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What is grey literature? It is literature produced by non-commercial publishers, such as public institutions, universities, research institutes and civil society. It contains a lot of useful content, but is often hard to find as it is scattered across different locations. EIGE has collected grey literature on gender equality and you can access our collection through a simple search interface. EIGE's collection of grey literature is available in several EU languages and documents come from all EU Member States.

The relevance of gender in education

Education is a catalyst for social change and necessary to build societies that respect human rights. Education is needed to give women and men the skills to secure steady, well-paid jobs to avoid social exclusion. Gender equality in education is focused on gender-based choices across study fields, gender stereotypes and gender differences in educational achievements.



Grey literature in EIGE's library

EIGE's library hosts one of the largest collections on gender-related literature related to education. The collection presents **good practices** of current policies throughout Europe as well as **gender indicators** aimed at assessing gender equality in education. Several resources focus on the ways in which the EU has mainstreamed gender into **policy processes** for education. You will also find **research reports** and **statistical documents** providing data on key gender issues related to education.

Gender differences in study fields and educational attainments

Different choices across study fields between women and men are a key component of **gender differences in education patterns** in the EU28.

Within the library you will find resources showing how women are under-represented in certain fields of study and over-represented in others. In science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) fields, men dominate. In the social sciences and humanities, women are much more present. One of the reasons for this is the **persistent labelling of study areas and work** as either 'feminine' or 'masculine'. Within the library you will find resources explaining how young people are inspired to choose subjects that match their identities as women or men. You will also find resources highlighting that **gender segregation in the labour market is a result of different educational and professional choices** at school and university.

The library also includes several resources focusing on **gender differences in educational performance**.

These show that girls outperform boys in literacy across all Member States, and that boys face increasing problems as terms of educational attainment.

Reading list

- Gender Differences in Education
- Gender differences in the formation of a field of study (link to PDF)
- Gender Segregation in occupational expectations and in the labour market: occupational selection and the role of education and training systems
- Gender gaps in PISA test scores: the impact of social norms and the mother's dominance of role activities
- Step and school: a background paper on the boy crisis

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