Improving gender statistics in Switzerland: on the way to open government data

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A time journey

50 years women's right to vote 7.2.1971
40 years equal rights in the Constitution 14.6.1981
30 years 1st women's strike 14.6.1991
25 years Federal Act on Gender Equality 1.7.1996

1988 Federal Office for Gender Equality was introduced
FSO: first report on disadvantages of women
1998 FSO: first edition of the brochure «On the way to gender equality»
A time journey

- Share of women in the National Council: 1971: 5%, 2019: 42%
- Share of doctorates obtained by women: 1980: 16%, 2019: 46%
- Activity rate of women aged 15 to 64: 1991: 68%, 2020: 80%
- Unexplained share of the gender wage gap in the private sector: 2008: 40%, 2018: 44%
Questioning on gender data and statistics

Gender equality strategy 2030
Innovation

National data management: Interoperability platform

Data Science
Artificial Intelligence
Swiss Open Government Data strategy for 2019–2023

Aim: make open government data available to the public on the opendata.swiss portal.

An essential component is the dialogue between data providers and data users.
Data gaps

- Monitoring Covid-19 measures by gender
- Extra-family and extra-school childcare
- Gender Pension Gap, Gender Overall Earnings Gap, poverty
- Violence against women, femicide
- Gender health
- Intersectionality
- Longitudinal data: life cycle and event history analysis
Data use and data availability

- Findability
- Accessibility
- Completeness
- Linked additional information
- Data linkage
- Create own tables, graphs and data sets