

Annual execution reports of the Equality National Plans

Since 1977 that the legal document that institutionalised the Commission on the Status of Women included a gender mainstreaming perspective, although this concept was not yet formulated as it is known today. This women's rights structure created a consultative council, composed of a non-governmental (NGO) section and an interministerial section, which would allow the integration of a gender equality dimension in all policy areas (Decree-Law N. 485/77).

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Aims and objectives

To meet the objectives of V PNI, and with the purpose of implementing the measures in the different areas, the strategies adopted internationally for the enforcement of equality policies are privileged, in particular mainstreaming gender equality dimension in sectoral and intersectoral policies, the approach to the phenomenon of multiple discrimination and the adoption of positive character measures, whenever they are deemed to be the appropriate method for overcoming situations with stronger imbalance between women and men. CIG is responsible for the coordination and monitoring of the V PNI, in which it is supported by a working group composed of ministerial gender equality advisers responsible for the largest number of measures, as well as representatives from National Association of Portuguese Municipalities (ANMP) and from the non-governmental organisations (NGO) that integrate CIG's advisory council, CIG's strategic partners in

the execution of the V PNI. The monitoring of all the measures intrinsic to each of the strategic areas is essential to an effective practical implementation of this instrument. The evaluation, both periodical and final, is also crucial to the analysis of the impact of the V PNI on the reality and to correct eventual blockings, for the ultimate goal of achieving a true equality between women and men. Besides the monitoring and interim assessments, the V PNI should be subject to and independent external evaluation at the end of its term.

Creator/owner/responsible institution

Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality

Contents/activities/services

Mainstreaming Gender Equality at all levels is a political commitment, a strategy for achieving Gender Equality and is considered a requisite for good governance.

Portugal adopted several Plans for Gender Equality since 1997. Currently the V national plan for Gender Equality is in place and will run until 2017. These plans were/is based on concrete measures with indicators in order to enable further developments and measurable evaluation of the implementation of each measure by the ministries, which is a crucial step in the promotion of gender mainstreaming. In fact, the promotion of gender equality is translated into political orientations in several national policy strategic documents and the gender dimension is a transversal issue in national policies.

Under these Plans, the Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG), the national mechanism for gender equality, plays a key role in close cooperation with all ministries which are the responsible for the implementation of the measures in its area of intervention, coordinating interdepartmental teams composed of representatives of various areas, in each Ministry.

All the Plans were subjected to an independent evaluation by an external entity. Since 2012, interim reports on the annual implementation are sent to the parliament.

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