



# Online Discussion on key priorities for EIGE's Gender Statistics Database

**Date:** 13 December 2016  
**Time:** 10:00am to 16:00 (CEST)  
**Place:** [EuroGender](#)

**Agenda**

## 10.00 to 10.10: Welcome

**EIGE's Gender Statistics Database** (the Database) is a one-stop source to gender statistics data facilitating structured and user-friendly access to gender statistics information. It is aimed at coordinating, centralising and disseminating research data and statistics on gender equality in Europe. As a policy-monitoring tool, it also supports better informed policy making at EU and Member State levels.

Developed by the European Institute for Gender Equality and publicly launched in February 2016, the Database collected more than 77,000 external viewings so far.

The Database's user-friendly interface has been designed for both experienced statisticians and non-expert users. The content and functionalities allow the user to search and explore gender statistics using a keyword search or by choosing from a set of 6 predefined entry points. When possible, new data are uploaded automatically to ensure that the most recent and accurate information is always accessible.

It provides EU-wide, comparable and reliable gender statistics responding to an increasing call for gender specific and sensitive data. Currently the Database stores around 50,000 sex-disaggregated data observations from 2005 onwards. Nevertheless, if the original source provides data before 2005, this is still reported in the Database. Some series, such as employment, go back to the 1980s. The considered statistical data and metadata are extracted from international official data sources which provide data for the EU 28 Member States and IPA countries<sup>1</sup>. The comprised information has been adjusted to match the standard criteria defined by the European Statistical System and applied by Eurostat<sup>2</sup>.

## 10.10 to 12.00: Identifying key priorities

One of EIGE's aims is to keep Gender Statistics Database an up-to-date, useful and relevant tool for its users. Experts' meeting on EIGE's Gender Statistics Database held on 15 September 2016 (see [background document](#)) identified several action points for the future development of the Database, including:

- improving functionality of the Database,
- expanding its scope,
- linkage with existing data sources, and
- dissemination through briefing papers.

The large scope of identified improvements makes them difficult to implement at once. We would like to hear from you:

### Questions

- How **EIGE's Gender Statistics Database** meets your needs so far?

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<sup>1</sup> [Countries included in the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance](http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/agriculture/enlargement/e50020_en.htm)

<sup>2</sup> [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/social\\_protection/quality](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/social_protection/quality)

- Have we missed any important action that should be taken in relation to Gender Statistics Database?
- What actions should be taken by EIGE in the next 3 years to make Gender Statistics Database useful for you and your work?

## 12.00 to 13.00: Lunch break

## 13.00 to 14.30: Telling a story

In order to promote further the usage of the Gender Statistics Database, EIGE is planning to produce and disseminate regular briefing papers based on data collated in the Database. We want to identify potential scope and the key success factors for preparing briefing papers analyzing trends in data.

### Questions

- How useful do you find the briefing papers telling a story about gender statistics? In which context would you use them?
- How can we ensure that briefing paper about gender statistics will be most useful to you?
- Do you have examples of successful statistical briefing papers?

#### Task 1:

1. Go to [Gender Equality Index 2015: Estonia](#)
2. Download PDF document in English
3. Scroll through the document

#### Task 2:

1. Go to [Eurostat's statistics explained website 'Wages and labour costs'](#)
  2. Try to post the article on social media (Facebook, Twitter or Google+)
  3. Scroll through the document
  4. Download '**Source data for tables and figures (MS Excel)**' at the bottom of the page
- What did you noticed first while scrolling through the briefing papers?
  - Which format of statistical briefing papers was most user-friendly for you?
  - How important did you found being able to share or modify the data presented in briefing papers?

## 14:30 to 15:30: Linking with other data sources

During last Experts' group meeting on EIGE's Gender Statistics Database the participants raised the need to mainstream the Database into other publicly available resources maintained by other statistical producers.

### Questions

- How can we raise awareness on Gender Statistics Database at national and international level?
- Given that through the Gender Statistics Database EIGE is supporting national gender statistics<sup>3</sup>. What should be done by EIGE to further enhance such cooperation?
- What would be the best strategy to reach the support of national and international statistical producers in this action?

## 15.30 to 16.00: Q&A

Other questions/comments/suggestions the online audience would like to raise in connection to [EIGE's Gender Statistics Database](#).

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<sup>3</sup> The most prominent example is the dissemination of national statistics data on gender-based violence.