



## The launch of Gender Equality Index 2015



On 25 June, a few days after its 5th anniversary, EIGE launched the first update of the Gender Equality Index 2015 in Brussels.

The Index provides a score of how well Member States perform together

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Starts on 02 Sep 2015

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Starts on 16 Sep 2015

[Engaging Men for Gender Equality" Online Discussion](#)

18 Sep 2015

[Women, Peace and Security e-learning course](#)

Starts on 30 Sep 2015

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with how successful they are at closing gender gaps. This score lies between 1 and 100, where 100 represents the best situation. A conference room at the Museum of Arts and History in Brussels full of policy-makers, statisticians and gender equality experts from all Member States were presented with the results of the Index 2015. Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality Věra Jourová, Vice- President of the European Parliament, Ulrike Lunacek and the Minister of Equal Opportunities of Luxembourg, Lydia Mutsch expressed strong support for the added-value of the Index to policy makers.

The uniqueness of EIGE's Index is that it uses data from 2005, 2010 and 2012 which gives an indication of a developing trend. The trend shows that the total score of gender equality in the EU had risen only slightly from 51.3 in 2005 to 52.9 in 2012. The progress per Member State and per domain is uneven – some Member States have improved, while others have not.

'The sometimes significant variances in progress among the Member States reflect the different choices of approaches and priorities in implementing EU policies and objectives', concludes Virginija Langbakk, Director of EIGE. Despite the improvements, the results show that EU is still only half way towards gender equality.

The Gender Equality Index 2015 presents research results in 6 domains in the core Index: work, money, knowledge, time, power, health, and in two satellite domains, violence against women, and intersecting inequalities. It shows the greatest progress in the domain of power, with scores rising from 31.4 out of 100 in 2005 to 39.7 in 2012. Despite this, men's over-representation in decision-making positions remains prevalent in all Member States both in politics and economy. The domain of time reveals the lowest score (37.6 out of 100); this highlights the unequal division of unpaid work between women and men in private life, which remains the greatest barrier to gender equality. The domain of violence shows the significance of context in which violence against women takes place,

500 000 +  
resources on  
gender equality



societal attitudes towards violence and trust in institutions in explaining the levels of violence against women. Results show that data collection in this area needs joint efforts from all the Member States.

[Visit the online interface of Gender Equality Index to view the results in all domains.](#)

[Gender Equality Index 2015 Report](#)

[Country profiles for each Member States](#)

[Watch the video of Gender Equality Index 2015 presentation](#)

**EIGE presented the research note to the Latvian Presidency on gender gap in pensions in the EU**



Pensions are crucial in ensuring dignified ageing and preventing poverty in old age. While pensioners in general face a higher risk of poverty, this is even more pronounced for women. In 2012, the average gender gap in pensions for the EU-28 was 38 %. The gender gap in pensions can be seen as the sum of a lifetime of gender inequalities and, as EIGE's research note shows, needs to be addressed in relation to these.

The research note has been prepared by EIGE to support the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the follow-up of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

[Gender Gap in Pensions in the EU - Research note to the Latvian Presidency](#)

[Journalist Thematic Network meeting on gender gap in](#)

## pensions in the EU



On 17-18 June EIGE gathered together its Journalist Thematic Network at a meeting in Riga, Latvia to present the results of the research on the [Gender Gap in Pensions](#). As a contribution to the debate the journalists contributed with a collection of stories, articles, observations and opinions written on the topic. [Read the booklet here](#).

In discussing more effective forms of raising awareness of Gender Equality among the general public, at the meeting two of Latvia's White Ribbon Campaign Ambassadors were introduced and spoke about what they understood needed to be done to address violence against women in society. As chief of Latvia's State Police, General Ints Ķuzis and Mr Mairis Briedis (a former professional boxer) and currently a member of the police force they both have a clear view on the role of men in this important task. More information on [EIGE's White Ribbon Campaign](#)

## **EIGE provides training to statisticians in Kosovo on Gender Equality Index**



Kosovo is one of the potential candidate countries to start working on its national Gender Equality Index. On 4-5 June 2015 EIGE's experts provided training on the Index to Kosovo's officials from the Gender Equality Agency, the Kosovo Agency of Statistics and other relevant public sector and civil society organisations. This initiative is part of EIGE's participation in the EU's Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA).

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

## **Estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union – round-table discussion in Lisbon**



On 9 June EIGE's team working in the area of combating Violence against Women launched some new publications: a report 'Estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union' and a supplementing step-by-step guide to estimating the risk of FGM. This resource developed by EIGE will support Member States in carrying out their own national risk estimations.

