

# **Equality between women and men closer to citizens: The European Institute for Gender Equality opens the entry point of its Resource & Documentation Centre**

All citizens will get access to information on gender equality and the possibility to be a part of a networking community when the European Institute for Gender Equality opens the entry point of its Resource & Documentation Centre. Officially launched on 31 May 2013, together with the Opening of the EU House in Vilnius, it is made available today, 11 June 2013, to all citizens. The entry point is part of the Resource & Documentation Centre of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

The entry point of the Resource & Documentation Centre is designed to facilitate a dialogue with Lithuanian and European citizens. Centrally located, with opening hours adjusted to balance work and life and easily accessible for visitors in Vilniaus gatve 10, the entry point introduces citizens to EIGE's work, provides access to information on gender equality in the EU and its Member States, and fosters collaboration and networking.

Visitors are welcome to access EIGE's free publications, search the Resource & Documentation Centre online resources and databases on different gender issues comprising more than 170.000 references, and become a member of EuroGender – the European Network on Gender Equality.

Visitors are also encouraged to host their own gender equality-themed events.

## **The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)**

EIGE is a European Union Agency created to promote gender equality, including gender mainstreaming, in all EU policies and the resulting national policies, by providing technical assistance to the EU Institutions, in particular the European Commission and the Member States.

## **The Resource & Documentation Centre (RDC) of the European Institute for Gender Equality**

The goal of the RDC is to collect, analyse and disseminate relevant, objective, comparable and reliable information on gender equality. The primary beneficiaries are policy makers and implementers at the EU and Member States levels. Other targeted users include: research organisations, Social Partners, Civil Society organisations, media and, ultimately, the European Union citizens. EIGE cooperates with well-established documentation centres and gender networks to reinforce their work by creating a central resource hub, fostering the collection, organisation and dissemination of gender knowledge across existing networks. It is accessible at [www.eige.europa.eu/rdc](http://www.eige.europa.eu/rdc)

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