


Manifesto on Gender Equality for new EU representatives

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The EU recognises gender equality as a right and should ensure that its policy commitment to gender equality is systematically put into practice and demonstrate political will and leadership by consistently championing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.



IGPN members urge the European Parliament to hold the EU and member states to account in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

We urge NEW MEPs to ensure that the EU:

backs its policy commitment with adequate financial and human resources to promote gender equality at all levels from policy design to implementation;

supports the twin track approach to mainstreaming gender equality and putting in place specific actions to promote the empowerment of women and girls;

ensures taking into consideration the needs of rural, ethnic/religious minority and other specific groups of women for strengthening women movements in democracy building process.

reinforces permanent, genuine and structured policy dialogue with governmental gender equality structures and women's rights advocates to support and monitor line ministries, other government bodies and parliaments in influencing national planning and budget allocations for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;

strengthens mechanisms for monitoring implementation and increasing accountability through in-depth gender analysis and the provision of comprehensive sex-disaggregated data and gender-sensitive indicators;

plays the leading role in ending violence against women and girls, through effective programmes and by mainstreaming this issue in broader external relations and policies;

ensures that the new strategy on EU's commitment to promote gender equality in the decision-making positions, to rise awareness of the gender gap in this area and to take the actions to improve the situation will bring about the delivery of a strong policy in support of gender equality.

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