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

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.
Sex and gender
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

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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
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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
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