

# Factsheet: Gender equality and economic independence: part-time work and self-employment



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**POLICY CONTEXT**

The 2016 Beijing Platform for Action (BPA) set out the first framework agenda for women's empowerment. In 2015, the European Council adopted the European Gender Equality Strategy, which is the main policy instrument for gender equality in the EU. The Strategy sets out the EU's commitment to gender equality and economic independence, including the need to address the gender pay gap, improve work-life balance, and promote women's entrepreneurship.

**FINDINGS**

Gender equality and economic independence are closely linked. Women's economic independence is essential for their empowerment and for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The EU Gender Equality Strategy sets out the need to address the gender pay gap, improve work-life balance, and promote women's entrepreneurship.

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT**

Full-time employment (FTE) participation offers a more active role in the labour market. The EU Gender Equality Strategy sets out the need to address the gender pay gap, improve work-life balance, and promote women's entrepreneurship.

**Full-time equivalent (FTE) participation offers a more active role in the labour market**



Category	Men (%)	Women (%)
Full-time employment (FTE)	78%	68%
Part-time employment (PTE)	22%	32%

Source: Eurostat, 2019

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