

# Gender Equality Index 2021: focus on health



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**Mark your calendar for Europe's annual gender equality update. On 28 October 2021, EIGE will reveal the results of its Gender Equality Index during an online conference.**

This year, the topic of health is high on our agenda. We are taking a close look at how gender affects health and access to health services.

Our focus is on mental health and sexual and reproductive health. We will also examine the different consequences of the coronavirus pandemic on women and men.

Our Index will answer important questions, such as how access to sexual and reproductive health services changed during the pandemic. We will also look at how lockdowns and restrictions affected people's mental health in different ways.

How common was burn out among parents combining paid work, online home-schooling and household chores? What about loneliness due to confinement measures for single women and men?

We will explore these issues and provide recommendations on ways to prevent and overcome gender and health-related challenges during and after the pandemic.

As always, we will have new scores for gender equality in the EU and all Member States. You will see if your country has improved its ranking or dropped down a notch. Discover which countries are speeding up progress and which ones are slowing down.

Keep an eye on our website and follow #EIGEIndex on our social media channels for more updates. The conference will be an online event and live streamed from our website.

## **Background information**

The Gender Equality Index is an important policy-making tool to measure the progress of gender equality in the EU over time. Each year, it gives the EU and the Member States a score from 1 to 100. A score of 100 would mean that a country had reached full equality between women and men.

The scores are based on the gaps between women and men and levels of achievement in six core domains: work, money, knowledge, time, power and health, and their sub-domains. The Index also has two additional domains: violence against women and intersecting inequalities.

The Index gives visibility to areas that need improvement and supports policy makers to design more effective gender equality measures.

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