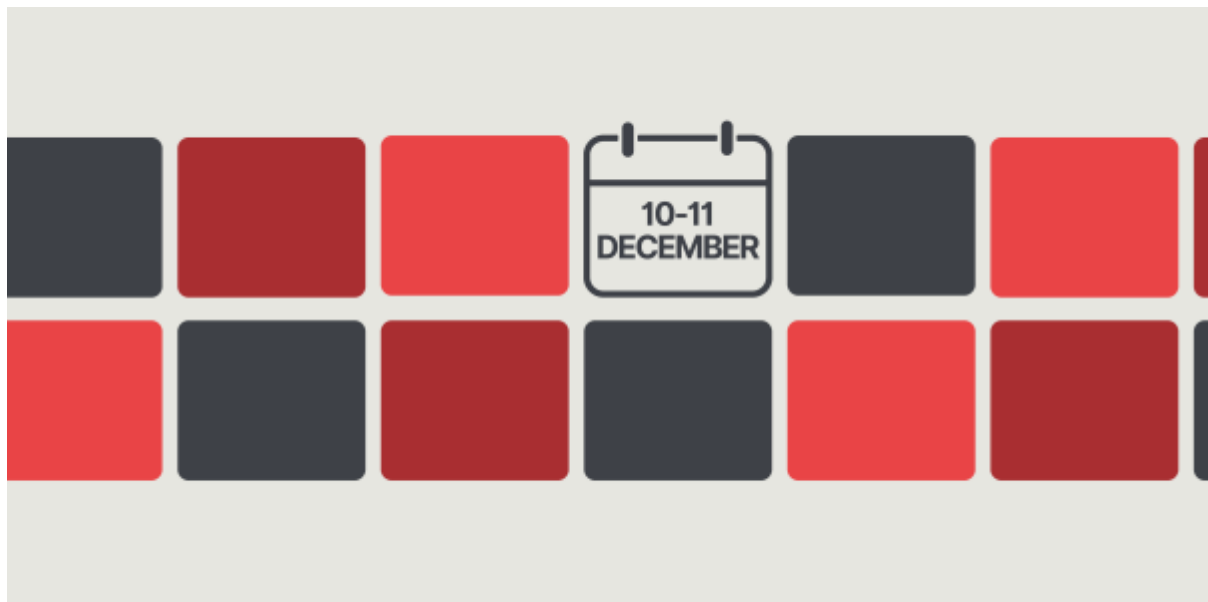


The future of gender equality

Where are the challenges and changes?



Welcome back to our newsletter! We're thrilled to share the latest updates with you after what has been a strong start to 2024.

First things first. Mark your calendars for 10-11 December 2024, because the countdown is on for [our second Gender Equality Forum](#).

This time we will put a strong focus on discussing the future of gender equality. With the European Parliament elections just around the corner, this is a pivotal year for Europe. Despite the challenges impacting gender equality, we can see opportunities for change and progress. The paths chosen now will shape our near future. Time to come together and work together. To get updates on the upcoming Forum, check the last item of this newsletter and register for updates.

And take a moment to delve into the compilation of articles featured in this edition of the newsletter, including ...

Director Carlien Scheele's [live newsfeed from CSW68](#). Our call to action for [more gender balance in politics](#) on International Women's Day.

A presentation on [what gender equality can look like](#) – shared by Director Scheele at an informal meeting with gender equality ministers under the Belgian Presidency.

And a glimpse at recent EIGE's recent contributions and publications.

Happy reading. Until next time!

Latest News

CSW68: Director's Reflections



Director Carlien Scheele, together with Marusa Gortnar (Head of Research and Policy Support) attended CSW68 bringing an EU perspective with the agency's evidence on gender equality.

CSW is the UN's largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment. It brings together government officials, civil society organisations, experts, and activists from around the world. The aim: to agree on actions and investments that eradicate poverty and advance gender equality.

In this live newsfeed we get an overview of the outcomes of the various side-events attended and direct commitments made by high representatives and ministers.

Read the full feed [here](#).

Today's choices, tomorrow's consequences



In a recent informal meeting with European Gender Equality Ministers under the Belgian Presidency, Director Carlien Scheele presented a vision of what gender equality could look like in 2030 – if we already put ourselves there.

With the strong current of trends such as digitalisation, the changing nature of work and climate change impacting the future of gender equality, the paths chosen now will shape and strengthen our near future. Read the full speech [here](#).

Two years: more support for women fleeing the war



It's been two years since Russia invaded Ukraine. And [women](#) fleeing the war need more support.

EIGE recently published a new report: "Women fleeing the war: Access to sexual and reproductive healthcare in the European Union under the Temporary Protection Directive" where several gaps were identified in the healthcare aspects of the Directive.

The report comes with recommendations to strengthen protection measures for women and girls fleeing Russia's war in Ukraine – and from any war. Read the full report [here](#).

Gender dimensions: Digital Services Act



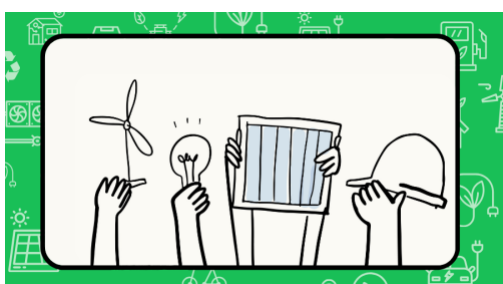
We contributed to a public consultation on the design of transparency reports under the Digital Services Act (DSA)!

