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# QUALITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR EIGE'S GENDER STATISTICS DATABASE

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# Gender Statistics

- Based on concepts and definitions that reflect the diversity of women and men
- Collected taking into account stereotypes and social and cultural factors that may induce gender biases.
- Collected and presented disaggregated by sex as a primary and overall classification.



# Improving the general framework by mainstreaming gender

## Gender sensitive indicators

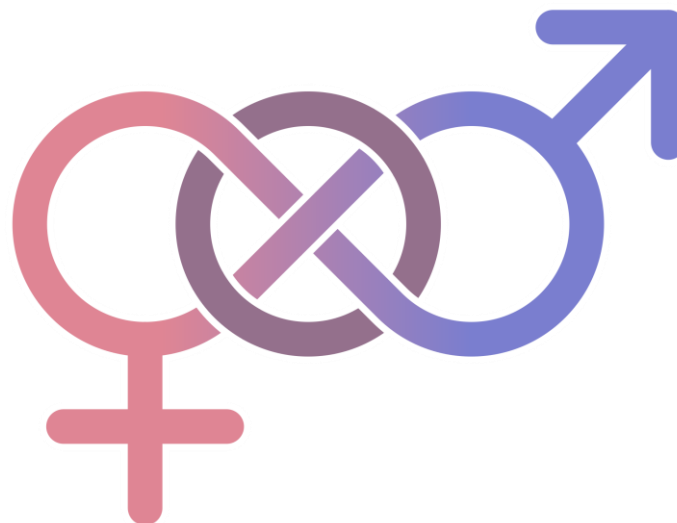
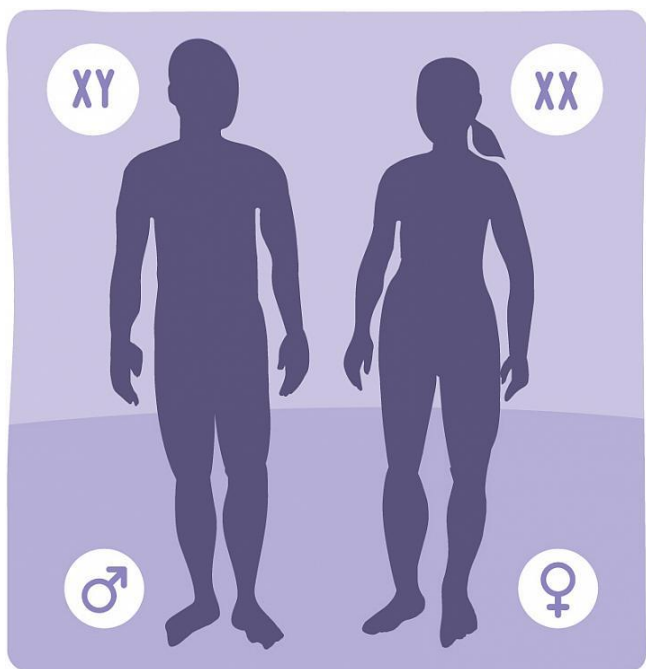
The overarching general principle in the production of high quality gender-sensitive data is that of **gender mainstreaming**.

Gender issues and gender-based biases are systematically taken into account in the production of all official statistics and at all stages of data production.

Gender sensitive data production



# Sex and gender



# Sex as a key variable on Gender Statistics (I)

Sex is directly referenced as a key protected characteristic for eliminating discrimination in Article 10 of the Treaty for the Functioning of the European Union.

**An important determinant of the inequalities between women and men/girls and boys**

**Allows for continuity with historical data**

# Sex as a key variable on Gender Statistics (II)

- conflating sex and gender can lead to misclassification errors such as large distortive effects in the analysis of phenomena with large imbalances between women and men
- recording both allows determining whether sex or lived gender play a more determining role in life outcomes/ gender inequality

# Intersecting Inequalities

**inequality between women and men is more severe within specific groups of the population**

[a]nalytical tool for studying, understanding and responding to the ways in which sex and gender intersect with other personal characteristics/identities, and how these intersections contribute to unique experiences of discrimination

**various grounds for discrimination can coexist and interact**



# EIGE's Gender Statistics Database

EIGE surveys



EU policies and strategies



Thematic areas



Beijing Platform for Action



Gender Equality Index



Women and men in decision-making



Gender-based violence



Gender mainstreaming



EIGE's Gender Statistics Database is a comprehensive knowledge centre for gender statistics. Gender statistics measure to what extent equality between women and men is achieved across all areas of life in Europe. Such statistics help EIGE bring Europe closer to its vision of making equality between women and men a reality for all Europeans and beyond by providing EU Member States and candidate countries with a way to gauge their success toward gender equality against the dual benchmarks of other countries' achievements and their own past histories.

# QUALITY...

...is a complex, multidimensional concept  
that measures the fitness of data  
for their purpose



# Quality considerations for EIGE's Gender Statistics Database

An online resource on  
quality considerations for  
the Database



→ For data providers

→ For database users

# The purpose

| For Database users                                  | For data providers   |
|---|--|
| <b>Evidence</b> that quality has been accounted for | Suggestions on <b>producing data and statistics</b> in a gender sensitive manner |
| <b>Tools</b> to understand data limitations         | Guidelines on <b>documenting data quality</b>                                    |
|   | Instructions for <b>preparing data and metadata</b> for the Database             |

# Concluding points

- gender introduced in mid-twenty century reflecting the complexity of social relations between women and men, highlighting social norms, stereotypes, and power structures.
- It helped to exposing various gender inequalities and making significant progress toward eliminating them
- more valid and accurate statistics needed to expose the way sex and gender intersect with other personal characteristics/identities

# Mainstreaming Gender into statistics

Improves quality

Makes visible what is invisible

and still exists



# Questions

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