

# Beijing+20 factsheet - Area I: Human Rights of Women



## Policy Context

Gender equality is a fundamental principle, constituting an integral part of human rights and a prerequisite for making human rights applicable and their enjoyment available to all persons. In the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the human rights of women and of the girl child are defined as an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of universal human rights. Further, the Declaration calls for the eradication of women's human rights in all articles of the United Nations Charter, women's human rights have been addressed and set out in several international and European legal instruments.

## International Human Rights Instruments and Legislation

- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) defining women's human rights as human rights.
- ILO Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), constituting the only international human rights instrument that the EU has ratified.

## European Union Human Rights Instruments and Legislation

- Treaties of the European Union, e.g. Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) (2009) enacting, reaffirming the principle of equality and the EU's obligation to eliminate discrimination, calling on Member States to combat discrimination when drafting and implementing policies.
- The European Charter of Fundamental Rights (2000) strengthening the general legislative framework for human rights in the EU, establishing the principle of gender equality and prohibiting discrimination, guaranteeing of individuals the right to effective remedy, movement and a fair trial.
- European Union Directives, concerning areas like equal opportunities and equal treatment of women and men in employment (2002/58/EC) the burden of proof in cases of discrimination based on race (2000/43/EC), the rights of victims of crime, the concepts of gender-based violence and violence in close relationships (2012/29/EU).

- Strategy for equality between women and men 2010-15, encouraging Member States to take into account the different needs of women (including interacting inequality in the legislation and policies, reinforcing the data that evidence against women's human rights violations).
- European Pact for equality between women and men (2011/2) calling on Member States to take the necessary steps to foster discrimination in different areas of society.
- European Disability Strategy 2010-20
- EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies by 2020.
- Council Framework Decision 2003/AJHA of 19 July 2002 on combating trafficking in human beings.

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

- 1.1. Promote and protect the human rights of women through the ratification of all international instruments, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- 1.2. Erase inequality and non-discrimination under the law and in practice.
- 1.3. Address legal impediments to implementation of women's rights through making the law.

All Member States have ratified and are legally bound to implement CEDAW following the principle of obligation. In part of its obligation Member States regularly submit national reports on the situation under the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW Committee), which analyses those reports and issues specific recommendations. These are complemented by shadow reports compiled by civil society organisations in the respective countries. Moreover, the European Commission issues annual reports on equality between women and men. To date the area of human rights has not been covered as part of the BPfA monitoring process at EU level.

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