The Agency's gender-based violence experts stressed that the gendered dimension of risks associated with online violence need to be captured.

Take illegal or harmful speech for example. There is a high prevalence of online gender-based hate speech - thus the gender dimension should be included in the measurement instruments of the DSA.

For more of the Agency's recommendations, read more [here](#).

From STEM to sustainability



There will be around 29 million jobs in renewable energy by 2050. Yet the gender gap in pay and opportunities in those roles remains challenging.

The green revolution is accompanied by rising interest in new ways of working, such as the

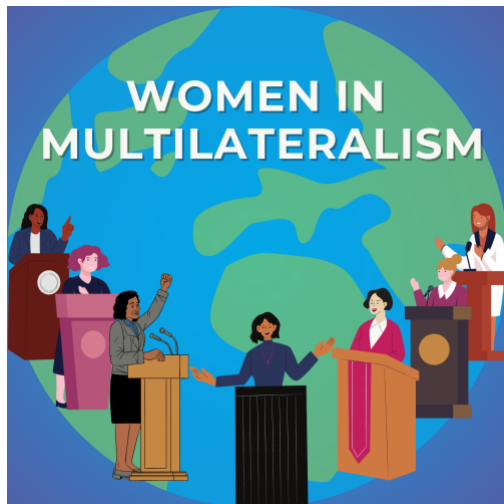
circular economy: a model of production and consumption that helps keep waste and pollution to a minimum.

But it also leads many without deep technical expertise to worry that the environmental revolution will leave them behind.

[Read](#) what one leading expert has to say about breaking the barriers for women's participation.

Find out more on how we can move towards [a green and gender-equal Europe](#).

Are more women climbing the ranks?



Despite the progress made, women still face underrepresentation in leadership positions globally.

Across the EU national governments in the areas of defence, migration and border control, gender equality is absent - only 26% of senior ministers of defence are women. The same applies to [NATO](#), where only 1 in 5 Council representatives are women.

While women are well-represented in politics at EU level with the current European Commission demonstrating full gender parity, representation of women among Members of the European Parliament remains low in several Member States.

With the European Parliament elections this year, we have an open window to change this scenario. Let's take this opportunity to enhance female representation in decision making positions across the EU.

What the Director has to say...

Director Carlien Scheele continues to pen her thoughts on LinkedIn covering important gender equality issues.

In the last few months, she's brought attention

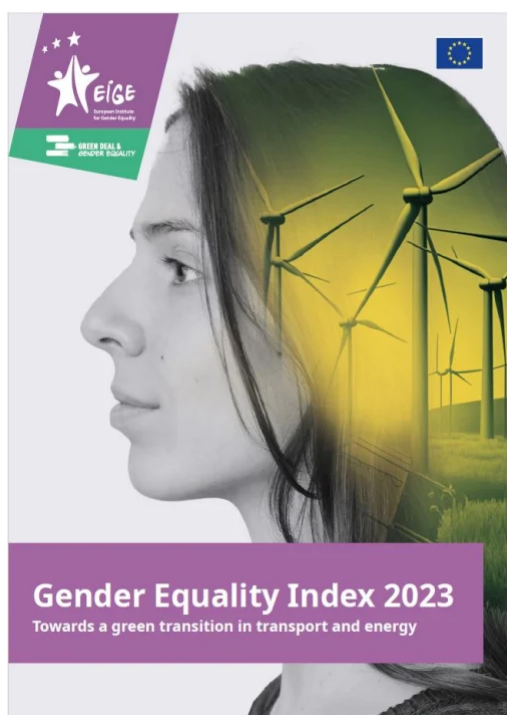


to Equality Bodies and why we need to make more use of these untapped resources, the realities of energy poverty among other inequalities that impact the state of gender equality as well as the complexities of women's financial independence.

Catch up on her posts [here](#).

Publications

EIGE Publications 2023

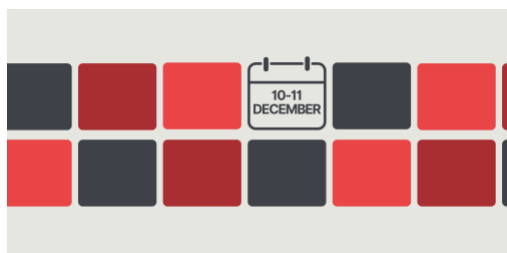


In case you missed any of 2023's publications, you can find them all listed on the [Agency's website](#).

From shedding light to the invisible victims of femicide to the gender differences in motivations to engage in platform work to bridging the gender care gap.

Good to know

Mark your calendars: Gender Equality Forum 2024



Coalitions and conversations are coming together on **10-11 December** for the future of gender equality.

Bringing in a strong youth focus alongside a call to action for equality 24/7, we are building on the success of the inaugural Gender Equality Forum in 2022.

In what will be a post elections Europe, we will be basing discussions around two thematic strands:

Taking stock of [gender equality in Europe](#): now and beyond 2025.

Tackling [gender-based violence](#) in the EU: Persistent and emerging challenges and how can we address them?

#EGEF2024 will be a hybrid event with in-person sessions on site and some virtual discussions.

Keep up to date on the programme [here](#).

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