, following its accession to the EU in 2013. A breakdown by domain is provided, highlighting where progress has been made and where scores remain most problematic.

11:15-11:40 Coffee Break

11:40-11:50 Opening speech

Reinis Uzulnieks, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia

11:50-13:00 Session 2

Gender Equality Index in a broader context

Presentation: Dr Viginta Ivaškaitė-Tamošiūnė, Research Officer - Research Statistics Indices, EIGE

Moderator: Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission

Panellists:

- **Baudouin Baudru**, Head of Cabinet, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion (DG EMPLOY)
- **Agnès Hubert**, associate researcher at PRESAGE Science Po
- **Xavier Prats Monné**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Education and Culture (DG EAC)
- **Dr Wendy Sigle**, Professor, London School of Economics
- **Viviane Teitelbaum**, President, European Women's Lobby

Gender equality is a stand-alone goal, but also need to be incorporated into other policy areas. This section examines the Gender Equality Index scores in relation to economic growth (GDP), social protection expenditure, rates of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET), formal childcare provision, women's representation in academia and health care expenditure.

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30 -14:40 Opening speech

Dr Helena Dalli, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta

14:40-16:00 Session 3

Towards a composite measure of violence against women

Presentation: Thérèse Murphy, Head of Operations, EIGE

Moderator: Michele Palma, member of EIGE's Experts' Forum,
Director General of the Office for General and International Affairs and Interventions in the Social Field, Department for Equal Opportunities, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Panellists:

- **Dr Joanna Goodey**, Head of Freedoms and Justice Department, FRA
- **Rosa Logar**, President, Wave Network (Women against violence Europe)
- **Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele**, Head of Equality Division, DG of Democracy, Council of Europe
- **Prof. Sylvia Walby**, OBE, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University

This section presents an overview of a first attempt to develop a composite indicator that measures direct violence against women across the EU and can act as a tool that can support the monitoring of progress in the eradication of violence against women. Scores are provided only in relation to the EU average, with EU Member States clustered into three categories around this average. Results are then contextualised using other relevant indicators, including attitudes surrounding the general acceptability of violence against women, awareness of incidents of violence against women within the social environment, as well as the level of trust in police and justice institutions.

16:00-16:30 Closing session

Virginija Langbakk, Director, EIGE

Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission

16:30-17:30 Networking and coffee