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Gender consideration in the EU

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... towards a gender-equal Europe

Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:

“In all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women.”
On 5 March 2020, the EC adopted the Communication COM(2020) 152 final

Gender equality is a core value of the EU, a fundamental right and key principle of the European Pillar of Social Rights

It is also an essential condition for an innovative, competitive and thriving European economy.
In business, politics and society as a whole, we can only reach our full potential if we use all of our talent and diversity.

Gender equality brings more jobs and higher productivity as we embrace the green and digital transitions and face up to our demographic challenges.
The EU is a global leader in gender equality – 14 of the top 20 countries worldwide on gender equality are EU Member States.

However, no Member State has achieved full gender equality and progress is slow. Member States on average scored 67.4 out of 100 in the EU Gender Equality Index 2019, a score which has improved by just 5.4 points since 2005.
A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025

- The EC does not make standards but follows the activities of the UNECE WP6 Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative
- CEN CENELEC and many EU national standardisation bodies have signed the Declaration
- Eager to see the results!