Engaging Men for Gender Equality

On-line discussion agenda

Date: 18 September 2015
Time: 09.00am to 3.00pm (CET)
Place: EuroGender

The aim of the on-line discussion is to look at how gender stereotypes affect men. We hope to get information from participants about interesting policies, programmes and practices in their countries which have dealt with stereotypes, attitudes and norms. We would like to hear your thoughts on efficiency of awareness-raising in changing the stereotypes.

09:00 to 10:30 How do women and men spend their time? Why so?

In June 2015 EIGE launched its second edition of the Gender Equality Index. There have been minor changes compared to the first Index. One of the areas where we have the biggest gaps is in the domain of time.

Index reveals that the overall score for the domain of time in the EU in 2015 is 37.6 where 100 refers to full equality and 1 to full inequality. What do the subdomains show us?

There is an old textbook for schools which, in the chapter speaking about family, said: Men's home is the world. Women's world is their home. We believe we have moved forward from this, but there are still reasons why the time use is so different.

How do you see it? How much can you attribute to the gender stereotypes? Are there any interesting practices, research done in your countries?

11:00 to12:30 Are men really falling behind in schools?

The overall score for gender equality index in the domain of knowledge is 49.1 in 2012 and there are significant differences in Member States. This score shows huge gaps between women and men. Where do they come from?
In the domain we were looking at segregation in education, graduates in tertiary education under the domain of attainment and segregation. We were looking also at the participation in life-long learning.

Are there any interesting initiatives in your country to encourage boys to be more engaged in schools? What else could be done?

**13:30 to 15:00  Violence in men’s lives – is it inevitable?**

Men’s lives are often linked to violence. Most of men have experienced it. Mostly it is perpetrated by other men. Men are also the main perpetrators in violence against women. What causes men to be violent? Stereotypes? Does the society normalize violence? What can be men’s role to change these stereotypes?

Are there any interesting initiatives in your countries to break the cycle of violence? What effect have these had?