

# Grey literature on energy

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 loca-

tions. 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 energy

Access to energy affects women and men differently. Increasing women's participation in the field of energy also has the potential to stimulate sustainable economic growth.



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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 energy. The collection presents **good practices** of current policies throughout Europe as well as **gender indicators** aimed at assessing gender equality in this domain.

Several resources focus on the ways in which the EU has mainstreamed gender into **policy processes**. You will also find **research reports** and **statistical documents** providing data on key gender issues related to energy.

## Gender and energy policies: a missing link

All over the world women spend more time than men engaging in unpaid household and care work. This means that women spend more hours at home and are more dependent on heating and indoor air quality. Women are also more dependent on energy for household appliances such as washing machines. Being aware of gender when designing energy policies is therefore critical. However, **mainstreaming gender into energy policies** is not easy.

Within the library you will find several resources presenting the main approaches to mainstreaming gender in

energy projects. You will also find **empirical evidence** and **tailor-made tools** to aid policymakers.

### Reading list

*Mainstreaming Gender in Energy Sector Practice and Policy;*

*From the millennium development goals towards a gender-sensitive energy policy research and practice: empirical evidence and case studies;*

*'Gender and energy: a northern perspective'.*

## Gender equality in energy access

Providing communities with **access to sustainable energy** is examined by several resources.

Particular attention is devoted to the issue of energy poverty. Energy poverty means that households are unable to access enough energy to ensure dignified living conditions at an affordable price. **Energy poverty** is more common among women, especially among single and older women.

### Reading list

*Sustainable Energy for All: the gender dimensions;*  
*Enabling equitable access to rural electrification: current thinking on energy, poverty and gender.*

## Women's role in renewable energy and sustainable development

There is evidence that renewable energy advances gender equality. Within the library you will find a set of resources documenting **women's roles in renewable energy use and development**. Library resources also provide recommendations for how to improve women's participation in this sector.

To ensure that renewable energy meets the needs of both women and men it is important to ensure the **equal participation of women and men in the decision-making process**. It is also important to ensure women are represented throughout the value chain as designers, workers and energy users.

A bulk of resources included in the library also investigates the role of social dialogue in boosting women's

employment rates and improving **working conditions for women workers in the renewable energy sector** in Europe.

### Reading list

*The Role of Women in Sustainable Energy Development;*  
*Gender Equity and Renewable Energies;*  
*Gender and renewable energy: entry points for women's livelihoods and employment;*  
*Generating Opportunities — Case studies on energy and women.*

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