



GENDER EQUALITY INDEX



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Agenda

Conference moderators:

Mira Banerjee, Head of Knowledge Management and Communications, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Edith Stohl, Editor, Austrian National Radio

08:00–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:30 Opening

Virginija Langbakk, Director, EIGE

Věra Jourová, European Commissioner, Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Dimitrios Papadimoulis, Vice President, European Parliament

09:30–11:00 GENDER EQUALITY INDEX 2017 Gender equality in disrupted times

This session will reveal the results of the Gender Equality Index 2017. We will see how far the EU and its Member States have progressed towards achieving gender equality since 2005, and in which areas the situation of women and men notably improved or deteriorated. The session will focus on new indicators and data of the Gender Equality Index 2017. The results will be discussed in the context of recent challenges in the EU, ranging from the economic and financial crisis, and migration flows to the rise of populist and anti-EU sentiments.

Jolanta Reingardė, Programme Coordinator, Research and Statistics, EIGE

Commentary by:

H. E. Åsa Regnér, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Tiina Astola, Director-General, European Commission Directorate-General for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Joanna Maycock, Secretary General, European Women's Lobby

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 PANEL DEBATE How can intersectional analysis of inequalities contribute to better-informed policy making in the EU?

The Gender Equality Index monitors the trend of the complex reality of gender equality for specific groups of people, this way facilitating the planning and implementation of more targeted and efficient policy measures. The intersectional analysis explores how the personal characteristics of women and men intersect and create unique realities for them. This session will unmask some of the explicit differences within groups of women and men, accounting for a few of the most common characteristics of disadvantage: age, disability, migrant background, education and family composition.

Marre Karu, Researcher, EIGE

Commentary by:

Ernest Urtaşun, Member, European Parliament

Irena Moomova, Director, European Commission Directorate-General for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Pirkko Mahlamäki, Executive Committee Member, European Disability Forum

Pavel Trantina, President, Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, European Economic and Social Committee

Focus:

- How would the European Agenda on Migration be more effective by setting gender-specific targets?
 - What measures are needed to ensure gender equality among older people or people with disabilities?
 - What new pathways could the work-life balance package provide to ensure equal economic independence and equal sharing of care duties between women and men?
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**13:00–14:30 Lunch
Press conference****14:30–15:40 PANEL DEBATE
Gender equality and health: are women and men equally healthy?**

The Gender Equality Index aims to strengthen the understanding of gender as an important social determinant of health with a view to make health policies and strategies more responsive to women's and men's needs across their life-course. Women live longer, but in poorer health than men, especially because of differences in their behaviour and different interactions with health structures and institutions. This session presents new data on health/risk behaviours of women and men, which also act as health determinants: smoking, harmful alcohol consumption, healthy diets (daily consumption of fruits and vegetables) and regular physical activity.

Zuzana Madarova, National Expert, EIGE

Commentary by:

Xavier Prats-Monné, Director-General, European Commission
Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety

Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member, European Parliament

Peg Maguire, Director-General, European Institute of Women's Health

Focus:

- How can gender gaps be better addressed by health policies?
 - How can the different health needs of women and men be met effectively by policies?
 - How to ensure better evidence to improve women's and men's health?
 - Can gender mainstreaming ensure stronger synergies between social, economic and health policies?
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**15:40–16:45 REFLECTIONS IN THE PLENARY
Decision-making in research, media and sports**

The Gender Equality Index, for the first time, presents gender gaps in decision-making in research, media and sports aiming to strengthen public debate and policy initiatives on gender equality in social domains. Persistent gender imbalances in decision-making in cultural institutions require more visibility and action because of their symbolic and educational importance and powerful role in shaping social norms, public opinion and perceptions about gender equality.

Davide Barbieri, Statistician, EIGE

Commentary by:

Rolf Tarrach, President, European Universities Association, Luxembourg

Paulina Tomczyk, Policy Officer, EU Athletes

Edith Stohl, Editor, Austrian National Radio

16:45–17:00 CLOSING REMARKS

Frans Timmermans, First Vice President, European Commission

Matti Maasilikas, Deputy Minister for EU Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Estonia

Virginija Langbakk, Director, EIGE

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The Gender Equality Index measures the progress of gender equality in the EU. It has six core domains - work, money, knowledge, time, power and health – and two satellite domains: violence against women and intersecting inequalities. The Gender Equality Index points out areas of improvement in all EU Member States and supports policy makers to design more effective gender equality measures.

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