



European judicial systems

Efficiency and quality of justice

2022 edition (2020 data)

International Conference on Women's Access to Justice



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Composed of **qualified experts from all the 46 member States** of the Council of Europe, the CEPEJ develops **tools** and proposes **concrete measures** to **improve** the efficiency and the quality of the public service of justice

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Promotes **the effective implementation of Council of Europe's norms and standards** in the field of justice

Contributes to **the optimisation of judicial time management** in national courts

Offers **effective solutions** to the States to **prevent violations of Article 6** of the European Convention on Human Rights and reduce the number of applications to the ECtHR



46 Member States and entities

+3 observers

20 Months to collect, check and analyse data, to draft the report and to build the internet database

Main topics:

- Budget
- Justice professionals
- Court organisation
- Court users
- ICT
- Efficiency and quality

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Facilitating Women's Access to Justice



France

Possibility for the health professional to report domestic violence without the victim's consent (2020)

Poland

Accelerated procedure (2020)

JUDICIAL REFORMS on Domestic Violence



Some examples:

Armenia

2020-2022 Strategy for human rights protection includes the creation of support centers and shelters for survivors of domestic violence

France

Circular September 2021: strengthening of the coordination of the victim support network

Malta

National Domestic Violence Strategy drafted in collaboration with a broad cross-section of stakeholders and launched in 2021

Republic of Moldova

2018-23 National Strategy on prevention and combating domestic violence (multisectoral cooperation and data collection)



COURT USERS: Special Favourable Arrangements



Some examples



Finland: special support available for immigrant women and victims of sex offences

France: Pilot project to increase support to victims of domestic violence by allowing them to lodge their complaints in the hospitals

Norway: victims of rape, human trafficking and Female genital mutilation and domestic violence are entitled to the assistance of counsel paid by the State

Poland: compulsory advice and psychological support to the victims of sexual violence and domestic violence

Slovenia: obligation of state institutions to inform the victims on possibilities of help, support and on their rights

SPECIALISED COURTS



Spain

- Courts for violence against women
- Criminal courts specialized in violence against women

Scotland

Domestic abuse courts
(specialist in nature, they use specialist procedure under the jurisdiction of Sheriff Courts)

TRAINING AND AWARENESS on Domestic Violence



Belgium

Training on sexual and intra-family violence made compulsory for all magistrates



Republic of Moldova

- Pre-service and in-service training of the professionals engaged in the prevention and combating of domestic violence based on a common vision at the state level
- Strengthening the education system to ensure the education of new generations from the perspective of gender equality values and a non-violent communication culture;

TRAINING within prosecution offices

Some examples

Austria: Trainings in areas of domestic violence and sexual violence part of initial and continuous trainings

Ireland: The Sexual Offences Unit is a developing specialist unit in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Phase one was commenced in April 2021)

Lithuania: District Prosecutor's Offices have prosecutors specialized in domestic violence

Portugal: In some sections, specialized integrated sections on domestic violence especially aimed at cases of domestic violence where minors involved

Spain: compulsory training for magistrates at the Courts of Violence against Women and for judges to access selective or specialisation tests



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Member States

in which prosecution offices have prosecutors who are specially trained in areas of domestic violence and sexual violence

