

Grey literature on culture

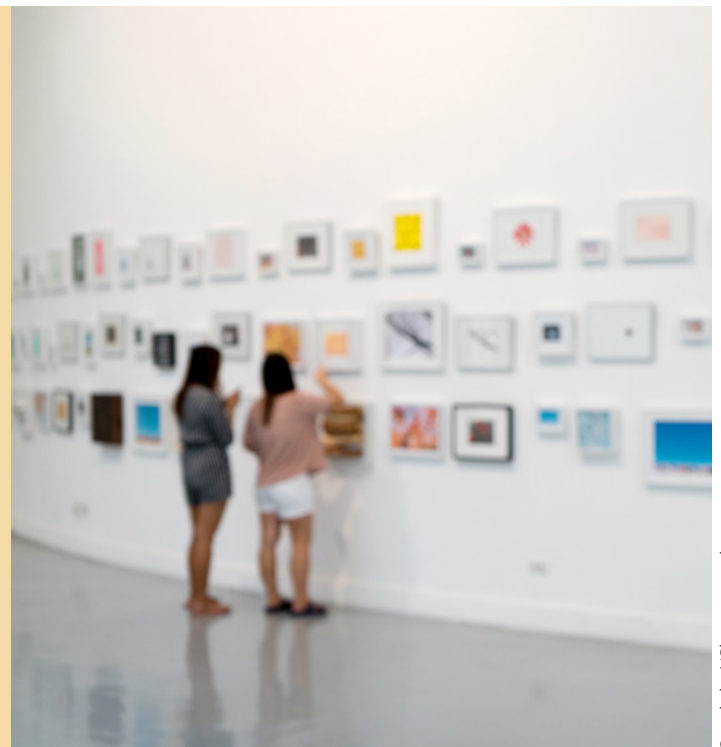
What is grey literature? It is literature produced by non-commercial publishers, such as public institutions, universities, research institutes and civil society. It contains a lot of useful content, but is often hard to find as it is scattered across different loca-

tions. EIGE has collected grey literature on gender equality and you can access our collection through a simple search interface. EIGE's collection of grey literature is available in several EU languages and documents come from all EU Member States.

The relevance of gender in culture

Culture can be defined as the systems of knowledge shared by a relatively large group of people. Gender aspects are relevant to the broad definition of culture as a 'social construction' and to the ways in which cultural policy is designed and implemented. This is because cultural rights are human rights, and therefore the rights of both women and men. The socially constructed roles of women and men are also culturally determined, and have differed throughout history and across different societies.

Differences between women and men, be it in employment, pay or decision-making positions, persist. Gender mainstreaming approaches are not yet fully integrated into the EU culture and media policymaking process. The introduction of a gender perspective into cultural institutions would enhance women's opportunities in the cultural sphere.



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Grey literature in EIGE's library

EIGE's library hosts one of the largest collections on gender-related literature related to culture. The collection presents **good practices** of current policies throughout Europe as well as **gender indicators** to assess whether cultural policies are working for women.

Several resources focus on the ways in which the EU has mainstreamed gender into **policy processes** for culture. You will also find **research reports** and **statistical documents** providing data on key gender issues and gaps related to culture.

Policies

At European level, the debate on culture and gender issues has been focused on disseminating policies and good practices to promote greater participation of women in the cultural sphere.

Within the library you will find resources highlighting the important role institutions have to promote gender equality in the cultural sector. They present a comparative view of the situation of women in the cultural and media fields across the EU.

Reading list

'The trouble with gender: media policy and gender mainstreaming in the European Union';

Gender Equality Policy in the Arts, Culture and Media — Comparative perspectives;

Gender Equality and the Media at National Level — Compilation of good practices from Member States.

Employment

A lot of women work in the cultural and creative sector. However, the cultural sector does not offer equal opportunities for women and men.

Within the library, you will find several resources about the **barriers** faced by women in the cultural sector, which are not so different from those found in other economic sectors. This includes data **on equality** across the cultural sector, as well as a snapshot of current **trends and challenges**.

Women's representation in media

Newspapers and social media play a significant role in shaping gender roles within societies. This can contribute to **gender inequalities and discrimination** in the production of cultural content.

Within the library, you will find several resources examining women's representation in the media, and the struggle against **gender stereotypes**. The library also includes practical examples of how **journalists can ensure their work is gender sensitive**.

Reading list

'Sex, gender and work segregation in the cultural industries';

Gender Inequalities in the Cultural Sector;

Women in Music and Cinema in Europe.

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Media and the Image of Women;

Women, Media and Democratic Society — In pursuit of rights and freedoms;

Women and Journalists First — A challenge to media professionals to realise democracy in practice, quality in journalism and an end to gender stereotyping.

About EIGE

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