

Key findings of the Regional Synthesis Report

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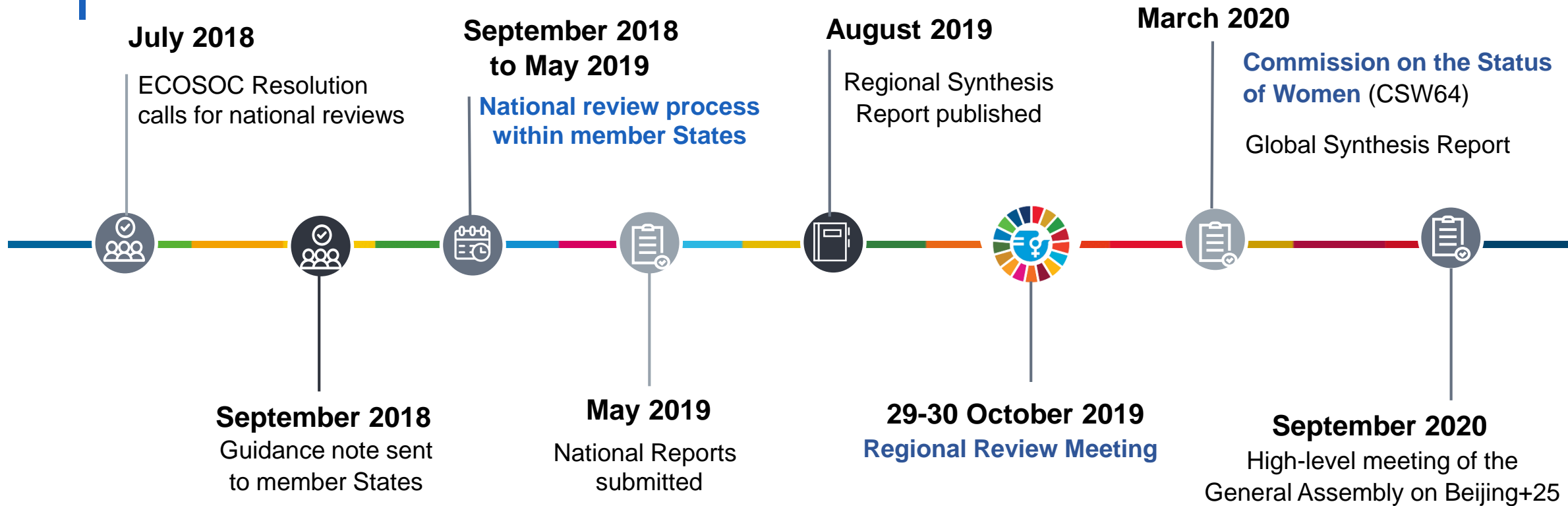
Key trends on gender equality in the UNECE region

