

Background document to the open public consultation to support the Second Independent External Evaluation of the European Institute for Gender Equality

This consultation collects information and views from the general public and stakeholders interested in the work of the European Institute for Gender Equality.

The European Institute for Gender Equality

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) is a decentralised agency of the European Union. EIGE was established to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality, including gender mainstreaming in all EU policies and the resulting national policies, and the fight against discrimination based on sex, as well as to raise EU citizens' awareness of gender equality. EIGE provides technical assistance to EU institutions, in particular to the European Commission, and the authorities of the Member States.

EIGE strives to promote gender equality in all aspects of society across Europe and beyond. Since its foundation, EIGE has developed many innovative tools and methods that have produced much needed evidence-based research as well as comparable and reliable gender statistics. EIGE's tasks also include contributing to improved policy implementation by the exchange of good practices and increased dialogue among stakeholders and EU citizens. EIGE has committed itself to provide high quality research and data to support better informed and evidence-based decision-making by policy makers and other key stakeholders working to achieve gender equality.

EIGE is located in Vilnius, Lithuania. It has around 50 staff members and an annual budget of EUR 8 million in 2020. To know more about the mandate, objectives and activities of EIGE, you are invited to consult its website: <https://eige.europa.eu/>

Target audience

All citizens (in their personal or professional capacities) and stakeholders with an interest in EIGE's work are invited to contribute to this consultation.

Invited parties include individuals, civil society organisations, social partners, NGOs, equality bodies, public authorities, academic and research institutions and other relevant stakeholders working or interested in gender equality.

Why we are consulting

This open public consultation is launched as part of the ongoing Second Independent External Evaluation of EIGE, covering the period 2015–2020. It constitutes a key part of the overall consultation activities carried out in the context of EIGE's second evaluation. It complements other targeted consultation activities, including interviews, surveys and case studies.

The purpose of EIGE's second evaluation is to assess the Institute's programmes and activities including the aspects of relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and EU added value of the contribution made by the Institute to the promotion of gender equality. The evaluation will examine the specific needs of and the synergy effects with EIGE's stakeholders and measure progress in implementing the

recommendations of the first independent evaluation. The evaluation will also provide recommendations on possible ways of improving EIGE's work and the implementation of its tasks.

This open public consultation aims to involve a wide-range of stakeholders and the general public in the evaluation of EIGE's work in order to ensure that the process is inclusive, participatory, transparent, effective and coherent. It seeks to collect information and opinions from the general public and stakeholders on the past work of EIGE (2015–2020) and new ideas for the Institute's future activities.

Once the online public consultation has ended, a consultation report will be published summarising its results and key issues raised.