

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area H: Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women



Policy Context

The BPfA defines institutional mechanisms for gender equality as the national infrastructure for the development of policies and sets them as the central policy coordination unit inside the government. Within the EU framework, institutional mechanisms for gender equality refer to the currently existing governmental bodies with mandates that go beyond the advancement of women and extend to gender equality and the mainstreaming of such a dimension into all policy areas.

Conclusions of the Council of the European Union (2006 and 2013)

- Ask to create and strengthen national structures and other governmental bodies, to integrate a gender perspective into legislative/public policies and to deliver sex-disaggregated data (2006)
- Reaffirm the need to support institutional mechanisms for gender equality, calling for a dual approach: combining gender mainstreaming and gender action (2013)
- Call for national strategies, action plans, gender mainstreaming tools and methods, and national comparable gender statistics (2013)

Directive 2002/73/EC on the equal treatment for men and women in employment

- Requires Member States to make the necessary arrangements for the body bearing responsibility for promotion, monitoring and support of equal treatment of all persons without distinction based on grounds of sex

Communication by European Commission on Mainstreaming (1996)

- Defines the principle of gender mainstreaming as a systematic account of the differences between the concerns, situations and needs of women and men in all policies and actions of the European Union

Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the European Social Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003

States that gender mainstreaming and specific action regarding women in the labour market are one of the priorities for funding and that Member States have to include a description of how they will integrate gender equality into the programming cycle

Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006

- Lays down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repeals Regulation (EC) No 1260/2003
- Lays down general provisions for the European Regional Development Fund and states that Member States and the Commission shall ensure that equality between men and women and the integration of the gender perspective is promoted during the various stages of implementing the funds

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- M.1.** Create or strengthen national structures and other governmental bodies
- M.2.** Integrate gender perspectives in legislative, public policies, programmes and projects
- M.3.** Generate and disseminate gender-disaggregated data and information for policy development

In 2006, the French Presidency of the Council of the EU reviewed the status of institutional mechanisms for gender equality and developed three indicators, which assess the level of governmental responsibility in promoting gender equality, namely: existence of the governmental and other gender-equality facilities and measures the means to which gender mainstreaming is applied in Member States. In 2013, during

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