

Gender equality in focus



EIGE Gender Equality Forum 2022: Programme Announced

The programme for **EIGE's first-ever Gender Equality Forum (24-25 October)** is out! The Forum will feature the release of the 2022 Gender Equality Index. Participants will discuss COVID-19's impact on the economy, the care sector, intersecting inequalities, crises and preparedness, gender-based cyber violence and much more. Check out the #EGEF2022 programme [here](#).

Latest News

EIGE joins other EU Agencies in supporting Ukrainian victims in most vulnerable situations

Displaced women and children are experiencing stress, trauma and health



implications (particularly for pregnant women) and are at a greater risk of gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and trafficking with limited or no access to resources and services. Based on the crisis at hand, EIGE will be working on two main areas. Read more [here](#).

EIGE's visit to Austria: the importance of comparable data to measure and fight femicides



To fight crimes of femicide - when a woman is killed because of her gender – it is key to identify and count cases accurately. Recent meetings between EIGE, the EU knowledge centre on gender equality, and the Austrian government provide insights on approaches taken in Austria and underline the importance of implementing legislation and improving data collection practices on femicide across the EU. Learn more [here](#).

EIGE's visit to Spain: economic growth and gender equality go hand in hand



Improving gender equality is one of the key ways to improve a country's economy. That is one of the messages which resonated during the recent meetings between the EIGE and Irene Montero, Spain's Minister for Equality. Placing **gender equality at the heart of an economy that truly works for all** was also addressed by Antonia Morillas, Director of Spain's Instituto de las Mujeres "to strengthen the feminist agenda in the EU against misogyny and hate speech which is advancing". Read the full piece [here](#).

Publications

More women on company boards needed: new EIGE data shows sluggish progress

Efforts to **achieve gender balance in business and finance** are losing momentum as governments waver on introducing hard quotas to boardrooms, according to EIGE's



latest data. Ensuring that women are in decision-making positions within business and finance is a decisive step towards achieving greater gender equality in our society. Download our latest statistical brief [here](#).

Gender balance in politics: data reveals lack of parity prevails at all levels



Countries with legislated quotas could achieve gender balance in parliaments by 2026, but those without may take close to twenty years. Over the last two decades, gender balance (quota of at least 40 % of each gender) has improved in EU Member States' parliaments. And the application of legislative quotas that aims to ensure a minimum proportion of each gender among candidates has played a key role. Download our new statistical brief [here](#).

Almost 1 in 2 women in the EU have experienced psychological violence



EIGE's latest report on coercive control and psychological violence across the EU Member States proves high prevalence. However, increased criminalisation measures are starting to be put in place. More needs to be done. The implications of psychological violence and coercive control are deeply profound on women victims, where risk of suicide, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are particularly rife. Learn more [here](#).

EIGE launches enhanced Gender Equality in Academia and Research (GEAR) tool



In April 2022, EIGE launched an **enhanced Gender Equality in Academia and Research (GEAR) tool**, offering more tailored advice to research and innovation organisations. This update extends guidance beyond universities and research-performing organisations to give

wider audiences access to a simpler way of making gender equality plans part of their institutional strategies. Discover the tool [here](#).

Good to know

EIGE Management Board News



EIGE welcomes new MB members for a 6th term and the election of Tanja Auvinen as the new Chair of the Board and salutes Lenita Freidenvall for the end of her mandate as EIGE's Management Board Chair. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Over to you: take part in EIGE's public consultation!



We are always open to your thoughts and views. For our ongoing second independent evaluation, we will collect your opinions on EIGE's work for the period 2015 - 2020 and new ideas for the Institute's future activities. Don't worry though, you've got until **September 1!** To participate to the survey click [here](#).

Let's talk gender



July definition: coercive control

This describes a strategic course of oppressive conduct that is typically characterised by frequent physical abuse and sexual coercion in combination with tactics to intimidate, degrade, isolate and control victims. Explore EIGE's Glossary and Thesaurus [here](#).

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