

Grey literature on maritime affairs and fisheries

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 maritime affairs and fisheries

Women play a key role in most fishing communities and make a significant contribution to the industry. However, they remain largely invisible and their roles are not always acknowledged at the community level.



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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 maritime affairs. The collection presents **good practices** of current policies throughout Europe as well as **gender indicators** aimed at assessing gender equality in the maritime sector. Sev-

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

Fishery and gender: data, policies and tools

Within the library, several resources present an **overview of the situation of women** in the fisheries sector in Europe, stressing the importance of improved gender mainstreaming. Library resources examine data on female employment in the sector as well as the problems faced by women's fisheries organisations.

Another important issue is that existing **statistical data** only records employment within the fisheries sector if it

is declared and remunerated, therefore omitting the **'invisible work'** done by women.

Reading list

Women in Fisheries: a European Perspective;
Women in Fisheries in the European Union.

Gender segregation and division of labour in the fisheries sector

Men dominate the fisheries sector, although employment of women is significant in certain subsectors.

Women are employed in the catching sector, in aquaculture farms (mainly shellfish farming), in processing factories, in fish and shellfish sales, and within the bodies that manage the fisheries sector.

Resources in the library also examine the challenges women face in the fisheries industry, namely

limited access to credit, storage facilities and training.

Reading list

Gleaner, fisher, trader, processor: understanding gendered employment in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

Women's economic and social role in the fishery field

As well as the women who are formally employed in the fisheries sector, there are **other women whose work is invisible**. This category includes partners and family members who play an active role in family fishing or aquaculture enterprises. These women are rarely remunerated and their efforts remain unacknowledged by society.

Within the library you will find resources showing how a challenging economic situation in a number of Member States has led to a growing number of women engaging in activities in the fishing sector, particularly land-based

shellfish gathering, as a means of **complementing their family income**.

Reading list

Women in European Fisheries and Aquaculture — Current situation and future perspectives;

Women as agents of wellbeing in Northern Ireland's fishing households.

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