

Grey literature on research



The screenshot shows a webpage with an orange header containing the EIGE logo and the title 'Grey literature on research'. Below the header, there are several text blocks and a photograph. The first text block explains what grey literature is and where it can be found. The second text block, titled 'The relevance of gender in research', discusses the underrepresentation of women in research. The third text block, 'Grey literature in EIGE's library', lists various types of documents available. The fourth text block, 'Policies and tools for mainstreaming gender into research', discusses institutional changes. A 'Reading list' box at the bottom right contains three specific document titles.

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 documents come from all EU Member States.

The relevance of gender in research

European research still shows a significant underrepresentation of women, particularly in the 'hard sciences' and in leadership positions. Highly skilled women in the EU are left out, which is a considerable loss of talent. Gender equality in research is therefore not only about fairness, but also necessary to fill gaps in the EU's labour market.

Grey literature in EIGE's library

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

Policies and tools for mainstreaming gender into research

Since the late 1990s there has been interest in advancing gender equality in research. Within the library you will find resources providing an **overview of policies advancing gender equality in research** across Europe. Resources also highlight the importance of translating policies into good practices; resources therefore provide useful insights, practical examples and recommendations.

A number of documents focus on the **institutional transformation** that needs to happen in academia and other research institutions to advance gender equality. Different resources highlight the need for **structural change within scientific organisations**. Such actions include the promotion of work-life balance and the elimination of gender stereotypes in education. Resources in the library also provide examples of specific **tools to advance gender equality in research**, such as the gender equality in academia and research tool.

Reading list

- European Parliament resolution of 21 May 2018 on women and science
- Turning good policies into good practice: why it is so difficult
- Structural Transformation to Achieve Gender Equality in Science – Guidelines

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