



Gender equality

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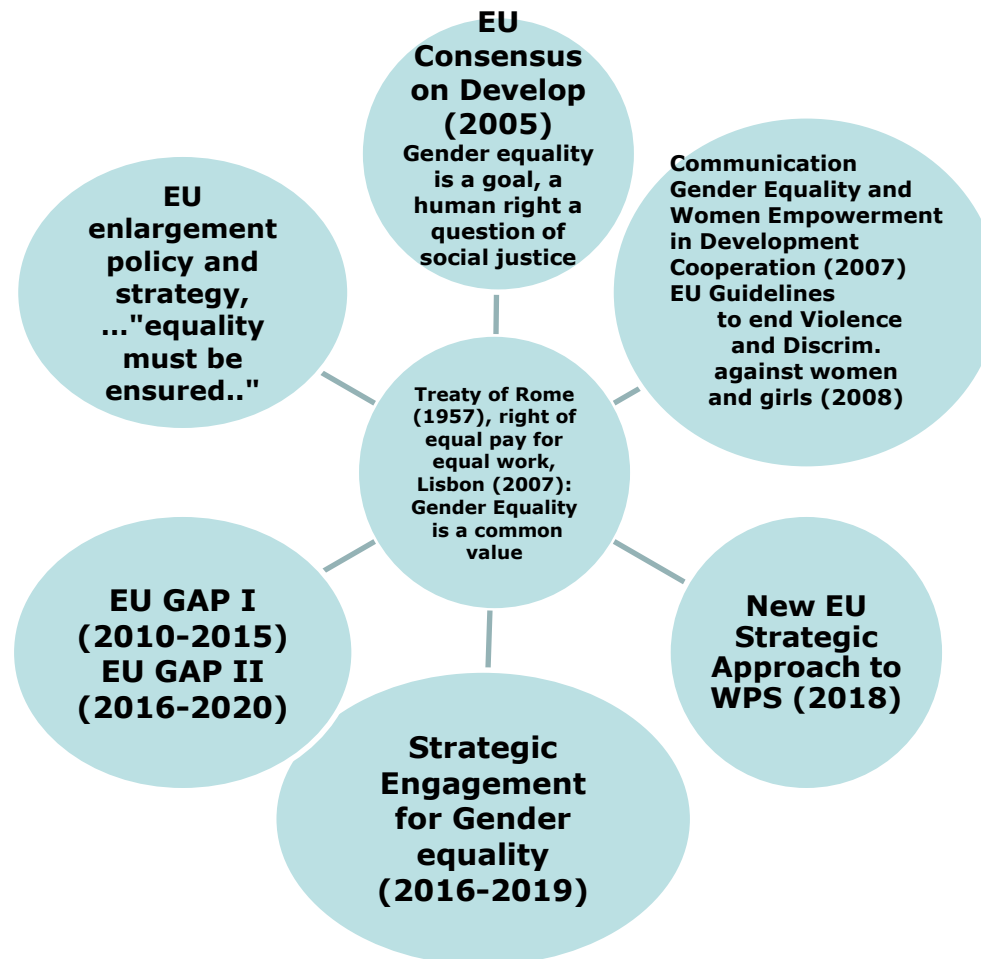
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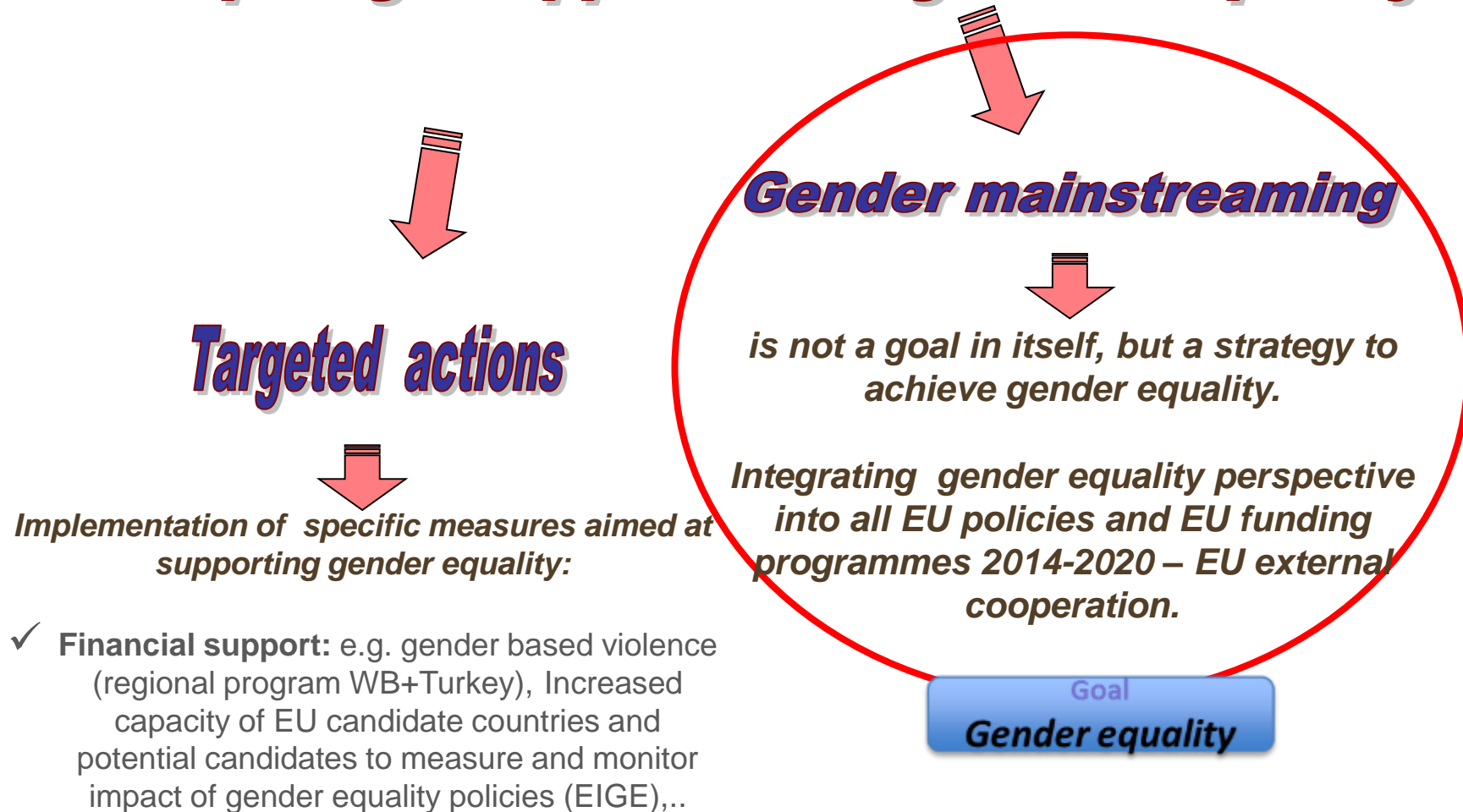
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EU political and legislative base for Gender equality and women's empowerment in external relations and development



