

# Beijing+20 factsheet - Area B: Education and Training of Women



## Policy Context

Education and training are instrumental in shaping the opportunities and aspirations of girls and women. Ensuring equal treatment in education is an important mechanism in achieving the realisation of women's full potential, as well as impacting their freedom of thought and attending discrimination against women.

### The Europe 2020 Strategy

- Aims at delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth through job creation and poverty reduction in the EU.
- The target of reaching 75 % employment of women and men aged 20-64 across Member States is underpinned by the education and training of women, particularly in sectors where they are underrepresented.
- Sets the headline target of reducing the early school leaving rate below 10 %, and of having at least 40 % of the 30 to 34 year olds to complete third level education.
- Invests in the use of women (empowerment of Europe 2020) which supports investment in research and development and actions improving the capacity to harness their know-edges and talents.
- Horizon 2020 – the financial instrument to implement the Innovation Union, which promotes gender balance in research teams by making it a binding factor in selecting proposals, with the same score, and in decision-making with aim to meet the target of 40 % of the underrepresented women or men in each group (e.g. expert groups and panels (e.g. evaluation panels).

### European Pact for Gender Equality (2011-2020)

- Reaffirms the Council's commitment to full EU ambitions for gender equality, especially in those areas of equal treatment, parity employment, education and promoting social inclusion in particular through reduction of poverty.

## The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

### B.1. Equal treatment in education

#### B.1.1. Ensure equality among women

#### B.1.2. Improve women's skills to combat learning poverty and workforce gaps and continuing education

#### B.1.3. Develop multidimensionally qualified and lifelong

#### B.1.4. Develop sufficient resources for research, innovation, digitalisation and new areas of work

#### B.1.5. Promote lifelong education and learning for girls and women

In 2002 the Council agreed on three EU-wide indicators, including two sub-indicators to measure the progress in the implementation of the BPfA objectives in this area. They capture gender segregation in education, both horizontally (i.e. in the field of study) and vertically (i.e. in the level of the degree) and the relative returns from education for women and men by looking at the employment rate of women and men by level of education attained.

The statistics 'Women and men in the EU - Background figures' developed by the European Institute for Gender Equality provides the latest data and information on these indicators, available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&code=sdg-5-5-1>

## Findings from EU-wide data

### Women represent a majority of university graduates in the EU

Women's participation in education is above the rate of men at graduate level in the EU in 2012 (53 %), the trend being unchanged since 2007. At postgraduate level, men PhD graduates still outnumber women (51 % in 2012, 54 % in 2007) with a small and declining gender gap. Changes are most visible at the

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-  Πεκίνο+20: Η πλατφόρμα δράσης (BPfA) και η Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση Τομέας Β: Εκπαίδευση και κατάρτιση των γυναικών  
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-  Pechino +20: la piattaforma d'azione (BPfA) e l'Unione europea Area B — Istruzione e formazione delle donne

**Formazione delle donne**

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**„Pekinas + 20“. Veiksmų platforma (PVP) ir Europos Sąjunga B sritis. MOTERŲ ŠVIETIMAS IR MOKYMAS**

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**“Pekina+20”. Rīcības platforma (BPfA) un Eiropas Savienība B joma “Sieviešu izglītība un apmācība”**

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**Beijing+20: Il-Pjattaforma ta' Azzjoni (BPfA) u l-Unjoni Ewropea Qasam B: L-Edukazzjoni u t-Taħriġ tan-Nisa**

MT (PDF, 148.47 KB)



**Beijing+20: Het actieprogramma van Peking en de Europese Unie Aandachtsgebied B: ONDERWIJS EN OPLEIDING VAN VROUWEN**

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**Pekin+20: Pekinška platforma działania a Unia Europejska Obszar B: Kształcenie i szkolenie kobiet**

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**Pequim+20: A Plataforma de Ação de Pequim (PAP) e a União Europeia Área B: Educação e formação das mulheres**

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**Peking+20: Pekinská akčná platforma a Európska únia Oblasť B: Vzdelávanie a odborná príprava žien**

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**Peking+20: Platforma za ukrepanje in Evropska unija Področje B: IZOBRAŽEVANJE IN USPOSABLJANJE ŽENSK**

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**Beijing+20: Pekingin toimintaohjelma (BPfA) ja Euroopan unioni Ongelma-alue B: NAISTEN KASVATUS JA KOULUTUS**

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**Peking+20: A cselekvési platform (BPfA) és az Európai Unió B. terület: A NŐK OKTATÁSA ÉS KÉPZÉSE**

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**Beijing+20: Pekingplattformen och EU Område B: Kvinnors utbildning och yrkesutbildning**



## Metadata

**AREAS:** Beijing Platform for Action

**BPFA AREA:** B. Moterų švietimas ir mokymas