

# Beijing+20 factsheet - Area C: Women and Health



## Policy Context

Health covers physical, mental and social well-being as well as the absence of sickness and infirmity, and is determined by the social, political and economic context of people's lives, as well as by biology (World Health Organization). Health is an important area of inequality between women and men due to their different and unequal access to and use of basic health resources. At the same time, women are exposed to certain health risks associated with sexuality and reproduction. Women are also at risk of negative health consequences associated with poverty and economic dependence, the exposure of violence and discrimination.

## Council conclusions on equality and health in all policies (June 2010), the Council

- Expressed concerns about differences in health status between the EU Member States and the vulnerability to poor health of certain groups of persons
- Recognised that health services alone are not enough to maximise health potential and address inequalities
- Invited Member States to develop policies and actions to reduce inequalities, improve the collection of data and knowledge and enhance public health capacities

## European Parliament resolution on reducing health inequalities in the EU adopted in March 2011

- Highlighted common causes and priorities such as access to high-quality care, equality and equity, and stressed that health is influenced by gender
- Women are underrepresented in clinical trials, and suffer health consequences related to experiencing violence
- Called on the Commission and the Member States to explore across all policy domains, health promotion and healthcare services and other inequalities between social and age groups

In February 2013, the European Commission issued the Communication Social Investment Package recognising the role of the healthcare system in achieving the broader growth objectives in the Europe 2020 Strategy.

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

- CA.1 Foster women's access throughout the lifecycle to appropriate education and quality healthcare information and services
- CA.2 Strengthen prevention programmes that promote women's health
- CA.3 Undertake gender-sensitive initiatives that address sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and other communicable diseases
- CA.4 Promote research and innovation education on women's health
- CA.5 Increase research and innovation funding for women's health

The three indicators for monitoring the implementation of the critical area of concern were adopted during the 2016 Autumn Periodicity of the Council of the EU. They focus on the health status, education, literacy and skills and quality of healthcare for women and look at health literacy (indicator 1), access to healthcare (indicator 2) and cardiovascular diseases (indicator 3). Topics that relate to women's health, such as the gender of prevention schemes on women's health, therefore require more research.


The database 'Women and men in the EU - Facts and Figures', developed by the European Institute for Gender Equality provides the latest data and information on these indicators.


<http://ec.europa.eu/eige/en/indicators-and-data>

Read more:

[EIGE's work on the Beijing Platform for Action](#)

## Downloads

 **Beijing+20: The Platform for Action (BPfA) and the European Union Area C: Women and Health**  
EN (PDF, 138.3 KB)

 **Пекин+20: Платформата за действие и Европейският съюз Област В: Жените и здравето**  
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 **Peking+20: Pekingská akční platforma a Evropská unie Oblast C: Ženy a zdraví**  
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### **Peking+20: Die Aktionsplattform (PAP) und die Europäische Union Bereich C: Frauen und Gesundheit**

DE (PDF, 140.85 KB)



### **Beijing+20: la Plataforma de Acción y la Unión Europea Esfera C: La mujer y la salud**

ES (PDF, 139.5 KB)



### **Pékin+20: Le programme d'action de Pékin (BPfA) et l'Union européenne Domaine C: Les femmes et la santé**

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### **Platforma de acțiune Beijing+20 și Uniunea Europeană Domeniul C: Femeile și sănătatea**

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### **Beijing+20: Handlingsplanen (Beijinghandlingsplanen) og Den Europæiske Union Område C: Kvinder og sundhed**

DA (PDF, 136.28 KB)



### **Πεκίνο+20: Η πλατφόρμα δράσης (BPfA) και η Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση Τομέας Γ: Γυναίκες και Υγεία**

EL (PDF, 151.91 KB)



### **Peking + 20: tegevusprogramm ja Euroopa Liit Valdkond C: naised ja tervis**

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### **Béising+20: An Clár Oibre Gníomhaíochta (BPfA) agus an tAontas Eorpach Réimse C: Mná agus Sláinte**

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### **Peking+20: Akcijska platforma (BPfA) i Europska unija Područje C: Žene i zdravlje**

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### **Pechino +20: la piattaforma d'azione (BPfA) e l'Unione europea Area C — Donne e salute**

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### **„Pekinas + 20“. Veiksmų platforma (PVP) ir Europos Sąjunga C sritis. Moterys ir sveikata**

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### **“Pekina+20”. Rīcības platforma (BPfA) un Eiropas Savienība C joma “Sievietes un veselība”**

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### **Beijing+20: Il-Pjattaforma ta' Azzjoni (BPfA) u l-Unjoni Ewropea Qasam C: In-Nisa u s-Saħħa**

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### **Beijing+20: Het actieprogramma van Peking en de Europese Unie Aandachtsgebied C: Vrouwen en**

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-  **Pequim+20: A Plataforma de Ação de Pequim (PAP) e a União Europeia Área C: Mulheres e saúde**  
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-  **Peking+20: Pekinská akčná platforma a Európska únia Oblasť C: Ženy a zdravie**  
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## Metadata

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