

2nd JHAAN meeting, 21 June 2021

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COVID related teleworking arrangement in place - July/August EIGE staff allowed to return back to office in shifts (1/3 of staff per day). Starting September - gradual return back to the office; modalities- currently discussed between management and staff;

10 June 2021 EIGE MB meeting - approved amended SPD 2021-23 and several new projects:

- Tender Specifications for EIGE's external evaluation 2022. Tender procedure to be launched by 30 June;
- EIGE Time domain survey - It will collect EU-wide and unique data on women's and men's time spent in unpaid work and social activities in a cost-efficient way. The collected data will be used to update the time domain of the Gender Equality Index, which currently faces large data gaps. EU wide data on time use will not only improve the quality and relevance of the Index, but will also contribute to the monitoring of the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, as closing the gender care gap is one of the key objectives of the strategy.
- EIGE liaison office in Brussels - 2 year pilot project; to be fully operational from Jan 2022. One staff member for Stakeholder relations team to be reallocated to work in Brussels.

Change of staff. Head of KMC unit is leaving EIGE mid July 2021; deputy head of KMC leaving end August. Vacancy for Head of KMC is now closed; selection procedure ongoing. Deputy head of KMC-vacancy to be launched soon.

Relevant projects:

In the area of GBV:

- report on estimation of [girls at risk of FGM](#) (4 EU MS in focus - Spain, Luxembourg, Denmark and Austria) launched end May 2021; Update of the costs of violence study to be launch beginning July (study at the request of COM);
- EIGE will also work on [the topic of Cyberviolence](#). In 2021, we will focus on the phenomenon of cyberviolence against women and girls, with the aim to introduce a uniform definition of cyber violence for statistical purposes, to develop an indicator on cyber violence in 2022. In 2023, a feasibility study to populate the indicator on cyberviolence will be conducted for all the Member States.
- Joint EIGE-FRA VAW II survey.
VAW II survey will collect data on violence against women in those EU Member States where national statistical authorities are not conducting national data collection in the context of EU-GBV survey coordinated by Eurostat. This encompasses up to ten EU Member States that are not participating in the Eurostat initiative.
The final survey dataset expected to be available by the end of 2023. EIGE will use data for GE Index 2024, which will focus on VAW.
EIGE is currently discussing concept of this project with FRA.
- monitoring of BPfA - for PT EIGE did a research [on socio-economic impact of COVID19 on gender equality](#). The study formed basis of EPSCO conclusions on the topic on 14 June 2021;

for Slovenian EU Presidency (II semester 2021) - report [Gender equality prospects in labour markets transformed by artificial intelligence \(AI\) and platform work](#) will assess the following issues from a gender perspective: AI-related transformation of the labour market; working conditions and work patterns of women and men engaged in platform work and EU/national policy approaches to regulate platform work. To do this research - EIGE conducted its first online panel survey of around 40 000 platform workers. The results will be available in October 2021.

For French EU Presidency (I semester 2022) - report **Combatting psychological violence and coercive control in the EU** will provide an overview the main forms of psychological violence and their manifestations, prevalence of various forms of psychological violence in the EU, data gaps, main

causes and consequences of the psychological violence and legal definitions of the psychological violence in EU MS. The study will also focus on specialist support, good practices and the main hurdles in preventing psychological violence and coercive control in 10 selected EU MS.

EIGE will launch **Gender Equality Index 2021 on 28 October 2021** at HL conference. For 2021 thematic focus is on [Health](#). It will cover mental health, sexual and reproductive health and pandemics of communicable diseases - in particular Covid-19.

EIGE's work on **anti-gender narratives and strategies**.

EIGE conducted **initial mapping that shows that anti-gender initiatives** are well organised and have transnational nature. They can attack anything from women's rights, trans issues or sexuality issues (depending what resonates in the country). They also have political connections and some states have become anti-gender actors themselves.

To complement this mapping we will do a **snapshot media analysis** to provide an overview of the narratives reported by mainstream media. This media analysis will aim of to understand the media discourse around selected gender equality issues.

EIGE plans to release the synthesis of mapping, media analysis and EIGE's existing evidence still in 2021. Long-term plan could be to incorporate the backlash perspective in EIGE's work looking at the institutional mechanisms and align specific policy areas with the work EIGE does to support the Presidencies (if the Presidency agrees to it).