

## Gender equality in focus

### Work-life balance under the spotlight



Is gender equality in the EU still moving at a snail's pace? What can we do better? Where does your country stand? You will find out on 15 October, when EIGE gives an update on the state of gender equality in the EU. We are introducing a special thematic focus, which this year will be on the topic of work-life balance and its connection to gender equality. Find more about our new features [here](#)

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## Latest news

Gender pay gap: how to reduce it with better work-life

## balance



Women across the EU earn on average 16% less per hour than men. The biggest gap in earnings is among couples with children - showing that the financial cost of having a family falls heavily on women's shoulders. Have a look at our [new report](#) and see how work-life balance initiatives can help to boost women's employment and close the gender pay gap. Find out more [here](#)

## EU elections: what will 2019 bring for gender equality?



With 36% women MEPs, the European Parliament is one of the most gender-balanced elected bodies in the world. Yet there is still some way to go. While you wait for the new European Parliament, have a look at our resources and watch our video about what it means to be a gender-sensitive parliament. Find it [here](#)

## Where can you meet us next?



EIGE's country visits are approaching. On 25-26 June, we will be in Portugal discussing recent trends and developments in gender equality. On 3-4 July, you can find us in Sweden, where we will give special attention to the topic of digitalisation. Want to know how these countries are doing in gender equality? Check out our Gender Equality Index for more details. Find it [here](#)

## Happy Birthday EIGE!

This year EIGE celebrates its ninth birthday. We started our activities in June 2010 and since then have grown into the EU knowledge centre on gender equality. Curious to know



how everything began? Watch our documentary and learn about EIGE's history [here](#)

## Meet Our Experts' Forum Members



**Mikael Gustafsson** is our Experts' Forum member nominated by the European Parliament. He is the Director of Strategic Physical Planning in the municipality of Nynäshamn, Sweden. Previously, he worked as a political expert in the Swedish Parliament and was the Chair of the European Parliament Committee for Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM Committee). Find out more about him and the other members [here](#)

## New Publications

### New Gender Mainstreaming Methods and Tools



Why are gender statistics important for gender equality? What exactly is a gender audit? EIGE has published two new resources on its Gender Mainstreaming Platform to answer these questions and help you address the different needs of women and men in your work. Find out how you can use a gender audit and gender statistics [here](#).

Understanding intimate partner violence in the EU: the role of data



Data from the police and justice sectors is a valuable source of information on violence against women. It can help Member States check if their actions to prevent violence, protect victims and punish perpetrators are working. EIGE's latest report looks at how Member States collect this data and provides recommendations to improve the way it's done. Read our main report and technical report [here](#)

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## Good to know

### Gender-balanced parliaments: another 12 years away?



The share of women in the houses of national parliaments across the EU has slowly risen from 24 % to 31 % over the last 10 years. Without further action, it could take another 12 years to see at least 40% of women in national parliaments across the EU. Find all the facts in our Gender Statistics Database [here](#)

### Get awarded for your gender equality initiative



The European Economic and Social Committee is dedicating its annual Civil Society Prize to gender equality initiatives in the area of economic and social life. A total of EUR 50 000 will be awarded to a maximum of five winners. Send your application by 6 September 2019, 10.00 CEST for a chance to win. More details [here](#)

### Let's talk gender!

#### ***June definition: Gender pay gap***

It refers to the difference between the average



hourly salaries of women and men. Read the full definition and more in our [Glossary and Thesaurus](#).

## Join our team

### Procurement Assistant



Do you have solid knowledge of public procurement procedures? Are you a team player? Do you have good attention to detail? If so, this position might be for you! Check out the conditions and send your application by 25 June 2019, 13.00 EET. [More details](#)

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