

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area A: Women and Poverty



Policy Context

Poverty is a complex, multidimensional problem that goes beyond a basic lack of resources for survival and extends to the deprivation of civil, social and cultural activities, as well as opportunities for political engagement and social mobility. Council of the EU (2017) Women without power is more compliant to men, placing them at a greater risk of poverty.

The Europe 2020 strategy

- Aims at delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the EU through job creation and poverty reduction.

- Sets the headline target of lifting at least 20 million people out of poverty and social exclusion by 2020.

The European platform against poverty and social exclusion

- One of the key objectives of Europe 2020 is one of the key instruments to gender and poverty-related objectives. It applies gender mainstreaming to its key initiatives such as the promotion of social economic independence, the narrowing of gaps in employment to family status and the monitoring of the composition of working decisions related to family household members.

European Pact for Gender Equality (2016-20) 2016-20

- Reaffirms the Council's commitment to full EU ambitions on gender equality, especially in those areas relevant to gender equality: career development, education and governing social inclusion in particular through the inclusion of parents.

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

In 2015, the Council agreed on three EU-wide indicators including two sub-indicators, to measure the progress in the EU on the implementation of the BPfA objectives. They look at the divide of poverty both by age, sex and type of household, including lone parents with dependent children and at the divide by age and sex.

A.1. Women, adopt and maintain measures that contribute to development strategies that address the needs and efforts of women in poverty.

A.2. There have been administrative and legal reforms to ensure women's equal rights and access to economic resources.

A.3. Women workers with access to unpaid and child care performance indicators.

A.4. Develop gender-based methodologies and indicators to assess the eradication of poverty.

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, available at <http://eige.europa.eu/indicators-and-data-in-the-eu-facts-and-figures>

Findings from EU-wide data

The at risk of poverty rate increased

In 2017, 17 % of the population in EU was at risk of poverty, with women at a slightly higher risk of poverty than men. This is partly explained by the fact that, across Europe, women receive lower pay and work in poorer working conditions than men, and they are more likely to be in part-time work, have family care commitments or to have care-related absences from the work force.

Living with a single parent is risk of poverty for both women and men aged 12 years since 2012. It's a gender gap that is necessary to cut over 1 % in 2017. If the average income is moderate in the EU, there is however, a significant increase in risk of poverty in low third of the Member States, particularly in those facing the EU crisis.

The increase of risk of poverty is stable in median countries. As a result, it may lead to 50% the risk to correct the level of poverty in Member States where there has been a fall in incomes.

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