



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence start

This week the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence start! From 25 November (International Day to End Violence against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day), the 16 days aim to **promote and inspire action against Gender-based Violence (GBV)**. [Learn more and find out why it is so important](#)

#16Days #ViolenceAgainstWomen

Serbia preparing to join the Gender Equality Index

EIGE supports the EU candidate and potential candidate countries that are signatories to the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) in their preparations to become members of the European Union. In this capacity, EIGE has been working with the Serbian government to apply the Institute's Gender Equality Index to the Serbian context.

EIGE's statistical experts carried out a technical training in Serbia in October 2014. During the briefings it became clear that the

WHAT'S UP AT EIGE?

Upcoming events

[Launch of two EIGE studies on Gender-based Violence](#)

Nov 25, 15:00-17:00

[Peer review - Good Practices in the area of Reconciliation of Work, Family and Private Life](#)

Nov 27- Nov 28

[EIGE at FEMM committee meeting](#)

Dec 01, 15:00-18:30

[Seminar on Promoting Effective and Sustainable Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Gender Equality](#)

Dec 02 - Dec 03

[Book launch Nordic Gender & Media Forum](#)

Dec 4, 11:00 - 16:00

[Towards a common approach for the collection of administrative data on gender-based violence in the EU: focus on police and justice](#)

Dec 8, 09:00 - 18:00

[Event "A Europe free from Gender-based Violence"](#)

Dec 10, 14:30 - 19:00

methodology. EIGE continues to provide methodological and technical support to the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit and the Republican Statistical Office that leads the process in Serbia. The government of Kosovo has also expressed an interest in exploring the application of the Index to their circumstances.

More information on [EIGE's cooperation with the EU candidate and potential candidate countries](#).

Despite strong policy framework slow progress on gender equality revealed in EIGE's BPfA report

Since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) in 1995 it has been possible to follow indicators on gender equality. The fourth overall review of the development of gender equality in the EU is about to be published. The report documents the main trends, progress and major challenges for gender equality since the last review in 2010. It provides suggestions for potential gender equality policy priorities for EU institutions and Member States. Progress was noted during a [meeting of experts on Human Rights of Women](#), organised by EIGE on 3- 4 September 2014 in the area of [Human Rights of Women](#) - the only area which still lacks EU wide indicators to monitor the situation.

The review presents intensive legal and policy development since 2007, but implementation of several policy areas is falling behind. One of the biggest gaps remains in the area of equal participation of women in decision-making positions. The report will be published in January 2015.

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435, 238
resources on
gender equality



Availability of Data Sources on gender-based violence: not there yet

Research shows that administrative data sources can be useful for collecting comparable data on gender-based violence; however, significant challenges remain at EU and Member State level. The forms of gender-based violence that are better covered by administrative data sources are: intimate partner violence, rape and sexual assault. EIGE's research provides an overview of the legal and policy framework that underpin administrative data at the EU and Member State level in addition to guidelines and recommendations to improve the availability, the quality and the comparability of data. Differences in the [legal terms and definitions](#) of the forms of gender-based violence in Member States are key gaps for data collection. Read more [here](#)

Do you know the costs of gender-based violence?

The recent study from EIGE indicates that the impact of gender-based violence on society and economy is significantly high. Direct costs include all costs that are incurred by the victim, such as medical costs, time out of employment and provision of services. Emotional and psychological effects on victims are described as indirect costs. The study proposes methods to identify the costs of gender-based and intimate partner violence against women and men in the 28 Member States. It extrapolates from a UK model, proportionate to the size of the population of a given Member State. The extrapolated total cost for gender-based violence against women amounts to hundreds of billions of euros. The

indirect costs, considered as being devastating for victims, are inestimable.

Men have a significant role to play in gender equality

Gender equality is an issue that concerns all. EIGE strives to ensure that men feel involved in the work and also that they contribute and play a role. EIGE held a workshop in Vilnius aiming at generating input, ideas and guidelines on how EIGE could reflect the contribution of men in its work.

The meeting was attended by policy makers, researchers and members of civil society organisations. The workshop received several valuable contributions, which will all play a key part not only in improving on-going practice and in enforcing the development of EIGE's work programmes, but also in strengthening networking activities among the participants in the coming years. [Men and Gender Equality](#)

Femicide to be addressed

Violence against women continues to be a pressing issue in the EU and beyond. Consistently, combatting gender-based violence has been identified as a priority in the programme of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU. More recently, the urgent need to address femicide (the killing of women on the basis of their gender) has been emphasised by Italian Minister of Interior and by Commissioner Malström.

EIGE's studies have shown that harmonised, well-disseminated

and comparable data are needed in order to effectively prevent and tackle gender-based violence against women and has identified approaches to do so.

2016 - European Year Against Violence Against Women?

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) proposes the year 2016 to be named the European Year Against Violence Against Women. The organisation is pointing to a number of areas where they believe urgent actions should be taken and a dedicated year would help raise awareness. EWL calls for more research on victims and ask for support for an EU Directive dealing with violence against women.

In a recent meeting EIGE and EWL discussed and agreed upon cooperation strategies and areas of joint work for the coming years.

EIGE's Experts' Forum 'marathon' in the European Parliament

Together with its Experts' Forum Members (EF) EIGE organised a networking event in Strasbourg in the margin of the first plenary session of the European Parliament and the election of the new Commission (October). EIGE aimed to enhance awareness of the importance of gender equality among parliamentarians and present EIGE's work. There were bilateral meetings held with MEPs, six Ambassadors and the EU Representatives to the Council of Europe. In addition, EIGE got to informally meet and greet the new Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality:

Věra Jourová.

[Check out some of the pictures of the event.](#)

Female talent holds untapped potential for growth

The Progress Report of the Hellenic EU Presidency is clear in its message. A higher decisive 'female-turn' will contribute to Europe's development strategy and create prosperity in Europe. The report presented by the Secretary General for Gender Equality, Vasso Kollia, states that 'smart, sustainable and inclusive growth by 2020' cannot be disconnected from developing economic environments that create equal opportunities for women and men alike. Read [EIGE's report](#) in connection to the Greek Presidency

Are you interested in Gender Statistics?

EIGE is in the process of creating a gender statistics database and we want to make it easy to use and interact. [Answer the survey](#) and help us create a database that will be useful to you!

Looking for a new job?

Do you want to work with gender equality? Then we might just have the right job for you! Right now we are looking for SNE's.

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Upcoming tenders

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