Two pronged approach to gender equality





What is EU Gender Action Plan 2016-2020 (GAP II)?

- Adopted by the EU Council in 2015. Flagship instrument to pursue EU commitments to gender equality and women's empowerment with partner countries and in all EU external relations, as well as internally.
- **Covers developing, enlargement and neighbourhood countries.**
- Implementation and reporting are mandatory to all EU Actors/yearly basis (Commission services, EEAS and EU Member States present in each partner country. -requires close collaboration-).
- **Builds on the lessons learnt from the previous GAP and its evaluation.** 1/ Disparities between EU organizational commitments and organizational capacity to deliver, 2/ Poor application of gender marker, 3/ Gender analysis rarely used to inform strategy, programming and political dialogue.

Physical and Psychological Integrity

Free from all forms of violence (VAWG)

Trafficking for all forms of exploitation eliminated

Protection from sexual and gender based violence in crisis

Access to physical and mental health care service

Full control over sexuality and sexual and reproductive health

Healthy nutrition levels throughout life cycle

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Empowerment

Equal access to quality education and vocational education and training

Access to decent work for women of all ages

Equal access to financial services and resources

Equal access and control over clean water, energy, transport infrastructure

Political and civil rights – Voice and Participation

Equal rights and ability for women to participate in policy and governance processes at all levels.

Women's organisations/ Human Rights Defenders freely able to work and protected by law.

Equal rights to participate in on climate and environmental issues



WHAT NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED TO MEET GAP II PRIORITIES? Minimum Standards

- 1. OECD/DAC Gender Marker 0** is always **justified**
Target 85% 1/ 2 gender marker
- 2. Gender analysis** done for priority sectors in order to inform actions
- 3. Sex-disaggregated data** used
- 4. Gender expertise** available and used
- 5. GAP objectives** are selected to be reported on.