

# About EIGE

## Our vision and mission

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is an autonomous body of the European Union, established to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality, including gender mainstreaming in all EU policies and the resulting national policies, and the fight against discrimination based on sex, as well as to raise EU citizens' awareness of gender equality.

Equality between women and men is a fundamental value of the European Union. Therefore **'Making equality between women and men a reality for all Europeans and beyond'** is our vision. As an autonomous body, EIGE operates within the framework of European Union policies and initiatives. The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union defined the grounds for the Institute's objectives and tasks in its [Founding Regulation](#) and assigned it the central role of addressing the challenges of and promoting equality between women and men across the European Union.

Our mission is to become the European knowledge centre on gender equality issues.