

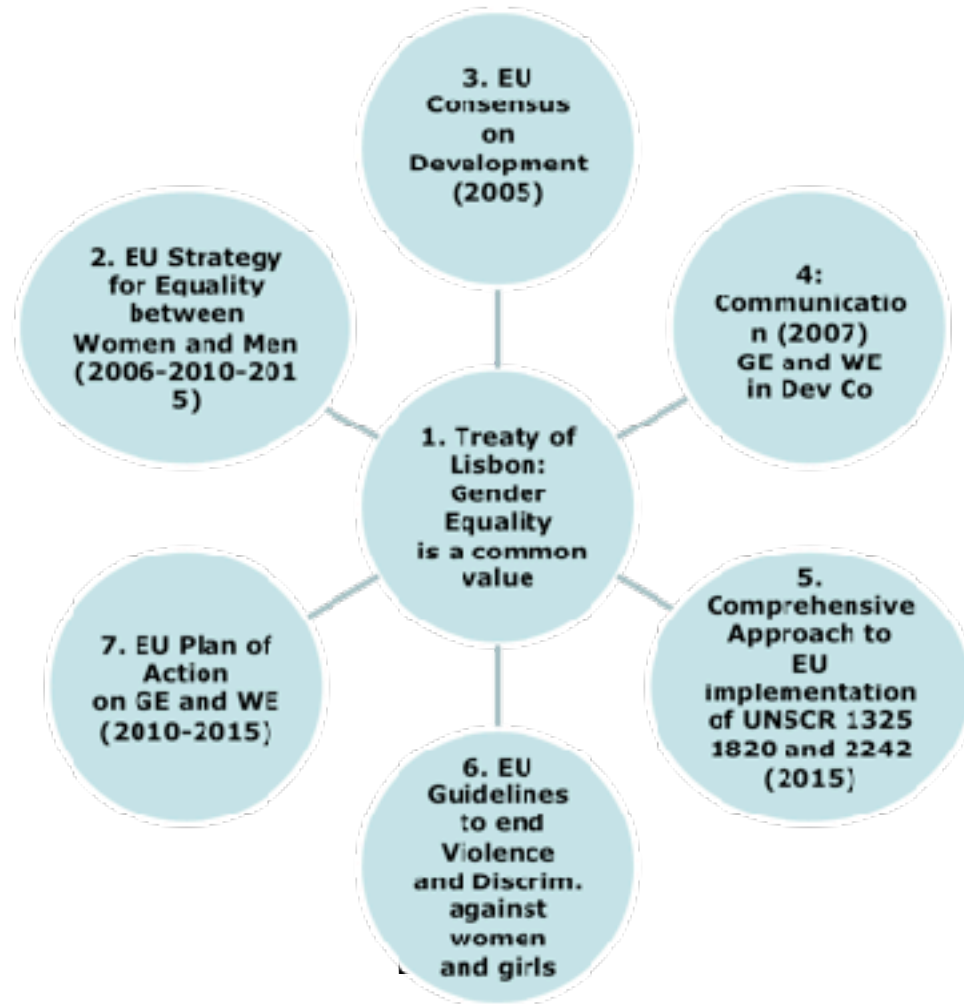


Gender Action Plan 2

Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:
Transforming the Lives of Girls and Women through
EU External Relations
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Gender Action Plan 2

- renewed and expanded the EU commitment toward Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE)
- adopted by the Council of the EU on 26th October 2015:

"Gender equality is at the core of European values and enshrined within the European Union (EU) legal and political framework. The EU and its Member States are at the forefront of the protection, fulfilment and the enjoyment of human rights by women and girls and strongly promote them in all external relations also beyond development cooperation."

Gender Action Plan 2

- mandatory for all external relations of the EU, including all member states and the EU delegations
- GAP 2 builds on the lessons learnt from the previous GAP and its evaluation



Implementation through 4 pivotal areas (3 thematic and 1 horizontal)

- 1) Ensuring girls' and women's **physical and psychological integrity**
- 2) Promoting the social and **economic** rights / **empowerment** of women and girls
- 3) Strengthening girls' and women's **voice and participation**
- 4) Shifting the **Institutional Culture** to more effectively deliver on EU commitments (horizontal goal)



Physical and Psychological Integrity

Free from all forms of violence (VAWG)

Trafficking for all forms of exploitation eliminated

Protection from sexual and gender based violence in crisis

Access to physical and mental health care service

Full control over sexuality and sexual and reproductive health

Healthy nutrition levels throughout life cycle

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Empowerment

Equal access to quality education and vocational education and training

Access to decent work for women of all ages

Equal access to financial services and resources

Equal access and control over clean water, energy, transport infrastructure

Political and civil rights – Voice and Participation

Equal rights and ability for women to participate in policy and governance processes at all levels.

Women's organisations/ Human Rights Defenders freely able to work and protected by law.

Equal rights to participate in on climate and environmental issues

Institutional Culture Shift



Next steps towards gender equality

- Gender Mainstreaming: integration of gender in all stages of the programme cycle
- Gender Analysis (formulation stage)
- Selection of goals, activities and indicators that reflect the finding of the gender analysis

“Gender is definitely a priority, and this will be ever more visible in our concrete development actions.”

Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development