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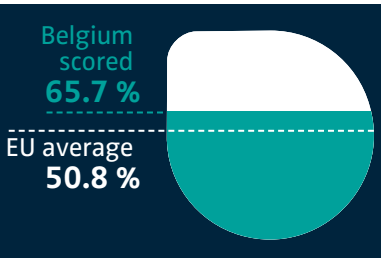
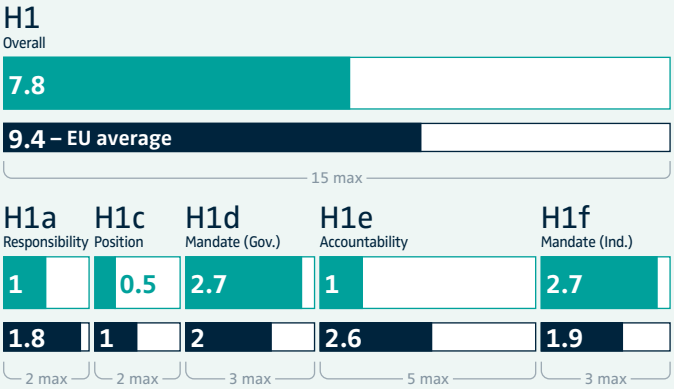
Belgium's institutional mechanisms for gender equality and gender mainstreaming stand above the EU average and show progress compared with 2021

Institutional mechanisms refer to national machineries that implement, monitor, evaluate and mobilise support for policies that promote gender equality and gender mainstreaming. All indicators and sub-indicators used to monitor progress are available on EIGE's Gender Statistics Database.



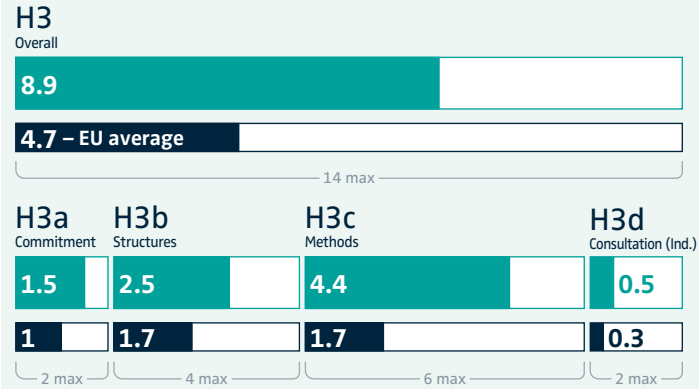
Indicator H1: status of commitment to the promotion of gender equality

Belgium scored **7.8** out of **15** points, which is below the EU average of **9.4** and below its 2021 score of **8.5**. While the mandates of both the governmental and independent bodies focus exclusively on gender equality (H1d and H1f), the score reflects the lack of a strategy or national action plan for gender equality (H1e).



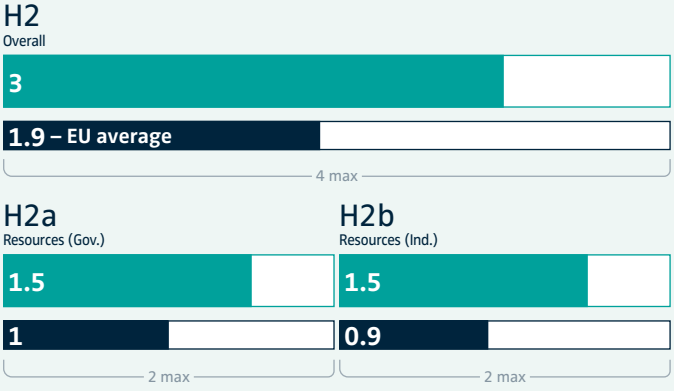
Indicator H3: gender mainstreaming

Belgium scored **8.9** out of **14** points, which is above the EU average of **4.7** and shows improvement compared with its 2021 score of **7.9**. This reflects Belgium's commitment to gender mainstreaming and effective use of gender mainstreaming methods and tools, such as gender budgeting (H3c).



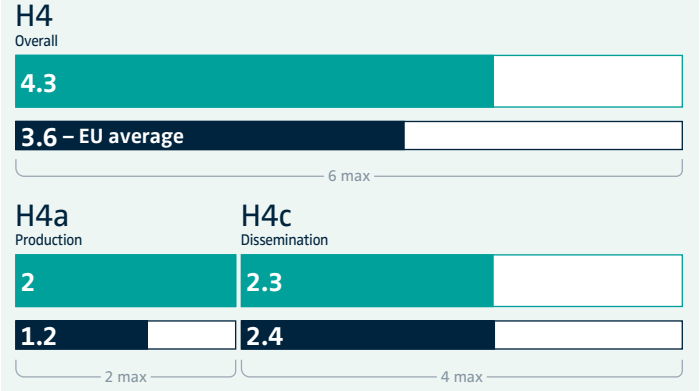
Indicator H2: resources of the national gender equality bodies

Belgium scored **3** out of **4** points for personnel resources of both the governmental and independent bodies, as both bodies have from 25 to < 100 employees working on gender equality, which is above the EU average of **1.9**. There has been no change since 2021.



Indicator H4: production and dissemination of statistics disaggregated by sex

Belgium scored **4.3** out of **6** points, above the EU average of **3.6** and shows progress compared with the 2021 score of **4**. There is a legal obligation for the National Statistical Office to collect data disaggregated by sex (H4a), but there is no website that provides direct access to relevant datasets, impacting efforts to disseminate gender statistics (H4c).



Human resources are scored in size groups based on the total headcount adjusted where relevant for the proportion of time spent on gender equality issues.

(Gov.) refers to governmental gender equality body; (Ind.) refers to independent gender equality body.

Overall ratings for the strength of institutional mechanisms are based on the average of the scores for each of the four underlying indicators (H1 to H4), each expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible score so that all indicators have equal weight in the average.

For more information, please see country information and the methodological report.

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