Croatia, Serbia, Spain
and North Macedonia:
training also for judges



GENDER EQUALITY

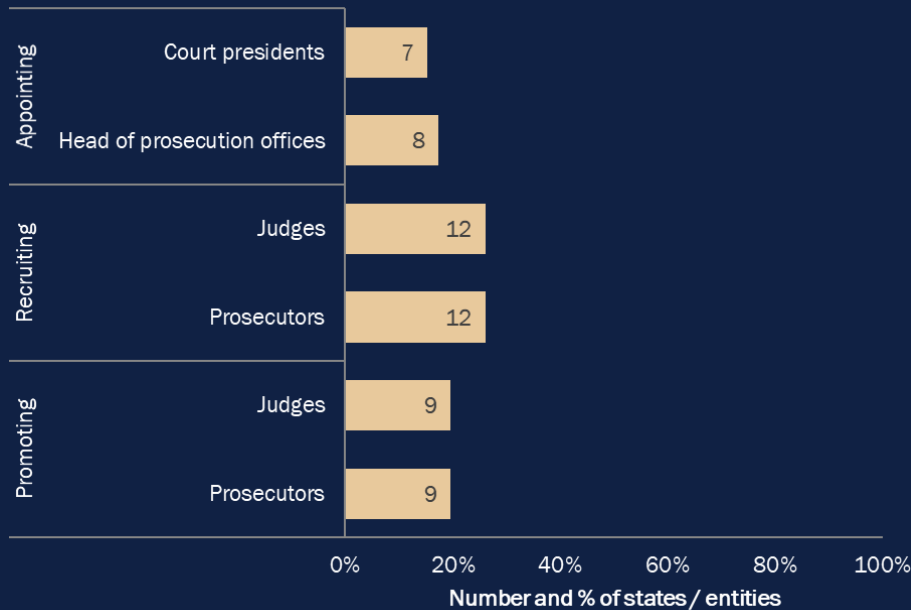


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States and Entities have an **overarching document** (e.g. policy/strategy/action plan/program) **on gender equality** that applies **specifically to the judiciary**

GENDER EQUALITY

Specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the procedures for recruiting and promoting judges and prosecutors and for appointing court presidents and heads of prosecution offices



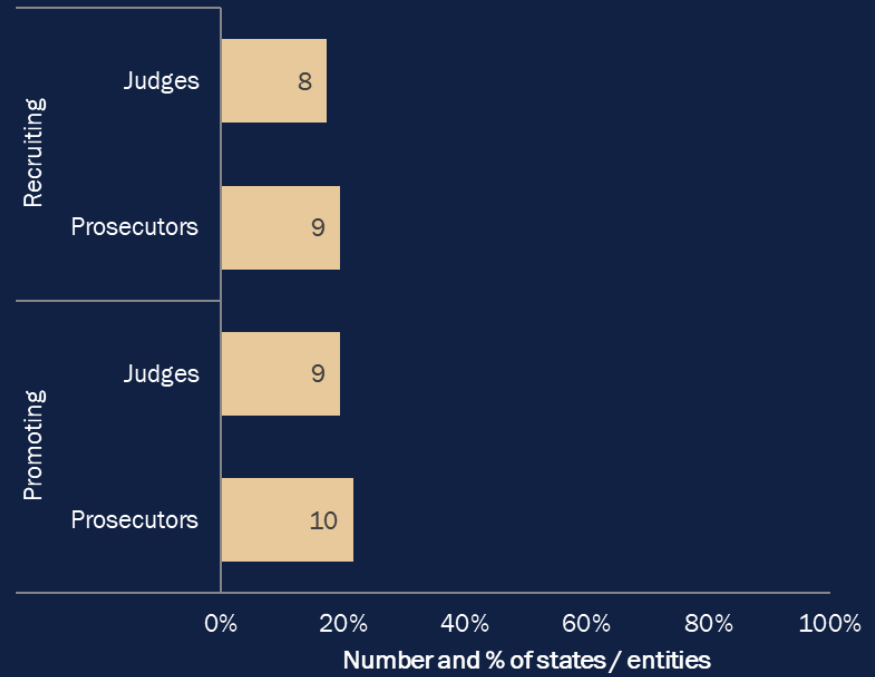
There are still few States and entities in which specific measures have been implemented in favour of gender parity in the procedures for judges and prosecutors.



