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WORKING DOCUMENT

on consultation on Women's health

Subcommittee on Public Health

Information about the respondent

Are you are replying as:

- a. an individual
- b. representing a stakeholder or an interest group
- c. a health care provider, be it as individual or for your organisation**
- d. representative of a public institution**

Please note that if you want to answer the questionnaire both as an individual and as a representative for an organisation, a company, a public authority or international organisation, you can respond to the questionnaire two separate times.

You are

- A healthcare worker
- The representative of a healthcare provider
- A representation of healthcare staff such as a trade union
- Other (please specify below)

If you are representing an organisation, what is the name of your organisation?

FREE ANSWER

In case you are registered, what is your registration number in the EU transparency registry?

FREE ANSWER

Where are you or your organisation based?

- Insert list of countries

Does your organisation receive EU funding?

- Yes
- No

At which geographical level are you or your organisation active? (We will assume that your answers below relates to your area of activity as indicated here)

- Local
- Regional
- National
- European
- International

How would you describe **general access** to medical care?

- Very poor¹
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very good
- Prefer not to say
- I don't know

How would you describe **women's access to medical care**?

- Very poor, etc

Would you consider **access** to healthcare **specific** to women, such as gynaecology?

- Very poor, etc

Would you consider that **access** to health care **differs** for women and men?

- Disagree fully²
- Disagree partially
- Neither disagree
- Nor agree
- Agree partially
- Agree fully
- Prefer not to say
- I don't know

Do you consider that the **waiting time** for an appointment specific for women's health is:

- Longer than for a general practitioner appointment
- Shorter than for a general practitioner appointment
- The same as for a general practitioner appointment

What would you consider as the most relevant areas of **women's health care rights and needs** that should be covered by **legislation**?

choose up to 3

- Improving the access to preventive health care
- Improving the access to health care specific to women
- Improving the access to mental health care
- Improving access to reproductive health care
- Improving access to gynaecological health care
- Addressing health inequalities
- Other

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Political actions to improve **women's health** are best done jointly at **the EU level**?

- Disagree fully, etc

Political actions to combat **health inequalities** are best done jointly at **the EU level**?

- Disagree fully, etc

Political actions to create a better situation for women's **sexual and reproductive health** are best done jointly at the **EU level**?

- Disagree fully, etc

How would you describe the available **education** concerning **body and health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the available **education** concerning **sexual and reproductive health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the **access to prevention** and regular check-ups concerning gynaecological health?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe **access** to healthcare for **sexual and reproductive health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the **access to contraceptive options**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided during **pregnancy**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **oncology healthcare** provided for women with breast, ovarian or endometrial cancer?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate **the medical information** provided for women with breast, ovarian or endometrial cancer?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate **the availability of treatment** provided for women with breast, ovarian or endometrial cancer?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** that you were given as staff regarding the needs of patients of the LGBTIQ community?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **training** that you were given as staff regarding the needs of patients of the LGBTIQ community?

- Very poor, etc

Have you received training or information to equip you to react to the fact that medicines have different effects in men and women?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Have you been **trained or informed** on the **gender impact of clinical trial design**, meaning that clinical trials are predominantly designed based on the male body?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider that there are **differences of treatment** between men and women in the way that health issues are treated at the **workplace**?

- Disagree fully, etc

Have you experienced or received **testimony** of difference of treatment between men and women in the way that health issues are treated at the workplace?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you are a woman, how would you describe **your personal working conditions as a woman** in the health sector?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe **working conditions in general for women** in the health sector?

- Very poor, etc

In your view, what would need to be improved to **attract and retain women** as staff to the health sector?

choose up to 3

- Pay
- Education and training
- Working time models
- Career development
- Diversification of tasks
- Recognition
- Addressing discrimination at the workplace
- Better work life balance
- Support service for parenting health workers
- Adapted workplace for older workers
- More inclusive workplaces for people with health conditions or disabilities
- Better management training for senior staff leading teams

What is **withholding or blocking progress** in addressing women's health issues?
(up to 3 choices)

