

# Beijing+20 factsheet - Area L: The Girl Child



## Policy Context

Childhood is a gendered experience. The needs and rights of girls and women are often different from those of boys and men. The impact of gender inequality on girls and women is often more severe than on boys and men. Girls and women are more vulnerable to gender-based violence, including sexual abuse, pornography and trafficking. Other forms of violence against women include: girls to target children, and vice versa. Girls have recently experienced such as cyberbullying, rape from violence and abuse, girls with disabilities, trans, girls and girls in child marriages continue to face challenges in accessing health, education and social services. Addressing ending harmful gender and social norms, including ending harmful gender and social norms, health, violence prevention and social empowerment (often only for girls and boys).

## Conclusions of the Council of the EU regarding the Slovenian Presidency Report (2008)

- Find EU policies and instruments targeting children are sufficiently gender-sensitive.
- Stress that particular concern to girls' specific challenges is only part of the overall approach to discrimination and violence, such as femicide and trafficking.

## European Union Agenda for the Rights of the Child (2011)

- Seek to foster the implementation of the principles of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights addressing children's rights and of the UN CRC.
- Adopt a number of concrete actions (eg. child-friendly justice, protecting children in vulnerable situations, fighting violence against children and gender of the EU).

## Directives of the European Union (2011-12)

- Identify children's particularly at risk of violence and aim to establish a framework for action (gender, Directive 2011/36/EU on human trafficking and Directive 2011/25/EU on combating sexual violence against children).
- Emphasize that specialized services for vulnerable groups are needed to help victims of abuse and their children (Directive 2012/29/EU on victims of violence).

## Advisory Report to the European Commission and EPSCO Council Conclusions (2013)

- Address the impact of transnational and transnational violence.

## European Commission Recommendation (2013)

- Recognize children's heightened risk of poverty and social exclusion.
- Stress that gender equality and the rights against its consequences of gender-based violence should be part of any effort to tackle child poverty and social exclusion.
- Recognize children as independent rights-holders and call for action targeting child-specific issues (eg. reducing early school leaving and violence against children).

## The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- L.1. Eliminate all forms of violence against the girl child.
- L.2. Eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against girls.
- L.3. Promote and protect the rights of the girl child and ensure awareness of their needs and potential.
- L.4. Empower and protect girls' rights in education, with emphasis on learning.
- L.5. Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition.
- L.6. Eliminate the economic exploitation of child labor and protect young girls at work.
- L.7. Eradicate violence against the girl child.
- L.8. Promote the girl child's economic and social inclusion in the labor force, economic and public life.
- L.9. Strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of the girl child.

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## [EIGE's work on the Beijing Platform for Action](#)

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


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## Metadata

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**BPFA AREA:** L. The girl child