

Gender equality in focus

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GENDER EQUALITY INDEX 2017
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Get ready for the Gender Equality Index 2017!

Is gender equality in the EU getting better or worse? Which countries have progressed the most? Where do we need to improve? Find out all the answers and more from our Gender Equality Index 2017!

Watch the results live from Brussels on **11 October, 9:00 CEST** by tuning in to [our website](#)! Use the hashtag #EIGEIndex on social media for real time updates throughout the day!

Latest news

What will the Gender Equality Index 2017 tell us?



We will soon be ready to give an update on the status of gender equality in the EU. In this edition of the Gender Equality Index, we introduce several new elements, such as looking into social power in sports, media and

academia. This will help give a more accurate picture of the realities faced by women and men living in the EU. This Index also shows the trends in gender equality over the past ten years. Learn more about the new features [here](#)

Gender inequalities start in the classroom



The education system in the EU remains divided along gender lines, according to EIGE's upcoming studies. The challenges boil down to gender stereotypes, which shape and limit children's aspirations. This later impedes economic growth and career opportunities, especially for women. Read more [here](#)

Is female genital mutilation a problem for the EU?



Yes it is. Female genital mutilation is a severe form of gender-based violence that directly affects girls' and women's health. However, we still do not know how many are at risk in the EU. To find out, EIGE is working closely with six EU countries: Belgium, Cyprus, France,

Greece, Italy and Malta. Read more [here](#)

Let's look at decision-making in the research world



Who decides which research projects in the EU get funding? Who is at the top of science academies? Find the answers in EIGE's Gender Statistics Database. Two new indicators give a more complete picture on decision-making in the EU. Check out how gender balanced science

and research institutions are in your country [here](#)

Special newsletter on violence against women



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Enough is enough! Let's put an end to violence against women!



The signing of the Istanbul Convention by Commissioner Věra Jourová on 13 June 2017 marks an important step towards combating violence against women in the EU. Yet despite this progress, it remains one of the most widespread and damaging manifestations of gender inequality in the EU. In response to this awful reality, the European Commission is focusing this year on actions to combat violence against women. The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is proud to support this initiative with critical research and expertise.

This summer, EIGE released a special newsletter on violence against women, packed with news and useful resources on the topic. It has the latest information on our projects and recent publications, from cyber violence to uniform definitions on rape, femicide and intimate partner violence. Soon it will be

in all official EU languages.

Read the English version [here](#)

New publications

Gender budgeting makes good sense



Do you know about gender budgeting? EIGE's new publication shows it is good for transparency, accountability and inclusive growth. We have also started work on the topic and this month, organised an expert meeting in Finland as part of our new project on gender

budgeting in the European Investment and Structural Funds. More information is coming soon but in the meantime, find out all you need to know about gender budgeting [here](#)

Gender insights into the aging workforce



The workforce in the EU is ageing and this brings up different challenges for older women and men. A new report by four EU agencies focuses on age-friendly work and considers innovative solutions to ensure older workers stay active, skilled and employed. EIGE provided a

gender perspective on the issue.

Read more [here](#)

Jobs at EIGE

Traineeships

We are looking for enthusiastic trainees to join our team in a range of areas, from research to communications and stakeholder relations. If you have a university degree and are passionate about gender equality, apply by 17 October, 13:00 EET. [More details](#)

Seconded National Expert (SNE) – Gender-based violence

If you have in-depth knowledge about gender-based violence and are experienced in statistics and research data, this might be the job for you! This position is open to people working in the public sector. Make sure you submit your application by 2 October, 13:00 EET. [More details](#)

Seconded National Expert (SNE) - Gender Mainstreaming

Candidates should have a proven track record of working with gender mainstreaming and must be able to produce high quality analytical reports. This position is open to people working in the public sector. If the description matches your profile, apply by 11 October, 13:30 EET. [More details](#)

Good to know

Back to school – how satisfied are women and men with their education?



Student satisfaction is one area that is free from gender gaps! On a scale of 1 to 10, the average satisfaction level in the EU is 7.1 for women and 7.2 for men. Romania takes the crown as the Member State with the most satisfied citizens when it comes to their

education. Women in Denmark also show high levels of student satisfaction, as do men in Austria. To find out more about your country results, head to EIGE's Gender Statistics Database [here](#)

Upcoming events



11 October 2017

[Gender Equality Index 2017 Conference](#), Council of Europe, Brussels

12 October 2017

[20th Experts Forum Meeting](#), Hotel Thon Brussels City Centre, Brussels

Let's talk gender!



September definition: work-life balance

This means a balance between time spent at work and time devoted to personal and family life. Work-life balance measures are important for advancing women's careers and reducing

inequalities in the labour market.

Read more in our [Gender Equality Glossary & Thesaurus](#)

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