

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area C: Women and Health



Policy Context

Health covers physical, mental and social well-being as well as the absence of sickness and infirmity, and is determined by the social, political and economic context of people's lives, as well as by biology (World Health Organization). Health is an important area of inequality between women and men that they do face and unequal access to and use of basic health resources. At the same time, women are exposed to certain health risks associated with sexuality and reproductive health, including an elevated risk of negative health consequences associated with poverty and economic dependence, the inequity of violence and discrimination.

Council conclusions on equality and health in all policies (June 2010), the Council

- Expresses concerns about differences in health status between the EU Member States and the vulnerability of some health of certain groups of persons
- Recognises that health services alone are not enough to maximise health potential and address inequalities
- Invites Member States to develop policies and actions to reduce inequalities, improve the collection of data and knowledge and enhance public health practices

European Parliament resolution on reducing health inequalities in the EU adopted in March 2011

- Emphasises common values and principles such as access to high-quality care, equality and dignity and states that health is a fundamental right
- Welcomes and encourages work in clinical trials and other health communication aimed at empowering citizens
- Calls on the Commission and the Member States to improve access to basic prevention, health promotion and healthcare services and address inequalities between social and age groups

In February 2013, the European Commission issued the Communication 'Social Investment Package' recognising the role of the healthcare system in attaining the inclusive growth objectives in the Europe 2020 Strategy.

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- C.1. Increase women's access throughout the lifecycle to appropriate physical and mental healthcare and reproductive services
- C.2. Strengthen preventive programmes that promote women's health
- C.3. Guarantee comprehensive education, that includes sexual, maternal, newborn, infant, and young children for health issues
- C.4. Promote research and innovation initiatives on women's health
- C.5. Increase research and evidence sharing for women's health

The three indicators for monitoring the implementation of the BPfA at state of context were adopted during the 2006 Action Plan Presidency of the Council of the EU. They focus on the first strategic objective, on the accessibility and quality of healthcare for women, and track at health, life years (indicator 1), access to healthcare (indicator 2) and cardiovascular diseases (indicator 3). Key topics that relate to several of its objectives, such as the effects of population changes on women's health, therefore require more research.


The database 'Women and men in the EU - facts and figures', developed by the European Institute for Gender Equality provides the latest data and information on these indicators.


http://eur.europa.eu/en/press_corner/and-then-the-facts-and-figures

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