

Effectiveness of Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Gender Equality: Report



Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU Member States

This publication compares and presents the progress of Member States in the area of institutional mechanisms and gender mainstreaming since 2006 when the first report on institutional mechanisms was developed by the Finish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The main findings show that by 2012 all Member States had established governmental bodies for gender equality and bodies for the promotion of equal treatment on various grounds. Notwithstanding positive trends in institutional settings over the last decade, the bodies responsible for gender equality are often marginalised in national governmental structures; split into different policy areas; hampered by complex and expanding mandates; lack adequate staff, training, data and sufficient resources; and experience insufficient support from political leadership.

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