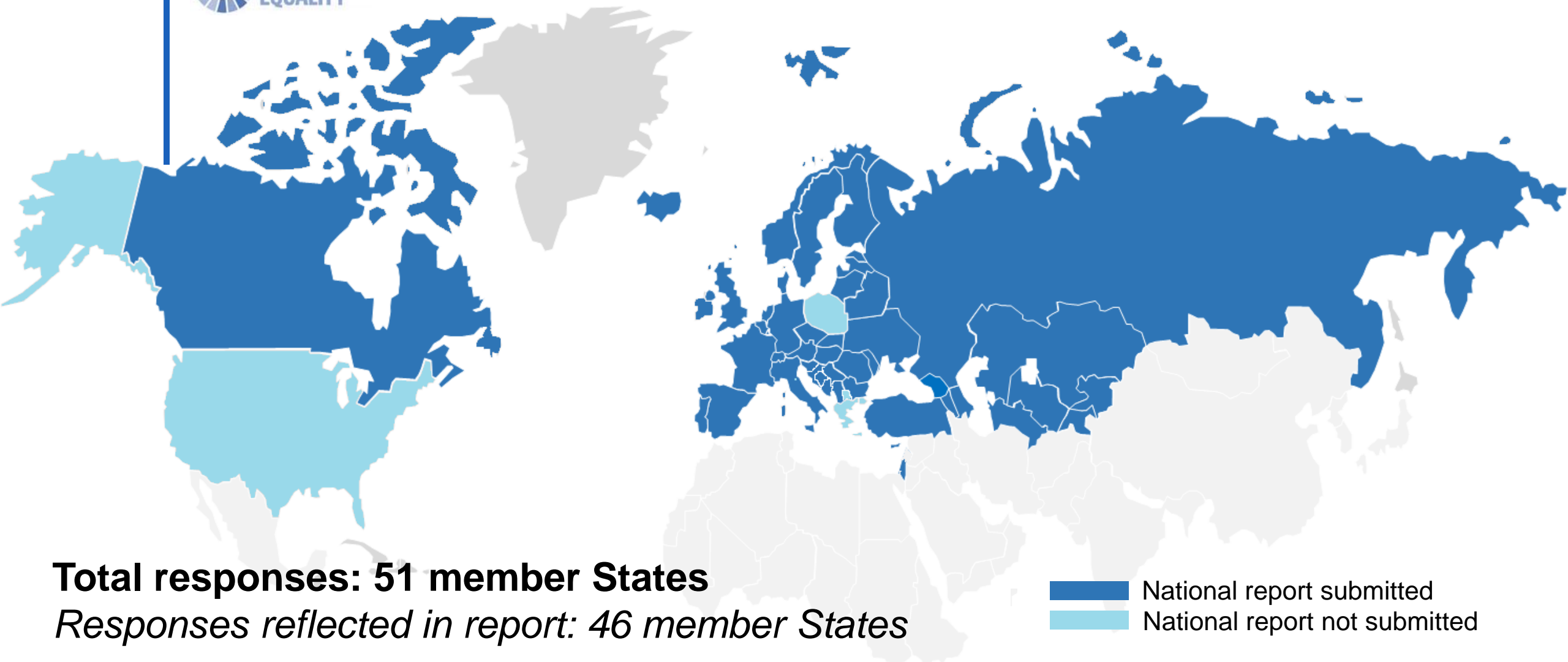


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Timeline: Regional Synthesis Report





Interlinkages

Beijing Platform for Action and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Beijing Declaration: 12 critical areas of concern



2030 Agenda: 17 Sustainable Development Goals



Six overarching dimensions

- Inclusive development, shared prosperity and **decent work**
- Poverty eradication, **social protection** and social services
- Freedom from **violence**, stigma and stereotypes
- **Participation**, accountability and gender-responsive institutions
- Peaceful and **inclusive societies**
- **Environmental conservation**, protection and rehabilitation

Priorities, Achievements, Challenges and Setbacks

Key trends in the UNECE region since 2014



Priorities



Combating **violence** against women

↑ Driving force of progress: Istanbul Convention

↓ Persistence of traditional social and cultural norms, international standards not practically implemented



Women's **economic empowerment**

↑ Progress in work-family reconciliation (e.g. expansion of childcare, paternity/ parental leave)

↓ Lower employment rates, lower pay (etc.) among women remain



Women's **political participation**

↑ Some EU countries close to parity at the national level

↓ Progress remains uneven, particularly low at the local level

Overall challenges



↓ Least advances in the areas of **environmental protection** and **climate change**

↓ **Gender equality machineries** remain weak and underfunded in several countries



Data and statistics




- **Uneven progress** in the collection, analysis and dissemination of sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics across region
- **Lack of national data** for specific gender-related SDG indicator in some countries (e.g. unpaid work, gender pay gap, prevalence of violence against women)

Emerging issues and future priorities

- Education: Initiatives to promote female participation in **science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields**
- Economic empowerment: Initiatives to address women's **unpaid care and domestic work**
- Violence: New forms of violence, including **online violence**



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Regional review of progress: regional synthesis

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Summary

The Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2018/8 called upon States to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews of the achievements made and challenges affecting the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as well as the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development from a gender perspective. It further encouraged regional commissions to engage in regional reviews to feed into the “Beijing+25” global review to be undertaken by the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-fourth session in March 2020.

As part of the preparations for the regional review, all member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) have been requested to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews based on the Guidance Note issued by UN Women. This report contains a synthesis of the responses received and is submitted for the regional review in the ECE region. It summarizes recent achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals. It is complemented by document ECE/AC.28/2019/4, which highlights, by country, selected achievements and challenges in promoting gender equality.

Find the full report online



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