

## **Current developments at EIGE for EU candidate and potential candidate countries**

### **Online Discussion, EuroGender**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**9.00 to 17.00 CET** (Central European Time. Please check time according to your location)

### **Background**

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) invites you to engage in an online discussion on the work of and resources developed by EIGE. We hope that your participation, questions, and ideas will enable a better and broader knowledge of the resources developed by EIGE and will allow a better understanding of how they could most effectively be used in the EU candidate and potential candidate countries.

EIGE has, since 2013, been implementing a project to involve the six Western Balkans countries and Turkey, as potential EU Member States, in its work. The first year of cooperation was focused on establishing relations and enabling the pre-accession countries to get to know EIGE and how it operates. This second year of cooperation aims to achieve one or more concrete results with each partner country in relation to the various resources developed by EIGE.

The purpose of the online event is to highlight and provide information on EIGE's work and resources in a range of fields related to gender equality. The online event will also allow an exploration of the potential in and barriers to using these resources in the region.

The online discussion will involve seven discrete sessions. Each session will present information on a key area of EIGE's work and allow for questions and discussion with the chief EIGE expert in the particular. The areas of work that will provide a focus for the discussion are: the Gender Equality Index; gender mainstreaming; gender training; men and gender equality; gender based violence; the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU; and EuroGender and the EIGE Resource and Documentation Centre.

The information provided, the questions posed, and the discussions will be disseminated widely in a report summarizing the outcomes of the online event.

## Agenda

### 9.00 to 9.05: Welcome

*Welcome and Introduction*

### 9.05 to 10.00: The Gender Equality Index

EIGE's Gender Equality Index provides a comprehensive map of gender gaps across the Member States of the European Union. The first Gender Equality Index Report was published in 2013. The objective of this work is not only to measure gender equality but also to allow an analysis over time. The next report will be launched in 2015.

The index consists of eight domains. The six core domains are work (with sub domains of participation, segregation and quality of work), money (with sub domains of financial resources and economic situation), knowledge (with sub domains of educational attainment, segregation, and lifelong learning), time (with sub domains of economic activities, social activities, and care activities), power (with sub domains of political, social and economic), and health (with sub domains of status, behaviour and access). The two satellite domains are violence (with sub domains of direct and indirect) and intersecting inequalities (with sub domains of age, citizenship, disability, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and social class).

*Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the Gender Equality Index?
- What are your future plans for the Gender Equality Index?

*Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the Gender Equality Index?
- What potential does the Gender Equality Index hold in your country?
- What difficulties would you have in making use of the Gender Equality Index in your country?

### 10.00 to 11.00: Gender Mainstreaming

Gender mainstreaming is a strategy to achieve equality between women and men. It involves the integration of gender concerns into all policies and programmes of the European institutions and of the Member States.

EIGE has developed and disseminated a database of methods and tools for gender mainstreaming in selected areas. Basic criteria for identifying practice with potential were established and a database of good practice in gender mainstreaming in selected areas has been developed and disseminated.

*Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the resources have you developed to support gender mainstreaming?
- What are your future plans for supporting gender mainstreaming?

### *Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the resources available for gender mainstreaming?
- What is the potential for using these resources in your country?
- What difficulties would you have in making use of these resources?

### **11.00 to 12.00: Gender Training**

Gender training has a key role to play in building the competence of policy-makers and public administrations to implement gender mainstreaming.

EIGE has gathered a database of good practice in gender training. A gender training resources database has been created with generic and tailor-made tools and resources developed at Member State, EU and international levels. A database of gender trainers has been established with up-to-date profiles of gender trainers and organisations providing gender training in the EU. EIGE is currently preparing 'Guidelines for Gender Equality Competence Development Initiatives'.

### *Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the resources you have developed to support gender training?
- What are your future plans for supporting gender training?

### *Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the resources available for gender training?
- What is the potential for using these resources in your country?
- What difficulties would you have in making use of these resources?

### **12.00 to 13.00: LUNCH BREAK**

### **13.00 to 14.00: Men and Gender Equality**

The inclusion of men in gender equality work builds ownership of the issue and also acknowledges men's gender issues. EIGE has taken a dual approach with specific activities on men and gender equality and action to integrate men's perspectives in its research and consultation work when relevant.

EIGE has published a study on the involvement of men in gender equality initiatives in the European Union. The study maps the stakeholders whose activities contribute to a more effective involvement of men in the promotion of gender equality. A database of these stakeholders was developed.

### *Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the resources you have developed on men and gender equality?
- What are your future plans for activities on men and gender equality?

### *Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the resources developed on men and gender equality?
- What is the potential for using these resources in your country?
- What difficulties would you have in making use of these resources?

#### **14.00 to 15.00: Gender Based Violence**

Gender based violence is one of the most pervasive human rights violations of our time. This is violence directed against a person because of their gender. EIGE has focused on domestic violence, female genital mutilation and sexual violence.

EIGE has conducted studies on domestic violence and created databases on resources, methods and tools, good practice and actors in the field of preventing and responding to domestic violence. It has developed databases on resources, methods and tools and good practices in combating female genital mutilation. It has conducted a study on and created databases in relation to sexual violence. These focus on materials for professionals, materials for victims, awareness raising campaigns, actors working on sexual violence, NGOs and their resources, national studies, and international resources.

##### *Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the resources you have developed on gender based violence?
- What are your future plans for supporting work on gender based violence?

##### *Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the resources developed in this field of gender-based violence?
- What is the potential for using these resources in your country?
- What difficulties would you have in making use of these resources?

#### **15.00 to 16.00: Beijing Platform for Action in the EU**

The Beijing Platform for Action covers twelve critical areas of concern: women and poverty; education and training of women; women and health; violence against women; women and armed conflict; women and the economy; women in power and decision-making; institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women; human rights of women; women and the media; women and the environment; and the girl-child.

EIGE supported the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU by preparing an overall review of developments in these twelve critical areas of concern at EU level since 2010. EIGE has also prepared a series of studies on specific critical areas of concern for previous Presidencies of the Council of the EU. The most recent was on the 'Effectiveness of Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Gender Equality'. Future EU Presidencies will focus on women in decision-making (Luxembourg), women in poverty, and women and human rights.

*Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the work you have done on monitoring the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU?
- What are your future plans for monitoring the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU and beyond?

*Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the resources developed in this monitoring of the Beijing Platform for Action in the EU?
- What is the potential for using or applying these resources in your country?
- What difficulties would you have in using or applying these resources?

**16.00 to 17.00: Resource and Documentation Centre**

EIGE's Resource and Documentation Centre includes an e-library, serves as a knowledge centre, and operates the EuroGender Network. The e-library gives access to more than 240,000 resources on gender equality, including books, reports, articles, documents and databases. The knowledge centre provides access to the statistics and the databases on methods and tools, resources, good practice and actors developed by EIGE. The EuroGender Network provides an online space for policy-makers, experts and researchers to discuss and exchange expertise on gender equality issues.

*Opening Interview with EIGE expert*

- Can you tell us a bit about the Resource and Documentation Centre?
- What are your future plans for the Resource and Documentation Centre?

*Plenary Discussion*

- What further clarification would participants like on the Resource and Documentation Centre?
- What is the potential does the Resource and Documentation Centre have for you?
- What difficulties would you have in making use of the Resource and Documentation Centre?