

Memorandum of Understanding
between the European Commission (Eurostat)
and
the European Institute for Gender Equality
on
Gender Statistics

The European Commission (Eurostat),
as the Statistical Office of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as 'Eurostat'), and

the European Institute for Gender Equality (hereinafter referred to as 'EIGE'),

henceforth jointly referred to as 'Side' or collectively as 'the Sides';

Taking into account Decision No 1578/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, which provides for a memorandum of understanding between Eurostat and EIGE to be drawn up in order to define the practical modalities for cooperation;

Taking into account Regulation No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the European Council, which provides for the work programme of EIGE to be in line with European Union priorities in the field of gender equality and the work programme of the European Commission, including its statistical and research work;

Taking into account the EIGE mid-term work programme (2010-2012), which makes provision for cooperation with Eurostat with a view to making better use of existing data and information and to incorporating the gender dimension into neglected or less researched areas of surveys.

Will cooperate as follows:

1. Objectives

The overall objective of this cooperation is to help advance and improve gender statistics in the European Union and to establish complementarities and synergies with regard to methodologies, collections and dissemination.

Specific objectives:

- to encourage the harmonisation and gender mainstreaming of relevant statistical methodologies and to make gender statistics more comparable;
- to promote the collection of sex-disaggregated data and to encourage the collection of such data in areas where they are currently lacking;
- to foster the appropriate presentation, communication and dissemination of gender statistics.

2. Areas of cooperation

Cooperation will be based on respect for, and mutual understanding of, the structures, mandates, institutional capacities and internal policies of both Sides.

It will set out to foster the development of, and strengthen, the following areas, among others:

- exchange of data, methodologies and other statistical tools in the field of gender statistics;
- collaboration in developing methods to improve the objectivity, comparability and reliability of sex-disaggregated data at European level;
- assessment of how concepts and methods of data collection reflect gender issues, and identification of gaps in existing data collection programmes;
- coordination and collaboration in the collection of sex-disaggregated data from all relevant domains, including during the development phases of new statistics, with a view to monitoring gender gaps and other gender-related issues;
- support for the other Side's publications wherever relevant or necessary, and dissemination of publications to give a higher profile to gender statistics;
- sharing of expertise and experience related to gender statistics using both Sides' existing resources:
 - study visits;
 - working meetings;
 - on-the-job training;
 - participation in relevant activities.

3. Expenses

Each Side will bear its own costs for the above activities.

4. Review

Any amendment to the present Memorandum of Understanding will be decided between the Sides and will result in a written document signed by both Sides.

5. Duration and termination

The present Memorandum of Understanding takes effect from the date of signature by both Sides.

Either of the Sides may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding in writing with a three-month notice period.

6. Final Provisions

The two Sides will apply the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding on a voluntary basis.

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding are not intended to create legal rights or obligations under international law.

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