



Women still far from being half of the decision-makers in politics

Women make up nearly half of the workforce and account for more than half of tertiary level graduates. Nevertheless the proportion of women involved in top-level decision making in the EU remains very low. This is true for both political and economic decisions-making. Compared to the other domains, EIGE's Gender Equality Index shows that the lowest scores are in the [domain of power](#). To draw attention to the situation ahead of the European Parliament elections EIGE launched the video Let's all get on board.



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Changes in gender perceptions

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Upcoming events

[The Vienna 2014 Women's Leadership Summit "EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP" "](#)

May 08, 09:00 - May 11, 18:00

[5 Days of Violence Prevention](#)

May 12 - May 16

[International business women's conference 2014](#)

May 12, 14:00 - May 15, 12:00

[Towards a European Strategy for Gender Equality: Protecting the Health and Well-being of Vulnerable Women](#)

May 13, 10:00 - 16:30

[EIGE's RDC partners meeting](#)

May 19, 13:00 - May 20, 18:00

[From Practices with Potential to Good Practices on reconciliation](#)

May 22, 09:30 - May 23, 13:00

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EIGE recently issued a [Discussion paper on a policy response to gender perceptions](#). The paper highlights that gender stereotypes are an important factor to be considered in the area of gender equality policymaking. The data reveal that gender stereotypes and rigid gender roles have a damaging effect on the wellbeing of both women and men. Keeping in mind [EIGE's Synthesis report of the Study of Collected Narratives related to Gender Perceptions](#) and its own findings, the Discussion paper offers possible "triggers for change". The main focus is on people, institutions and processes that enable a change of gender stereotypic attitudes.



Significant cuts in independent gender equality bodies

EIGE's [report on Institutional Mechanisms for Gender Equality](#) shows that national structures that are specifically focused on gender equality are getting marginalised. The number is now down by more than half to before the economic crises. This lack of institutional resources can seriously hamper the advancement in the area of gender equality.

New tool to highlight Sources of Administrative Data on gender-based violence

During a well-attended Consultation Meeting in March 2014 EIGE's new mapping tool on the collection of administrative data on GBV in the EU was discussed in detail. The mapping tool gives an insight on the current status of almost 150 main administrative sources and 100 statistical products. The project focuses on showing what data is collected by Administrations in the Member States, and which institutions are the sources of this data. It is now [available on EIGE's website](#)



In the Spotlights: EIGE's IPA Project ready for the next phase

After one year of implementation EIGE is summing up the results of its project 'Preparatory Measures for the participation of candidate countries and potential candidates in EIGE's work' (IPA project). The aim of this project is to enable (potential) candidate countries to the EU to learn ways to comply with gender equality policies. It helps these countries to prepare for becoming a fully fledged member. During



the past 12 months of implementation a series of activities took place.

Officials from 7 enlargement countries met officially in Brussels, Istanbul and Vilnius. These meetings offered opportunities to exchange views and future plans with top experts from EIGE. The meetings succeeded in boosting the cooperation between the accession countries in the gender perspective processes, to build a network of high-level officials and to strengthen the gender perspective in their accession processes.

Chief negotiators for the accession to the EU from Turkey, Montenegro and Serbia met with EIGE's Director Virginija Langbakk. During the meetings high-level officials were introduced to EIGE's work, also future plans regarding the cooperation in the field of gender equality were discussed.

Other events were taking place in the enlargement countries, for example, an International workshop on the implementation of EU criteria on Gender Equality in Podgorica, Montenegro on 27-28th of November.

EIGE received very positive feedback from the attending countries. That is why the Institute prepared a proposal to continue the IPA-activities for the period 2014-2015. EIGE aims at integrating the gender equality data of these countries into EIGE's databases thus continuing to make the Institute a centralised source of reliable and comparable data and information on gender equality.

[Find more on EIGE's IPA-project and the activities.](#)

Data gaps discussion on gender equality via Wikigender

There are areas where gaps exist, but many pioneering data collection initiatives and methods to improve data statistics do take place. As a leading organisation at EU-level in the area of data collection on gender equality, EIGE was a partner in [the discussion](#). It attracted no less than 3000 discussants. The full report of this useful initiative can be found [here](#).



EIGE and Eurostat in cooperation discussions

EU institutions are often criticised for working in an isolated manner without cooperating with each other. EIGE is eager to create strong cooperations with its partners. Virginija Langbakk, EIGE's Director, and Eduardo Barredo Capelot, Director of Social Statistics at Eurostat, have been analysing concrete forms of cooperation to support the MoU between EIGE and Eurostat.



New discussions via EuroGender

[EuroGender](#) is EIGE's online community portal that was especially launched for all gender equality experts in the EU. It was created as a part of EIGE's Resource and Documentation Centre in order to provide a collaborative space for sharing information, exchanging experiences and



bridging partners. EuroGender started its series of 2014 online discussions on power and decision-making inviting special guests inform the "Women and Men Inspiring Europe" 2014 Calendar. These experts discussed their successful initiatives in the area of gender equality and were happy to pass on their lessons learned. If in the future you would like to join EIGE's online discussions via EuroGender and get access to all collaborative tools, then please register to EuroGender [here](#).

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