

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area K: Women and the Environment



Policy Context

A global consensus to address environmental issues – particularly concerning climate change and its risks – is increasingly gaining momentum. At the same time, gender equality, social inclusion and high economic growth. Assessment of the differentiated effects of environmental issues on women and men and the ways in which gender inequalities undermine women's ability to respond to these risks is becoming strengthened by the inclusion of women's and men's different consumption habits.

Climate Change Mitigation in the EU in general

- Implements measures to energy efficiency, reduce its transport and carbon capture and storage and to ensure a growing role in international conventions on climate change.

Conclusions of the Council of the European Union (June 2012)

- Stems the urgent need to improve gender equality in decision-making in the field of climate change mitigation, especially the transport and energy sectors.
- Stems that gender-based practices and stereotypes help perpetuate a gender-segregated educational system and labour market, including the areas of the green economy, which are most vital for climate change mitigation (eg. transport and energy sectors).

The European Parliament (2007 – 12)

- Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that climate change action does not negatively impact gender equality and to mainstream gender into climate policy.
- Requests the Commission to carry out research on the impact of women and men on the transition.

The European Commission

- Considers energy and transport as a priority area (COM(2012) 194 final).

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- K.1.** Gender equality, equality in environmental decision-making at all levels.
- K.2.** Women's gender equality and participation in policies and programmes for sustainable development.
- K.3.** Transparency, inclusion, participation in the decision-making process, environmental issues, the impact of development and environmental policies on women.

The indicators in the 2012-17 area of women were developed jointly following the creation of the Expert Network of the Council of the EU. An environmental challenge not unique to women's studies, these indicators have the potential to be used to improve climate change decision-making across, especially climate change mitigation. Further, they assess the participation of women and men in the fields of natural science and technology and analyse gender segregation within educational choices, including concerning the sector and that strategic objectives of Area K of the BPfA are not yet met. Thus, these objectives – calling for a better integration of a gender perspective in environmental policies and programmes – remain to be addressed.

The database, overview and more in the EU – facts and figures, developed by the European Institute for Gender Equity provides the most detailed information on these indicators, available at: <http://eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-facts-and-figures>

Findings from EU-wide data

More progress in involving women in environmental decision-making

Involving women in strategic environmental decision-making is not as straightforward as it seems, but this is concerning free environmental policies and programmes affect women and men. The impact of decision-making in the

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