

# EU Gender Equality Framework: Essential Legislation, Policies and Parliamentary Actions

## EU Legislation, Political Recommendations and European Parliament Resolutions on Gender Equality

In addition to the [European Commission's websites](#), there are key EU legislative acts, political recommendations, and resolutions of the European Parliament that are highly relevant to gender equality policies.

Below is an essential selection (with official links) divided by category.

### Key EU Directives

- Directive (EU) 2024/1385 on violence against women and domestic violence (the first comprehensive EU law on the subject) [[EUR-Lex](#)]
- Directive (EU) 2023/970 on pay transparency to enforce the principle of equal pay [[EUR-Lex](#)]
- Directive (EU) 2022/2381 on improving gender balance among directors of listed companies [[EUR-Lex](#)]

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## Council Decisions (Istanbul Convention – EU Accession)

- Decision (EU) 2023/1075 – conclusion of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), on behalf of the EU institutions [[EUR-Lex](#)]
- Decision (EU) 2023/1076 – conclusion of the same Convention concerning judicial cooperation, asylum and non-refoulement [[EUR-Lex](#)]

## Acts and Positions of the European Parliament

- Resolution of 21 January 2021 on the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020–2025 (2019/2169(INI)) [[European Parliament](#)]
- Resolution of 24 June 2021 on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the EU (2020/2215(INI)) [[European Parliament](#)]
- Legislative resolution of 24 April 2024 on the Directive on Violence Against Women (VAW) (first reading) – stages and content of the text later adopted in 2024 [[European Parliament](#)]
- Recommendation of 19 December 2024 to the Council on the EU priorities for the 69th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW) [[EUR-Lex](#)]

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