GENDER EQUALITY



**Specific person
(e.g. an equal
opportunities
commissioner)
/institution dealing with
gender issues in the
justice system
at national level**





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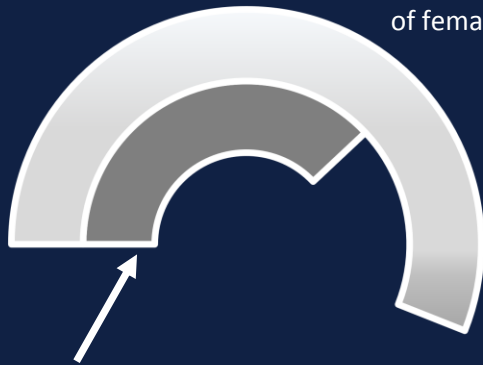
Person (e.g. an equal opportunities commissioner)/institution specifically dedicated to ensure the respect of gender equality in the organisation of judicial work at the court or public prosecution services level



There is no change compared to 2018 data

PROFESSIONALS (Gender Equality)

Professional Judges / Court presidents



56 %

of female professional judges

38 %

of female court presidents

Glass ceiling still exists!

Distribution of professional judges by gender and by instance

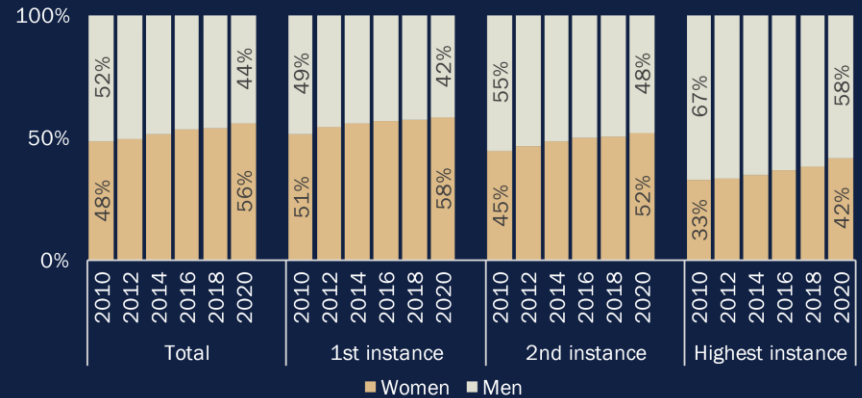


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Distribution of court presidents by gender and by instance

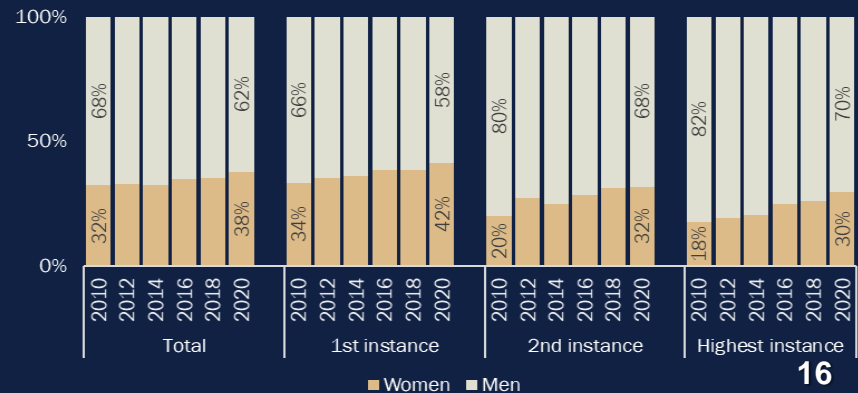


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PROFESSIONALS (Gender Equality) Judges (all instances)



