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Gender equality priorities and
activities



Priority

- Promoting effectiveness of Institutional mechanisms for accelerating *de facto* gender equality

De facto gender equality is a crucial element of democracy and a prerequisite for the full enjoyment of human rights, for economic growth and for competitiveness.



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Council Conclusions

“The Effectiveness of Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality”

Review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Council Conclusions

- **Concrete actions to be taken by the Member States:**
 - Gender equality institutional mechanisms located at highest possible level;
 - sufficient personal resources, clearly defined mandates and relevant powers and resources to fulfil the mandate;
 - existence and usage of easily applicable tools and methods for gender mainstreaming;
 - coordination of activities, synergies of efforts, involvement of social partners;
 - awareness raising and strengthened knowledge in gender equality and gender mainstreaming.

Council Conclusions

- Improving the production, dissemination and use of comparable, reliable, regularly updated statistics disaggregated by sex in all relevant areas, in particular where this data is still missing

New indicator on production and dissemination of statistics disaggregated by sex



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High Level Conference

“Gender Equality *de facto* as a Contribution to Reaching Europe 2020 targets”

Aim - to discuss changes and challenges of institutional mechanisms in the EU Member States and beyond, the ways of improving their effectiveness towards accelerating substantial gender equality, to share good practices and lessons learned as well as the added value of gender mainstreaming and gender impact assessment.

September 13
Vilnius



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Meeting of the High Level Group on Gender Mainstreaming

Working meeting of senior officials to discuss a wide range of issues in the field of gender equality during the next 6 months both at the EU and at global levels, as well as present the latest developments in the Member States and in the EU

September 11-12

Vilnius

Priority

Balanced participation in decision making

Women still make up a minority in leading positions of the biggest companies, in the highest positions in science and research, in particular in technologies and other natural sciences.



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Draft Directive on improving the gender balance among directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures

- Aim of the proposal - improving gender balance in economic decision making. Main points:
 - -quantitative objectives
 - - timeframe
 - - selection procedures
- LT PRES seeks progress in the negotiations with the view of finding agreement on the Council's level



High Level Conference “Structural Change Promoting Gender Equality in Research Organisations”

Aim – to enable and enhance the dialogue and knowledge sharing between relevant stakeholders from the EU and beyond on the promotion of women in the highest positions in science and research.

November 21-22

Vilnius



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Thank you

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