
Key Institutions and Agencies

Advancing Gender Equality in Europe

Institutions and Agencies of the European Union

European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Link: <https://eige.europa.eu>

It is the EU's specialised agency based in Vilnius (Lithuania).

Mission: to collect data, develop indicators, and support the European Commission and Member States in integrating the gender perspective (gender mainstreaming).

Main activities:

- Manages the Gender Equality Index and the Gender Statistics Database.
- Publishes annual thematic reports (e.g. gender-based violence, work–life balance).
- Provides practical tools and guidelines to integrate the gender dimension into public policies.

European Commission – DG JUST (Justice and Consumers)

Link: https://commission.europa.eu/justice-and-fundamental-rights/gender-equality_en

It is the Directorate-General of the European Commission responsible for gender equality, anti-discrimination, and fundamental rights policies.

Coordinates:

- The EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020–2025.

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- Directives on equal pay, pay transparency, gender-based violence, and gender balance in company boards.
- The CERV Programme (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values).

European Parliament – Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)

Link: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/femm/home>

It is the parliamentary committee responsible for gender equality and women’s rights.

Main competences:

- Legislative initiatives on equality, rights, and gender-based violence.
- Political resolutions and recommendations on the Commission’s gender strategies.
- Monitoring of EU and international policies on women’s rights.

Council of Europe – Gender Equality Division

Link: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality>

It is not an EU institution but a pan-European organisation (46 member states) based in Strasbourg.

Manages:

- The Gender Equality Commission (GEC).
- The implementation of the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women.
- International cooperation projects on gender equality.

European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) – Women Entrepreneurship

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Link: <https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/eit-women-entrepreneurship>
Promotes female entrepreneurship and gender inclusion in the technology and innovation sectors.

Networks and Support Programmes

- **CERV Programme – Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values**

Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/cerv>
Funds projects on gender equality, fundamental rights, and democratic participation.

- **EWL – European Women’s Lobby**

Link: <https://womenlobby.org>
The largest European network of women’s rights NGOs, recognised by EU institutions.

- **Gender Equality Advisory Panel (GEAP) – Horizon Europe**

Link: <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu>
Advisory group assisting the European Commission in integrating the gender dimension into research.

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