In cooperation with the Portuguese Government EIGE organised a round-table discussion in Lisbon, which gathered 40 government representatives, researchers, migrant support organisations and independent civil society experts from the three EU Member States involved in the report, (Ireland, Portugal and Sweden), as well as international and EU-level organisations.

Representatives from the three countries shared their experience, and discussed the role of Governments, Civil Society Organisations and communities in combating female genital mutilation. The goal of the meeting was to identify functioning practices of combating female genital mutilation and to strengthen cooperation among the EU Member States affected by this harmful practice.

The meeting was opened by EIGE's Director Virginija Langbakk together with Portuguese Secretary of State Teresa Morais, and President of the Champalimaud Foundation Leonora Beleza. EIGE's expert on VAW, Jurgita Peciuriene presented the study to the participants of the meeting.

[Report: Estimation of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the European Union](#)

[Step-by-step guide](#)

**EIGE marks 5 years anniversary of commitment to making gender equality a reality between women and men!**



On 19 June EIGE celebrated its 5 year anniversary. On the special day the Institute opened its doors for guests and local citizens who were invited to test their knowledge and learn more about gender equality in the European Union. Many citizens participated in the quiz which has already become somewhat of a tradition and tested their knowledge about the Gender Equality Index. On this occasion EIGE also presented a [video about achievements made during the last 5 years!](#)

**[Good practises on women and political decision making](#)**



With the aim to enhance women's participation in politics some weeks ago EIGE completed processing good practices on women and political decision-making. Seventy practices with potential focussing on awareness-raising, competence development and gender mainstreaming have been assessed during a meeting of 40 experts and stakeholders in Vilnius.

Following the consultation, 11 examples from 10 Member States were selected as good practices highlighting the value of strategic investment in cultural and social awareness-raising increasing the representation of women in political decision making is best supported by building and investing in gender sensitive competences among policy and decision makers. Strengthening the development of strategic political skills among women further enables them to increase their participation.

[Collection of good practices.](#)

## White Ribbon Campaign is growing





EIGE's White Ribbon Campaign unites men who pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women. They promise to raise the issue of violence against women and to work, within the means possible to them, toward ending violence against women.

This time Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica and Lithuanian 2015 Eurovision entry Vaidas Baumila have joined the campaign. Many more are lined up!

[EIGE's White Ribbon Campaign.](#)

**Forthcoming EuroGender online discussion 'Engaging Men for Gender Equality, 18/09/2015**

The screenshot displays the EuroGender Network website interface. At the top, the logo and name 'EuroGender Network' are visible. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'Organisation and Network', 'Information Hub', 'Communications Hub', and 'Resource & Documentation Centre'. The main content area is titled '"Engaging Men for Gender Equality" Online Discussion'. It includes a 'View' button and a list of registered members. A sidebar on the right contains a search bar, a calendar for July 2015, and a list of popular tags.

**"Engaging Men for Gender Equality" Online Discussion**

By European Inst... | 12/09/2014 | Repetitions: none | 02/09/2014 | Registrations end: 11/09/2014

**11 Sep 2014**  
09:00

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**ABOUT THIS EVENT**

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) invites you to participate in the online discussion 'Engaging Men for Gender Equality'.

EIGE has been looking for ways how to integrate the area of men and gender equality in its work. Current debate on how to engage men in gender equality will help to clarify and add directions into EIGE's concept paper on men and gender equality. The online debate is also the follow-up of a previous online discussion on the topic of men and gender equality, which was held last autumn.

EIGE hopes to stimulate a constructive online discussion during which all participants are invited to give their feedback on how to involve men in gender equality and assess which areas are particularly critical for men. We will, for example, discuss the role of men in gender-based violence and

**POPULAR TAGS**

Business target business decision making development diversity Domestic Violence economics

EIGE invites you to participate in an online discussion 'Engaging Men for Gender Equality'. Current debate aims at discussing ways of engaging men and men's organisations in gender equality. [Read more and register to become a member of EuroGender Network.](#)

**Interested in having a better understanding of gender equality and insight into EIGE's work?**

Join the European Network on Gender Equality – EuroGender!

EuroGender is EIGE’s main consultation and collaboration platform allowing its 10,000 users to exchange resources, knowledge and good practices on gender equality. It brings together decision-makers, practitioners, researchers and experts from all EU Member States.

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