

Gender-sensitive Parliaments

Area 3 – Women’s interests and concerns have adequate SPACE on parliamentary agenda

This area concerns both elected members and employed staff. The rationale of the area is that a gender-sensitive parliament is able to systematically bring to the table topics and issues that respect and promote gender equality. In order to do so, a gender-sensitive parliament has formal institutional mechanisms that enable the promotion of sensitivity towards gender issues, and shape parliamentary work to recognise their political importance and societal relevance.

Area 3 includes three domains and 14 indicators.

The first domain explores the presence and resources of gender mainstreaming structures, such as gender equality bodies or cross-party networks.

The second domain assesses the existence of gender mainstreaming tools for MPs, such as gender equality training, gender equality plan and gender budgeting.

The third domain refers to the inclusion of a gender perspective in parliamentary staff’s work.