

The WomenConnect Challenge, launched in March 2018, seeks to reduce the digital gender divide and enable women to access and use information technology to connect to better connect to business networks, market information, and job opportunities. The recently launched Women's Economic Empowerment and Equality (WE3) Dashboard, provides a global public platform of country-level indicators to enable public and private sector reformers to identify specific constraints and track reform progress. The WE3 Dashboard uses over 70 indicators in five "pillar" categories: Access to Capital; Access to Markets; Innovation and Technology; Leadership, Voice, and Agency; and Skills, Capacity-Building, and Health.



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The EU Gender Action Plan 2016–2020 aims to increase, in a measurable manner, girls' and women's agency, voice and participation in social, economic and political life. The Plan points out that "discriminatory laws, practices or norms limit girls' and women's social, economic and political participation". Young women who would like to engage in politics are often subject to "double discrimination" because of their sex and their age.

The EU issued a call for proposals for a €5 million "Pilot Programme to Strengthen Political Parties" (EIDHR). The Programme aims to empower young women to take an active role in the life of political parties (including in policy-making and decision-making structures) and in political affairs in general, at both national and local levels.