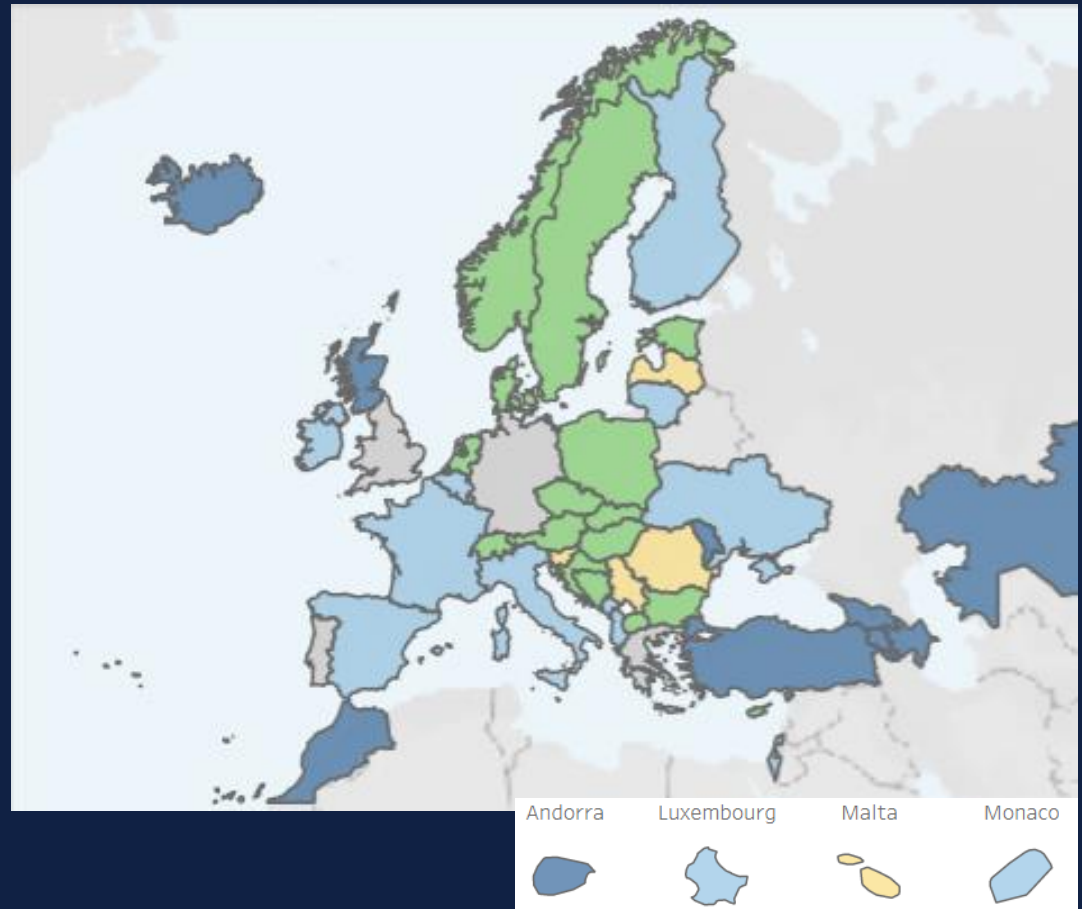
Andorra Luxembourg Malta Monaco



- More than 80% women
- More than 60% women
- Equivalent proportions
- More than 60% men
- More than 80% men
- NA

PROFESSIONALS (Gender Equality) Court Presidents (all instances)

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- Equivalent proportions
- More than 60% men
- More than 80% men
- NA



PROFESSIONALS (Gender Equality)

Prosecutors / Heads of prosecution offices



38 % of
female heads of public
prosecution offices

Glass ceiling still exists!

Distribution of public prosecutors by gender and by instance

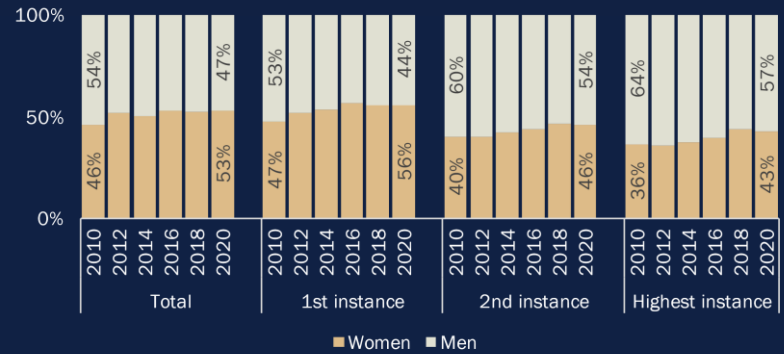


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Distribution of heads of prosecution offices by gender and by instance

