

Gender Impact Assessment

Sweden

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Model

Actors involved

Guidelines

Strengths and weaknesses

Model

Gender impact assessment is a relatively common instrument to support gender-mainstreaming implementation in Sweden. It appears to be strongly embedded and is carried out at the initiative of different levels of governance, from the local to the national level. At the level of government offices, gender impact assessments are most regularly performed when drawing up government bills, terms of references for inquiry committees and other relevant documents.

The implementation of gender impact assessment is conducted in the framework of the Swedish government's gender-mainstreaming strategy.

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In Sweden, a distinction is usually been made between gender impact assessments and gender equality analysis: while the first entails reporting statistics and other data disaggregated by sex, in order to assess the potentially negative impact of a measure on one particular gender, the latter is carried out in relation to the objectives of the gender equality policy in place at the corresponding governance level.