



# Experts' meeting on EIGE's Gender Statistics Database

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## Concept note

EIGE's goal is to assist EU institutions and the Member States in the collection, analysis and dissemination of reliable and comparable information and data on equality between women and men. Policy makers can use this data to create better policies that contribute to the creation of equal opportunities for women and men in all areas of life.

EIGE aims to keep its gender statistics database relevant, up-to-date and easy to use. To do this, we need to consult with:

- Users - in order to understand and better address their needs
- Statistical producers/providers - by establishing and/or consolidating partnerships, which will contribute to mainstreaming gender into statistics.

The creation of the gender statistics database has been a participatory process that is ongoing today. The first experts' meeting on the gender statistics database in February 2015 gave valuable feedback on the database's interface, functionalities and content. Through its engagement and valuable contribution, this group of experts has been providing technical support to EIGE with the goal of improving the gender statistics database.

In February 2016, EIGE published the database on its website. In November 2016, another meeting was held to reflect on the progress of the database so far and discuss the challenges ahead. This meeting focused on the areas of women and men in decision-making, gender-based violence and the glossary and thesaurus keyword search.

In order to further improve EIGE's gender statistics database (in terms of both content, i.e. new data and indicators, and the interface), keep it up to date and relevant, EIGE seeks to continue this valuable dialogue in a 2017 expert meeting. The focus of this meeting will be on the following areas:

- The latest developments on database activities (content and indicators);
- A proposal for a gender-based violence entry point;
- Improved conceptual approach towards the update of the Beijing and Gender Equality Index entry points;
- Quality criteria established for the gender statistics database;
- Updated data collection on women and men in decision making (including two new indicators and a new dimension on science and research, gender sensitive parliaments and a new European Economic and Social Committee breakdown).

Each of these topics will be discussed as separate items on the agenda and will be introduced with a presentation from EIGE. After this, there will be an open discussion and experts will be asked for their feedback.

The findings from this expert meeting will help improve and consolidate quality criteria on EIGE's gender statistics database and will inform a restructured database tree that provides better accessibility and visibility to EIGE's work on gender-based violence.