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What is grey literature? It is literature produced by non-commercial publishers, such as public institutions, universities, research institutes and civil society. It contains a lot of useful content, but is often hard to find as it is scattered across different locations. EIGE has collected grey literature on gender equality and you can access our collection through a simple search interface. EIGE's collection of grey literature is available in several EU languages and the sources come from all EU Member States.

The relevance of gender in the digital agenda

The digital revolution has brought both opportunities and challenges. The European Union's digital agenda strategy aims to ensure that digital technologies are used to stimulate Europe's economy and benefit citizens and businesses. However, there are several gender gaps in the digital field. Fewer women than men have access to the internet and women are also less likely to participate in ICT-related education and employment.

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Grey literature in EIGE's library

EIGE's library hosts one of the largest collections on gender-related literature related to the digital agenda. The collection presents **good practices** of current policies throughout Europe as well as **gender indicators** to assess the impact of the digital agenda on women and men. Several resources focus on the ways in which the EU has mainstreamed gender into **policy processes** for the digital agenda. You will also find **research reports** and **statistical documents** providing data on key gender issues related to the digital agenda.

Empowerment and participation

Digital technologies bring new social, political and economic opportunities for women and girls. They can be a tool for empowering women and increasing their participation in democratic processes. Technology can help women exchange information, make better informed decisions, build networks and influence political decision-makers.

In the library you will find resources showing how social media can increase women's **participation in public life** and women's influence over decision-making processes. The internet and social media have become a major component of social mobilisation, and women's organisations, as well as human rights defenders have taken advantage of this.

Reading list

On digital information and communications technologies increase the voice and influence of women and girls? A rapid review of the evidence.

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