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Gender-Equality in the Workplace: The Current Situation in six European Countries



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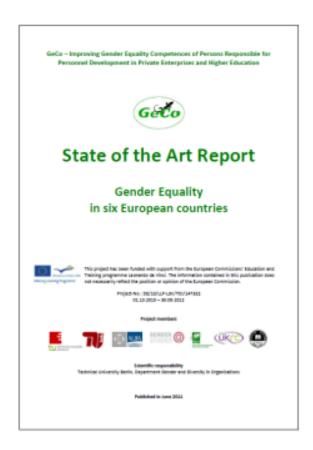


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Gender Equality at the Workplace – information is taken from GenCo "State of the Art Report"





- Target readers: workforce managers, interested public
- Goal: Provide information
- Content: education, employment, pay, work & family issues, legal and political frameworks, national initiatives

→ Improve gender-equality competences – by providing thorough information

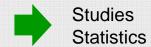
The report has three main parts, we will focus on the cross-country comparison



I. The European Agenda



II. CROSS-COUNTRY COMPARISON
Gender-equality in the 6 GenCo countries + EU27



III. COUNTR-WISE ANALYSES



Legal &political actions
Legislation
Current debate
Initiatives

Gender-equality at the labour market



Indicators / Aspects

- Share of women employed (in % of all women 15-64 years)
- Share of men employed
- Share of women working part-time (in % of all women, 15-64 y.)
- Share of men working part-time
- Gender-pay gap "The pay gap measures the relative difference in the average gross hourly earnings of

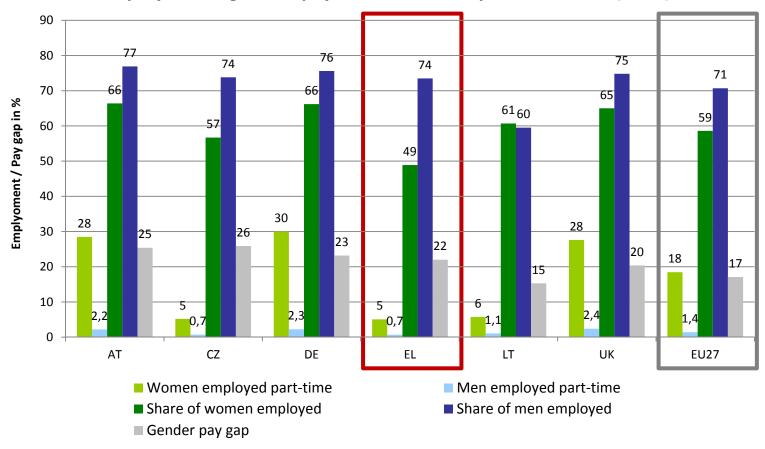
women and men within the economy as a whole. It is one of the structural indicators used to monitor the European Strategy for Growth and Jobs." (European Commission, 2009)

"Gap analysis"

Labour market: Women work more often in part time & less frequently than men – at a lower hourly-wage



Employment figures & pay in selected European countries (2008)



Eurostat (2010): Database – information on employment (LSF based), Gender pay gap

What does the situation at the labour market tell us on stereotypes, traditions & gender-role related choices?



† + † @LABOUR MARKET

Gender-specific activity & employment rates

Gender-pay gap

Income distribution

STEREOTYPES & TRADITIONS

WOMEN

- Family responsibilities
- 'Female' characteristics
- → Less career chances

MEN

WHY?

- Income responsibility ('bread-winners')
- · 'Male' characteristics
- → Better career chances

GENDER-ROLE OUTCOMES

Choice of studies & occupation

("horizontal segregation")



