

Launch of EIGE's Gender Equality Index 2015

25 June 2015

9:00-16:00

Belgian Royal Museums of Art and History's Auditorium and Foyer

Agenda

9:00-9:30 Opening session

Virginija Langbakk, Director, EIGE

Vera Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Lydia Mutsch, Minister of Equal Opportunities, Luxembourg

Ulrike Lunacek, Vice-president, European Parliament (TBC)

9:30-11:00 Session 1

Update of the Gender Equality Index, main trends and relevance at EU and national level

Presentation: EIGE

Moderator: member of EIGE's Management Board (TBC)

Panellists: CY representative (TBC)

SI representative (TBC)

IE representative (TBC)

DE representative (TBC)

IT representative (TBC)

This session presents the updated methodology for the domain of work and reveals the scores of the Gender Equality Index at three different time points: 2005, 2010 and 2012. The update also includes scores for Croatia, following its accession to the EU in 2013. A breakdown by domain and sub domain is provided, highlighting where progress has been made and where scores remain most problematic.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-11:40 Opening speech

Reinis Uzulnieks, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia

11:40-13:00 Session 2

Gender Equality Index in a broader context

Presentation: EIGE

Moderator: Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission

Panellists:

- Agnès Hubert, associate researcher at PRESAGE Science Po

- Baudouin Baudru, Head of Cabinet, DG EMPLOY
- Viviane Teitelbaum, President, European Women's Lobby
- Wendy Sigle, London School of Economics
- World Economic Forum (TBC)
- Polish Secretary of State (TBC)

Gender equality is a stand-alone goal, but also need to be incorporated into other policy areas. This section examines the Gender Equality Index scores in relation to economic growth (GDP), social protection expenditure, rates of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET), formal childcare provision, women's representation in academia and health care expenditure. In addition, to show the relevance of a composite indicator targeted at the EU context, such as the Gender Equality Index, its results are compared with those of the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Index.

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Session 3

Towards a composite measure of violence against women

Presentation: EIGE

Moderator: Joanna Maycock, Secretary General, European Womens' Lobby (TBC)

Panellists:

- Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele, Head of Equality Division, DG of Democracy, Council of Europe
- Sylvia Walby, OBE, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University
- DJ JUST(TBC)
- Eurostat (TBC)
- FRA (TBC)
- WAVE (TBC)

This section presents an overview of a first attempt to develop a composite indicator that measures direct violence against women across the EU and can act as a tool that can support the monitoring of progress in the eradication of violence against women. Scores are therefore provided only in relation to the EU average due to concerns over data reliability. Results are then contextualised using other relevant indicators, including attitudes surrounding the general acceptability of violence against women, awareness of incidents of violence against women within the social environment, as well as the level of trust in police and justice institutions.

16:00-16:30 Closing session

Virginija Langbakk, Director, EIGE

Salla Saastamoinen, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission

16:30-17:30 Networking and coffee