

Agenda

**EIGE-Civil  
Society Annual  
Consultation  
Meeting**

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Vilnius**

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# 20 February (Day 1)

Venue: Hotel Artis, Vilnius

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:45 Opening & Plenary session led by EIGE staff

Welcome  
Overview of EIGE activities and cooperation with CSOs in 2017  
Outlook of EIGE activities and cooperation with CSOs for 2018–2019

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Parallel sessions led by EIGE staff. Topics:

## Work-life balance in the Gender Equality Index 2019

Gender Equality Index 2019 will be focusing on gender equality in the framework of work-life balance which is high in EU political agenda. The next Index will provide overview of the trends of gender equality in the EU, but it will also look deeper into connections between few domains (such as time use and work) and work-life balance policies and outcomes. The session will focus on discussing which aspects of work-life balance are particularly important to incorporate into this analysis.

## Opportunities and risks of digitalization for young people in the area of gender equality

In the context of the Austrian presidency, EIGE's report for the monitoring of the Beijing Platform for Action will focus on gender, youth and digitalization. The research will combine quantitative data, focus group discussions and experts' interviews. The goal is to explore young people's access, usage and skills related to digital technologies. How do they promote greater equality? What kind of gender-specific risks do they pose? Digitalization and youth is high on EU political agenda, however, policies on children and youth, in particular, those tackling challenges related to digitalization and participation usually do not address gender issues. The session will focus on discussing policy initiatives that are focusing on youth and digitalization from a gender perspective.

## Gender-sensitive parliament tool

Women are still underrepresented in political decision-making and continue to face a set of obstacles when trying to access the political arena. In this context, the issue of gender-sensitive parliaments is highly relevant. Parliaments are in the position to start and/or continue political processes and policies aimed at making women's representation effective. EIGE has developed a self-assessment tool that helps to collect empirical data to measure the 'gender-sensitivity' of a Parliament in terms of their organization and work. The tool has undergone a pilot phase and will become public in June 2018. This session will present the main aspects of the tool and discuss ways to promote its use.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 Plenary session led by EC (DG JUST/DG EAC) representatives (video conference)

## Capacity building of CSOs and opportunities of ERASMUS+

The sustainability of funding and resources is a constant challenge for civil society organizations. The session aims at exploring the opportunities of the European Union's ERASMUS+ program for strengthening the capacity of CSOs, in particular through providing grants for activities and supporting project partnerships in the fields of academic and vocational training, schools, adult learning.

14:30 – 15:00 Plenary session led by European Women's Lobby  
Women and Power

15:00 – 15:30 Plenary session led by Social Platform  
Informal care and its gender dimension

15:30 – 15:50 Coffee break

15:50 – 16:20

Plenary session led by MenEngage Europe

Engaging boys and men in gender justice in Europe

16:20 – 16:50

Plenary session led by EIGE staff

## Communicating gender equality

When it comes to launching EIGE's studies, we prepare a communications package with targeted messages, press releases, infographics, videos and social media posts. EIGE's communications team will present the launch package for #EIGEIndex 2017, the communications priorities for the year ahead and open up the discussion for new synergies in 2018.

16:50 – 17:00

Final remarks and closing, session led by EIGE staff

19:00 – 21:00

Networking dinner at the restaurant La Boheme, Totoriq g. 25

# 21 February (Day 2)

Venue: EIGE's premises, Vilnius

09:00 – 10:15

Bilateral meeting with EU Women's Lobby

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45

Bilateral meeting European Economic and Social Committee

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch at the restaurant of Novotel Vilnius Centrum Hotel

13:30 – 14:30

Meeting with MenEngage Europe

14:30 – 15:45

Meeting with Social Platform

15:45 – 16:15

Plenary session (wrap-up of the annual EIGE-CSOs meeting), session led by EIGE staff

Coffee and snacks (take-away) offered on site