

## Gender equality in focus



## Gender equality in the time of the coronavirus

Pandemics like Covid-19 have consequences for gender equality. From increased violence against women because of imposed lockdown measures to extra pressure on healthcare workers - most of whom are women. With our new webpage, we aim to raise awareness of some of the gendered impacts on our society in light of this global pandemic. Explore it [here](#).

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**Latest news**

# Let's step up our efforts to end domestic violence



Since the start of coronavirus lockdowns, there has been a reported surge in domestic violence. EIGE and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights call on the EU and its Member States to use the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity to step up their efforts to protect women's rights. Read the joint statement [here](#).

## Helplines for victims of violence in the EU

The infographic features a red coronavirus icon and the EIGE logo. It includes a table of helpline numbers for various EU countries.

Country	Helpline
Austria (AT)	0800 222 250 / 714 004
Belgium (BE)	1712 / 6800 50 000 / 0253 43636
Bulgaria (BG)	116 116 (toll-free) / 022 070000 / 108 (sharmer)
Croatia (HR)	638 976 84
Cyprus (CY)	7400
Czechia (CZ)	116 006
Denmark (DK)	688 7 116 006
Estonia (EE)	116 006
Finland (FI)	080 800 000 / 116 006
France (FR)	9118 / 0800 90 90 90 / 216 006
Germany (DE)	0800 116 016 / 116 006
Greece (GR)	11000 / 210 200 (toll-free emergency)
Hungary (HU)	80 80 300 181
Italy (IT)	112
Latvia (LV)	1 800 541 700 / 116 006
Lithuania (LT)	870 74339 / 072 22922
Latvia (LV)	227 22922 / 116 116 / 116 006
Lithuania (LT)	8 800 66 344
Luxembourg (LU)	600 90731
Malta (MT)	116
Netherlands (NL)	0800 2000 / 116 006
Poland (PL)	800 1000 02 / 800 66 34 66
Portugal (PT)	800 202 748 / 116 006 / 3040 (24hrs service)
Romania (RO)	0800 300 333 / 916 143 814
Slovakia (SK)	0800 212 212
Slovenia (SI)	800 51 50
Spain (ES)	916 / 643 916 136
Sweden (SE)	020 54 50 50 / 116 006

During lockdown, home can be a very dangerous place for women, if they are stuck with an abusive partner. EIGE has prepared a list of helplines for victims of violence in the EU Member States. These lines are open during the coronavirus outbreak for anyone in danger. Find it [here](#).

## Europe needs to fulfil its gender equality commitments



The Beijing Platform for Action is 25 years old but countries are still a long way off from achieving women's empowerment. Europe has several gender equality challenges needing immediate attention. These include tackling the gender pay gap, the unequal sharing of unpaid care work and gender-based violence. Read more [here](#).

## New Publications

### Gender Equality Index 2019: translated factsheets

See where your country stands among other EU Member States in gender equality in our country factsheets, now available in your national language! The Gender Equality Index is our unique measurement tool, which shows gender equality challenges, achievements and areas for improvement. Follow [this link](#) to find

yours.



## Beijing +25: fifth review of Beijing Platform for Action



EIGE has published policy briefs for each of the 12 critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action. From the environment to health, these new publications give an overview of gender equality challenges in each area and recommendations for policymakers. Read the briefing papers and the final report [here](#).

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## Good to know

### Let's talk gender!



#### **February definition: gender awareness**

Being gender aware means being able to view society from the perspective of gender roles and understand how this has affected women's needs in comparison to the needs of men. Search for more related terms in our gender equality [Glossary and Thesaurus](#).

### Gender Statistics Database



Did you know that 76% of healthcare workers in the EU are women? The Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have the highest percentages of women healthcare workers. Find more interesting statistics in EIGE's [Gender Statistics Database](#).

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## Open call

# Gender equality in transformed labour markets



EIGE is looking for a research provider to carry out a study on gender equality in labour markets transformed by artificial intelligence and platform work. Could this be your field of expertise? If yes, read more [here](#).

## External experts database - coming soon!



EIGE will soon open a call for expressions of interest to establish a list of external experts. We are looking for experts in gender mainstreaming, gender-based violence, research and statistics and communications. Check our [website](#) early May for more details.

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