Opportunities & promotion

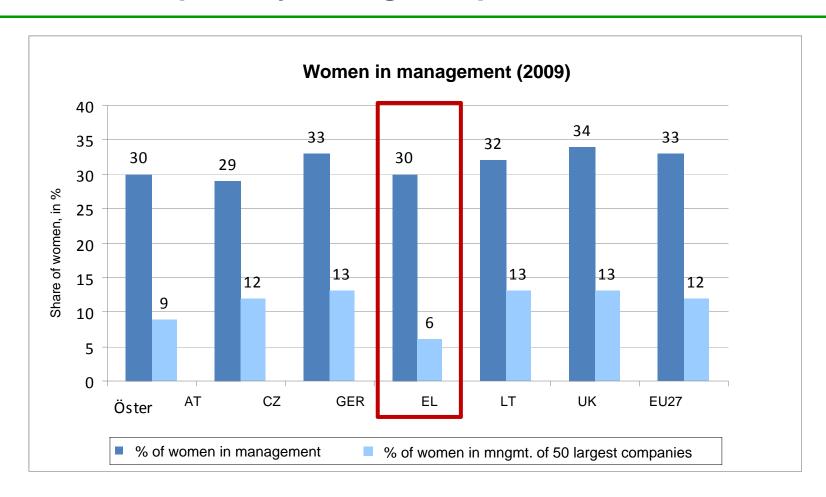
→ position in the firm ("vertical segregation")

COMPANIES

- Corporate culture, norms & common values
- Work-organisation (presence, availability, flexibility)

Industry: women are scarce in management positions, especially in large corporations

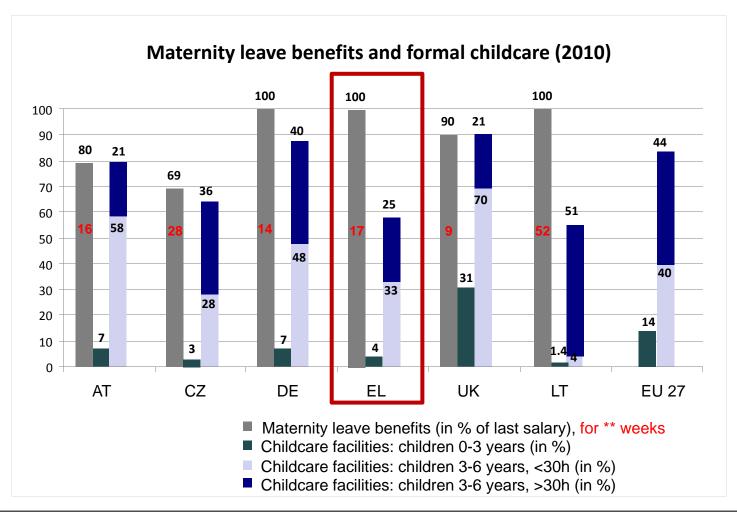




European Commission (2010a, b)

Work & family: Combining both is still difficult – initia financing is provided; childcare is mostly scarce





But...



...TIMES CHANGE!











Gender-equality implies more options – for women, men, and companies



INDIVIDUALS / **EMPLOYEES**

WOMEN

- · Less family responsibilities, more for income
- → Women want better career chances

MEN

- Less responsibilities for income, more for family
- → Men want to combine family and career

COMPANIES

Employees choose their jobs according to talents & personal goals

→ Companies have to adopt to this new situation







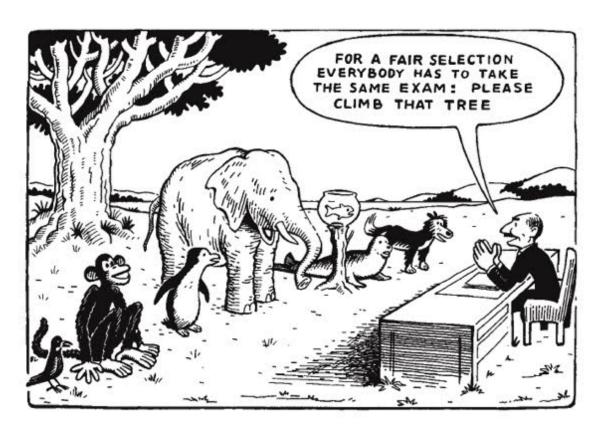




Take away



- Companies should improve gender-equality to benefit from available talents
- There is still much to do
- → Use the GenCo toolkit!



Thank you for your attention!

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