

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area K: Women and the Environment



Policy Context

A global consensus to address environmental issues – particularly concerning climate change and its risks – is becoming gradually established as a result of intensive climate, scientific, social, educational and legal, economic cost-benefit Assessment of the differentiated effects of environmental issues on women and men and the ways in which gender inequalities undermine women's ability to respond to these threats is increasingly acknowledged by the inclusion of women's and their different consumption habits.

Climate Change Mitigation in the EU in general

- Implements measures to energy efficiency, sustainable transport and carbon capture and storage and assumed a governing role in international conventions on climate change.

Conclusions of the Council of the European Union (June 2012)

- Stress the urgent need to improve gender equality in decision-making in the field of climate change mitigation, especially the transport and energy sectors.
- Stress that gender-focused policies and strategies help to promote a gender-equalised educational system and labour market, including the role of the green economy, which are most vital for climate change mitigation (eg. transport and energy sectors).

The European Parliament (2007 – 12)

- Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that climate change action plans not negatively impact gender equality and to mainstream gender into climate policies.
- Requests the Executive to promote equality and calls for research on its impact on women and their role in the transition.

The European Commission

- Considers energy and transport as a priority area (COM(2010) 146).

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- K.1.** Involve women actively in environmental decision-making at all levels.
- K.2.** Strengthen gender equality and participation in policies and programmes for sustainable development.
- K.3.** Strengthen or establish mechanisms at the national, regional and international level to ensure the impact of development and environmental policies on women.

The indicators in the central area of research were developed jointly following the creation of the Gender Equality of the Council of the EU. An ongoing challenge is to link back to women's situations. These indicators focus on the effects on women's role in important climate change decision-making areas, especially climate change mitigation. Further, they assess the participation of women and men in the fields of natural science and technology and analyse gender integration within educational courses, education concerning the sector and their strategic objectives of Area 4 of the BPfA are not yet available. Thus, these objectives – calling for a better integration of a gender perspective in environmental policies and programmes – remain to be addressed.

The database, *Women and men in the EU - Facts and Figures*, developed by the European Institute for Gender Equality provides the basic data and information on the indicators, available at:

<http://pigeon.org/eu/gender/equalityandmeninthecentralarea>

Findings from EU-wide data

Slow progress in involving women in environmental decision-making

Involving women in strategic environmental decisions is not just a democratic imperative, but also it is crucial for environmental policies and programmes affect women and men. The majority of decision-makers in the

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