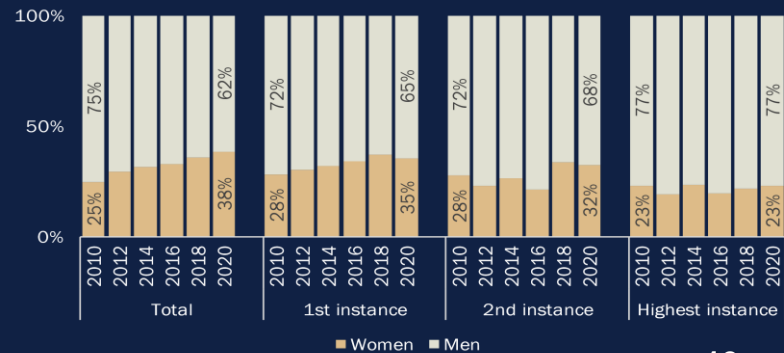
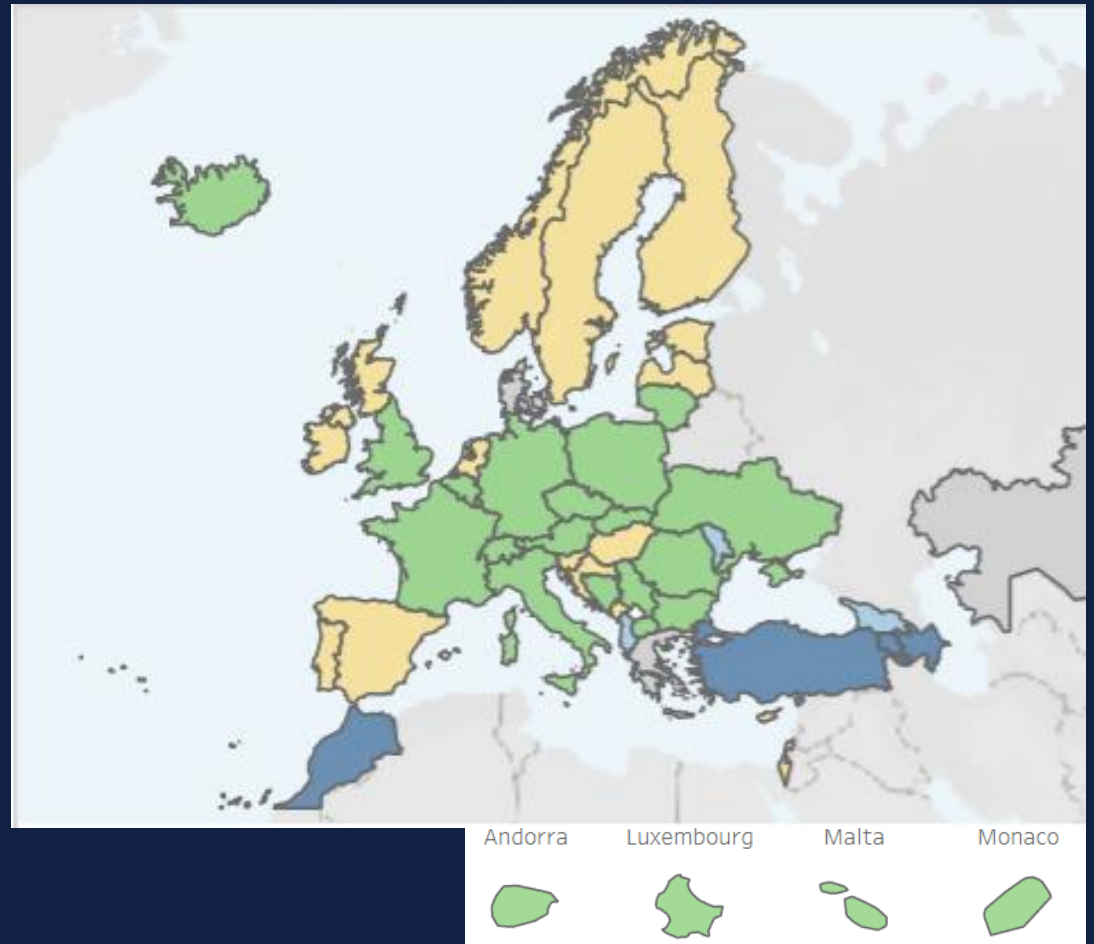


