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WHAT'S UP AT EIGE?

Gender Equality Index launch 13 June in Brussels

The Gender Equality Index, to be launched on 13 June 2013 during a high-level conference in Brussels, will become one of the milestones of EIGE - the knowledge centre on gender issues in the EU. Three years of hard work, analysing data on the status of equality of women and men in several domains, calculating and recalculating indicators and variables resulted in a robust and solid Gender Equality Index. It is the only gender equality index specifically tailored towards the EU and the Member States aiming at supporting future policy work in this area. The uniqueness of the Index lies in the capacity to precisely pinpoint the equality gaps that exist between the status of women and men in the domains of work, money, knowledge, time, power and health. Keynote speech will be delivered by Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council.

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EIGE's report on Women and the Media coming soon!

Upcoming events

Meeting of officials from enlargement countries

June 12, 09:30 - May 11, 16:30

Gender Equality Index Launch

June 13, 08:30 - June 13, 17:30

Second meeting on benefits of gender equality

June 20, 13:00 - June 21 17:00

Crises, 'Creative Destruction' and the Global Power and Communication Orders

June 25, 09:00 - June 29, 18:00

Journalist Thematic Network meeting on women and media

June 26, 13:30 - June 27, 13:30

Expert meeting on administrative data collection on GBV

July 4, 14:00 - July 5 27, 12:45

Do you have events to include?



In June 2013, EIGE will launch its new report on Women and the Media! By 2012, the area of Women and the Media was one of two, out of twelve areas of the Beijing Platform for Action which had not been reviewed until now, demonstrating a clear need for comparable data to monitor women's participation in the decision-making process in the media sector.

The Report will be the first one to deliver comparable data on the number of women in decision-making positions across major media organisations in the 27 EU Member States and Croatia. Until the report is ready you can read more about the indicators for Women and Media in the link.

[> more](#)

New data in EIGE's database on Beijing indicators!

Do you know that 94% of people on parental leave are women? Check the new data in the areas: Women and the economy; Violence Against Women; Women and Poverty; Women and Health; Women in Power and Decision-making; and Women and the Environment in the updated EIGE's database Women and men in the EU - facts and figures!

EIGE's database provides you with the newest comparable and reliable data on gender equality in all Member States and at the EU level. It covers all the twelve areas of the Beijing Platform for Action - the document that outlines the international community's commitment regarding gender equality.

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Lithuanian Presidency of the Council: Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women in focus

The upcoming Lithuanian Presidency of the Council has chosen to work with the area of Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women. It is one of the areas within the Beijing Platform for Action which have not been reviewed till now, demonstrating an urgent need for comparable and reliable data. The study will examine the extent to which the Member States have created or strengthened national machineries and other governmental bodies and integrated gender perspective in legislation, public policies, programmes and projects.

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President of Finland to visit EIGE



During the state visit to Lithuania the President of the Republic of Finland, Sauli Niinistö, and representatives of the Republic of Finland visited EIGE to learn about the Institute's work and the situation of gender equality in the EU. Among topics discussed were Finland's achievements in relation to gender equality and inspiring initiatives.

EIGE also presented its newest accomplishment - the Gender Equality Index- including some of its results which indicate gaps between women and men in Finland in the selected domains of the Index.

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EIGE's move to the new shared offices

As from the beginning of 2013 the European Institute for Gender Equality relocated. Our offices are now located in Gedimino pr. 16, Vilnius. This is only a few kilometres away from the former premises, but we landed right in the buzzing centre of the town. We share the 'EU House' with the European Commission Representation and colleagues from the European Parliaments information office. It's the first time EU institutions like these come together for common benefits.

New material on Female Genital Mutilation available online



*Ceremonial knives used in FGM
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During recent years FGM has gained considerable attention in the EU. In June 2012, the European Parliament adopted the Resolution on ending female genital mutilation.

EIGE launched a 'Study to map the current situation and trends of female genital mutilation in 27 EU Member States (MS) and Croatia' on the request of EU Commissioner Viviane Reding. All material is now online: the report, collections of resources, methods and tools and good practices and country-specific fact sheets. Each country fact sheet is also available in the language of the country. It will support policy makers in their efforts to follow the law obligation in this area and develop strategies for effective elimination of female genital mutilation in Europe.

[> more](#)

[Mainstreaming gender - gender training resources on EIGE's website](#)



Gender Training Resources Database of the European Institute for Gender Equality available online contains generic and tailor-made tools and resources produced in EU Member States, on the EU and international levels.

EC report: Women represent a growing share of the EU workforce

According to the annual report on 'Progress on equality between women and men' from the European Commission women represent a growing share of the EU workforce - and are increasingly the breadwinners for their families. The share of women working rose from 55% in 1997 to 62.4% now. It is still much lower than the share of working men (74.6%). Gender gaps in employment and pay have narrowed in the last five years, yet gender equality remains elusive.

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This rich pool of information contains useful materials, guidelines, good practices, ideas, suggestions and tips on how to improve gender competence. You can contribute to the database of gender training resources by emailing information on new materials to the following e-mail address: EIGE_GTdatabase@ghkint.com.

[> more](#)

EIGE has more than 170,000 resources available online



The Resource and Documentation Centre (RDC) is an innovative and practical tool developed by EIGE to assist in locating key resources on gender equality, facilitate the exchange of knowledge amongst those with an interest in gender equality policy and practice.

You can find policy documents, grey literature, online resources, books, articles, and databases are accessible via EIGE's search tool. Access is provided through collaboration with six documentation centres and libraries specialising in women and gender issues. Although primarily an online tool, the RDC is connected to a physical library. All interested users are welcome to visit the RDC in EU House in Vilnius. It is open Monday-Friday from 10:30-14:30 and 16:00-19:30. The entry point is a place to meet, interact and learn about gender equality work in the EU.

[> more](#)

A user statement on the Resource and Documentation Centre, RDC

The Resource and Documentation Centre is very welcoming and useful for Slovakia. The domestic violence and gender-based violence databases have come just in time to be used in the current public policy development in the area of violence against women.

Barbora Holubová, Sociologist

Institute for Labour and Family Research, Slovakia

New Head of Operations at EIGE

Her name is Thérèse Murphy. She has been a Trade Union activist in the Energy Industry at the local and national level for 25 years. During that time she has held the role of Equality Officer with the Trade Union where she was involved in negotiation of the transposition of the provisions of the EU Directives on Equality in Employment and Equal Status at the level of the enterprise, both at local and national level (Irish Congress of Trade Unions ICTU). Thérèse has served on the Board of the National Women's Council of Ireland for 6 years and as Chair for 4 years. She also served on the Board of the European Women's Lobby for three terms, spending 4 years as Vice President. Prior to taking on the role of the Head of Operations of EIGE Thérèse served as the President of the Trade Union (Energy Services Union of Ireland).

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 trainees.

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Upcoming tenders

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