



## Strong focus on combating violence against women

Organisations and experts from all over the world united their efforts to combat gender-based violence during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. It is a world-wide campaign, running from 25 November to 10 December. This year, EIGE joined in with a dedicated social media campaign. Through [Facebook](#) alone our daily posts and images presenting facts and figures on different forms of gender-based violence (GBV) within the EU reached more than 15 000 people.



“Did you know that only 13 EU Member States legally foresee state funding of specialised services for women victims of violence?” , “Did you know that only 6 Member States have helplines for women victims of violence which are available 24 hours and fully free of charge?” these are only two examples of around 50 messages that we shared. EIGE will continue to support policy makers and all relevant institutions in their efforts to make Europe free from gender-based violence, by providing them with specific expertise and reliable information.

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## WHAT'S UP AT EIGE?

### Upcoming events

[Cross-party networking session on Gender Equality](#)

Dec 17, 10:00 - 14:00

[5th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation- Bridging the Gap](#)

Apr 14, 09:00 - Apr 21, 18:00

Do you have events to include? Please send us an email (see email below)

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## Notable men across Europe join White Ribbon Campaign

The White Ribbon Campaign is the world's largest campaign engaging men to speak out against violence against women. On November 29 EIGE joined the campaign via its social media channels, and presented the notable men who have given their word to speak out about violence towards women, including the foreign ministers of Estonia, Finland, the Netherlands, Lithuania and Sweden as well as the Prime Minister of Malta, Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence of Ireland, Minister for Equality of Denmark, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and many others.



In addition to the campaign, a White Ribbon Pledge has been made available for every man to sign on EIGE's website.

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## Conference: Eliminating Violence Against Women in Europe - Intersectoral Approaches and Actions

Intersectoral cooperation is crucial for the elimination of gender-based violence (GBV). This was one of the main conclusions from the conference organised by EIGE, the World Health Organisation Europe and the City of Vienna, *Eliminating Violence Against Women in Europe*



- Intersectoral Approaches and Actions' on 25-26 November 2013.

During the highly informative presentations and intense discussions, the speakers and participants provided their insights into recently published and forthcoming studies on GBV, they shared potentially promising practices from various EU Member States and beyond, and exchanged ideas about how to overcome the challenges. The experts addressed the importance of measuring the costs of dealing with GBV to progress policy-making in this field. The participants agreed on the need for comparable data in order to support the development of evidence-based policies.

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## Launching 'Women and Men Inspiring Europe' 2014 Calendar

EIGE is launching the 'Women and Men Inspiring Europe' 2014 Calendar as a side event during the Closing Conference of the European Year of Citizenship, taking place in Vilnius on 12 - 13 December in the presence of Commissioner Viviane Reding.



Four inspiring women will be presented at the launch:

Manuella Vollman (co-leader of the biggest women organisation in Austria, \*abz Austria,); Paola di Nicola (Italian judge at the Criminal Court in Rome and author of a book on women's condition within the judiciary); Dr Esohe Aghatise (founder of Associazione Iroko Onlus, an organisation working with trafficked women in Italy), and Ms Vera Budway-Strobach (Diversity Manager at Erste Bank in Vienna).

Considering both their achievements and their real-life experiences in promoting gender equality, EIGE has invited them

to act as role models, and to meet students from Vilnius University and Mykolas Romeris University in order to pass to the younger generation some of the lessons they have learned while striving for greater gender equality.

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## Implementing gender mainstreaming in practice takes learning

How can we make gender mainstreaming work? This is the question which civil servants and experts from over 20 EU countries tried to answer during a peer-to-peer review seminar in Vilnius on 21-22 November 2013. The participants focused on strategies for gender equality training and the challenging reality of gender impact assessment. It was concluded that if they are implemented systematically, then both tools contribute to the success of gender mainstreaming initiatives.



EIGE's research shows that the implementation of gender mainstreaming is rather patchy across the EU Member States and in different policy areas. Experts agree that gender mainstreaming would greatly benefit from investment in gender knowledge and skills training as well as from an improved exchange of national and regional practices in the field.

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## Journalists raising awareness on gender equality

Journalists from all over Europe are joining forces with EIGE to raise awareness on gender equality. In late November, representatives from EU Member States met in Vilnius to get facts and figures available through EIGE's Gender Equality Index, the study prepared for the



Lithuanian Presidency of the EU on Institutional Mechanisms, and to learn more about EIGE's resource pool of inspiring women in the field of gender equality. "Information on gender equality is often difficult to find. Now, there is one place where you have it all. Hard to believe it? [Try it yourself](#) says Sofia Branco, journalist at the Portuguese news agency LUSA.

## Strong support to the EU Presidency from EIGE

One of the tasks that EIGE has undertaken since its establishment has been to work in cooperation with the Presidency of the Council of the EU, in order to review the implementation of the objectives of the Beijing Platform for Action. Twice a year EIGE prepares a report reviewing one of the areas of the BPfA and its implementation.



The conclusions presented by the Presidencies are based on reports published by EIGE. During the Lithuanian Presidency, the institute presented its work at a record number of events and meetings at different levels, such as events included the EU Youth Conference where a representative addressed the question "NEET: does gender matter?" Our presence at the International Conference "Structural Change Promoting Gender Equality in Research" gave the opportunity to highlight the lack of gender equality in research, and the urgent need for targeted decision making to redress the gender imbalance in research and the implementation of a monitoring process. This high support is to be

maintained for the forthcoming Presidencies of the EU.

## Engaging stakeholders

EIGE's work on gender equality engages many stakeholders, to mention just two: UN Women Global training Centre and ILO International Training Centre, with whom EIGE met to discuss potential cooperation in the area of gender training. The key areas to improve gender training, as identified in the research, were: linking gender equality training to a broader strategy for gender mainstreaming, developing quality standards, building a practice community in the area and moving from "training" to the concept of "capacity building/development".

It was also proposed that the issue of TGE should be raised at the CSW meeting in 2015. UNW and ITC ILO recognise that the work being done by EIGE is very important and that the latest developments (conferences, papers and the on-line discussion) have moved the agenda forward, helping training to be seen in the contexts of the needs of the governments responsible for gender mainstreaming and as a part of a broader process of capacity development.

EIGE is successfully strengthening cooperation with the ILO Training centre in Turin, contributing to its annual ILO Gender Academy 2013. The representatives of EIGE and ILO Training centre agreed to expand their collaboration particularly in the area of training, capacity building and awareness raising on gender equality.

## Greetings from EIGE at the end of the year

It's a long tradition. At the end of the year greetings are sent and received from friends, family, colleagues, cooperation partners and many others. So here are EIGE's greetings to you - they can also be found on [our website](#).



## 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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