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PROFESSIONALS (Gender Equality) Prosecutors (all instances)

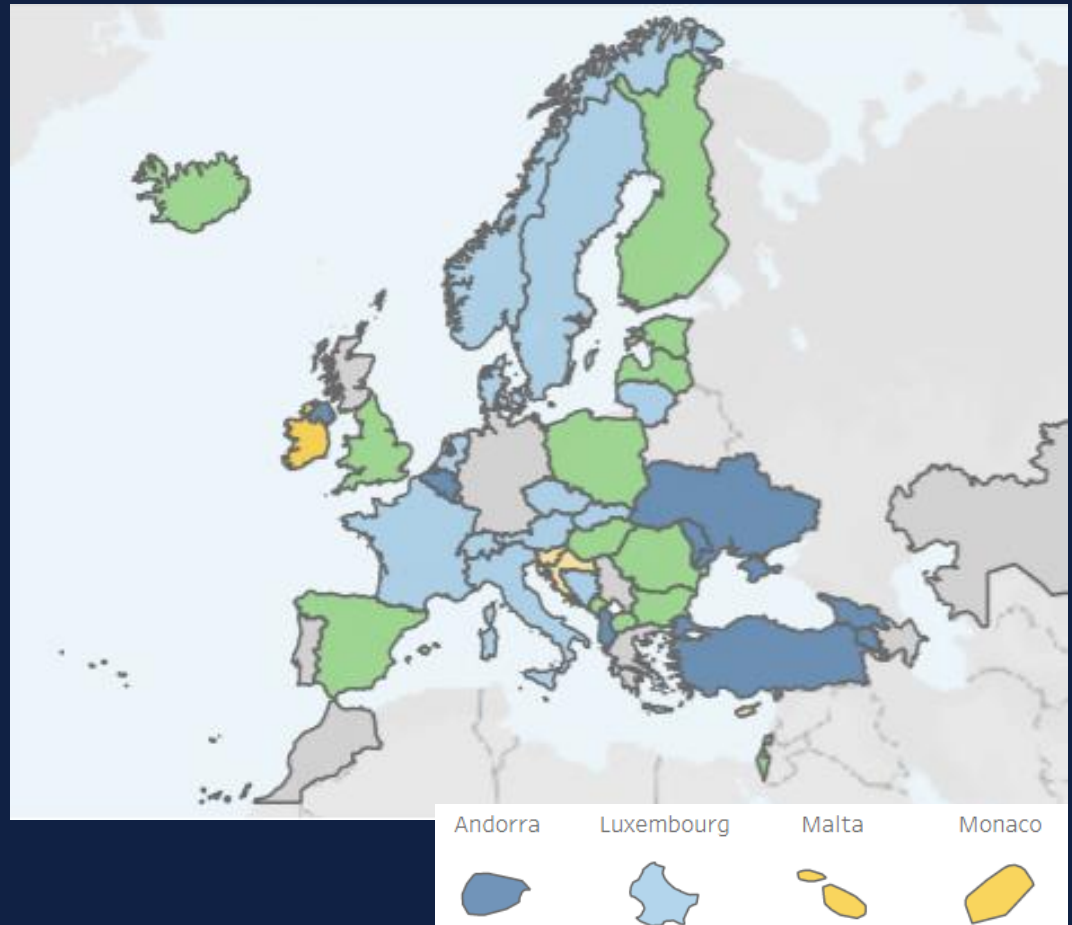
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- More than 80% men
- NA





PROFESSIONALS (Gender Equality) Heads of prosecution offices (all instances)

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- More than 80% men
- NA



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