



European  
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# Gender Equality and Health in the EU

2020  
Annual Seminar  
with  
Country Experts

ZOOM-WEBINAR

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Monday, 16 November 2020

Part One: H 9:30 – 11:30 CET

Part Two: H 14:30 – 16:40 CET

SAAGE

Scientific Analysis and Advice on Gender Equality in EU



Justice and  
Consumers

# Aim

The webinar will explore issues around gender equality and health. The European Commission's Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 identifies that 'women and men experience gender-specific health risks'. It commits to integrating a gender dimension in health policies such as the EU Beating Cancer Plan to be launched in 2020, and to facilitating 'regular exchanges of good practices between Member States and stakeholders on the gender aspects of health, including on sexual and reproductive health and rights'.

The Scientific Analysis and Advice on Gender Equality in the EU (SAAGE) network of the European Commission has recently completed a research project on 'Gender Equality and Health in the EU' for the Commission. This report provides a cross-cutting view of key health topics in the EU from a gender perspective, analysing the main issues with a specific focus on differences between women and men. Gender and health data are gathered and analysed across a range of fields. Issues of access to medical services, with a particular focus on health reproductive services, gender issues in Covid-19, and gender sensitivity in healthcare are reviewed and analysed.

# Objectives

The seminar seeks to:

- Deepen knowledge about and understanding of the relationship between gender and health.
- Stimulate insights into effective policy and practice responses to gender specific health risks, mainstreaming gender into health policy, and gender sensitive health services.

# Participants

European Commission staff and SAAGE country experts.

# Agenda

*Part One: Monday 16 November 2020*

**9.30 Welcome and Introduction to the Format**

Niall Crowley, FGB, Webinar Moderator

**9.35 Opening Statement on Gender Equality and Health in the EU**

Karen Vandekerckhove, DG Justice and Consumers, Gender Equality Unit

**9.50** Questions & answers and comments

**10.00 Gender Equality and Health in the EU: A Research Report – Key Findings and Recommendations**

Clare Bambra, Population Health Sciences Institute, Newcastle University, UK

Dr Paula Franklin, Honorary Researcher, Population Health Sciences Institute, Newcastle University, UK and Senior Research, ETUI

**10.40** Questions & answers and comments

**10.55 Debate with the experts**

Implications of the research for healthcare policy and practices in healthcare services.

**11.30** *Close*

*Part Two: Monday 16 November 2020*

**14.30 Welcome and Introduction to the Format**

Niall Crowley, FGB, Webinar Moderator

**14.35 Introductory remarks on gender and health policy**

Isabel De La Mata, Principal Advisor for Health and Crisis management, DG Health and Food Safety [tbc]

**14.45 Gender Sensitivity in Healthcare**

Presentations by:

The case of Ireland: Ursula Barry, SAAGE

The case of Sweden: Anita Nyberg, SAAGE

**15.15** Questions & answers and comments

**15.25 Access to Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Services**

Presentations by:

The case of Spain: Elvira Gonzalez Gago, SAAGE

The case of Germany: Alexandra Scheele, SAAGE

**15.55** Questions & answers and comments

**16.05 Debate with experts:**

Recap on ideas emerging from Part One session.

Implications for health policy and practice in health services

**16.40** *Conclusions and close*