

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area A: Women and Poverty



Policy Context

Poverty is a complex, multidimensional problem that goes beyond a lack of resources for survival, extending to the deprivation of civil, social and cultural activities, as well as opportunities for political engagement and social mobility (Council of the EU, 2007). Women continue to face a disproportionate risk of poverty, placing them at a greater risk of poverty.

The Europe 2020 Strategy

- Aims at delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the EU through job creation and poverty reduction.
- Sets the headline target of lifting at least 20 million people out of poverty and social exclusion by 2020.

The European platform against poverty and social exclusion

- One of the key objectives of Europe 2020 is one of the key instruments to protect and promote women's social inclusion. It applies gender mainstreaming to its key indicators such as the proportion of small business independent, the attainment of gaps in investments in family-related care and the monitoring of the composition of meeting decisions related to family law settlements.

European Pact for Gender Equality (2014-20)

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

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

In 2011, the Council agreed on three EU-wide indicators including two sub-indicators, to measure the progress in the EU on the implementation of the BPfA objectives. They look at the extent of poverty (all by age, sex and type of household, including one-parent with dependent children) and at the delivery by age and sex.

Key findings

A.1. Women, single and mother households, job, life and development strategies that address the needs and interests of women in poverty

A.2. There have been considerable gains but to reach women's social rights and work in economic markets

A.3. Promote women with access to savings and credit institutions and initiatives

A.4. Develop government, non-government and private research initiatives for the reduction of poverty

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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, available at <http://eige.europa.eu/indicators/women-and-men-in-the-eu-facts-and-figures>

Findings from EU-wide data

The at risk of poverty rate increased

In 2012, 17 % of the population in EU was at risk of poverty, with women at a slightly higher risk of poverty than men. This is partly explained by the fact that, across Europe, women receive lower pay and work in poorer working conditions than men, and they are more likely to be in part-time work, have fixed-term contracts or to have care-related absences from the work force.


Along with a slight rise in risk of poverty for both women and men (up 0.2 pppt since 2012) the gender gap has narrowed to just over 1 % in 2012. If the average increase is moderate in the EU there is however a significant increase in risk of poverty in two thirds of the Member States, particularly in those located in the east.


The increase in risk of poverty is similar to median average. As a result, it may lead to fully take into account the level of poverty in Member States where there has been a fall in income.

Read more:

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