- Insufficient awareness of women's health needs
- Lack of political support for women's health
- Insufficient action or support from the EU on women's health issues
- Lack of funding
- Access to funding
- Insufficient healthcare infrastructure (e.g. staff, equipment, facilities)
- Societal barriers
- Overregulation
- Lack of information or misinformation on women's health

What would you consider as the **biggest challenge** in women's health?

choose up to 3

- Lack of recognition of women's health needs

- Lack of prioritisation of women's health conditions
- Lack of access to care
- Lack of funding
- Lack of targeting
- Lack of research
- That the default patient for testing and research is male
- Lack of collaboration and networking
- Other, please specify below

What would you consider the **most relevant area(s)** of health care rights and needs of women that should be **improved**?

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- Access to preventive health care
- Access to health care specific to women
- Access to mental health care
- Access to reproductive health care
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- Access to gynaecological health care
- Health inequalities
- Other

In your view, what is the most **urgent area of action** regarding women's health?

FREE ANSWER

How would you evaluate the availability of information regarding health care rights and needs of women?

- Very poor, etc

Would you say that there is enough legislation regarding the health care rights and needs of women?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

How much **EU involvement** would you like to see in the future regarding women's health?

- No involvement
- Very limited involvement
- Substantial, but limited involvement
- Shared equally with the Member States
- Large involvement
- Full EU responsibility
- Prefer not to say

Where would you consider more EU action regarding women's health could be of added value?

FREE ANSWER

What would you like to share with us at the end of the questionnaire?

FREE ANSWER

Individual

What is the country where you live?
insert choice list EU 27 outside EU

Age range:

- Below 20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 61-70
- Above 80

What is your gender?

- male
- female
- non-binary
- other
- prefer not to answer

What is your highest level of education?

- Less than secondary school
- Secondary school graduate (includes equivalency)
- Some college, no degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master or Ph.D
- Graduate or professional degree from vocational school
- Prefer not to answer

What is your current occupation?

- Student
- Full time employed
- Part time employed
- Self employed
- Not working for remuneration
- Unable to work / tbd
- Retired
- Other:

What is your relationship situation? *multiple answers possible*

- Married / in a partnership
- Single
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Prefer not to answer

Parental status:

- I have child(ren) y/n
- 1 - 2 - 3 - more than 3
- Who live in my household y/n
- I am a single parent y/n

How would you describe your economic status?

- Doing well
- OK economically
- Struggling economically

Do you feel you have financial autonomy?

- No
- No, reliant on income of partner
- No, reliant on income of someone else
- Yes

Migration status in the country where you live

- Migrant
- Second-generation migrant
- My ancestors resided in or arrived earlier to the country where I live

Are you replying to this questionnaire on your behalf or with respect to someone else?

- On my behalf
- And I am a woman / non-binary / other
- And I am a man

What comments would you like to give about the situation of women's health?

FREE ANSWER

Questionnaire ends here

- with respect to health issues of a woman:
- A who is a close family member
- B who is a person close to me

Information: When you are replying on behalf of another person, please put their perspective

If you want to respond to the questionnaire both with regard to your own experiences and those relating to a woman/women close to you, you will be able to return to this point in the questionnaire after completing it the first time.

General physical health and mental health

How is your physical health?

- Very poor, etc

How is your mental health?

- Very poor, etc

Do you have a physical or mental health condition, a disability or a chronic disease that is affecting you in daily life since more than a year?

- No
- Yes
- If yes, (multiple answers possible)
 - mental health condition
 - physical health condition
 - disability
 - chronic disease
 - prefer not to answer

Access to Health Services

How would you describe your **general access** to medical care?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe **your access to medical care as a woman**?

- Very poor, etc

Would you consider **access** to healthcare specific to women, such as **gynaecology**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the **access to prevention** and regular check-ups concerning gynaecological health?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe your **access** to healthcare for **sexual and reproductive health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the **education** you received concerning your **body and health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the **education** you received concerning your **sexual and reproductive health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you describe the **access** to **contraceptive options**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided **during puberty and coming of age**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during **puberty and coming of age**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given by medical staff during **puberty and coming of age**?

- Very poor, etc

Portal pregnancy.

Would you like to answer questions about pregnancy? Yes - No

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided **during that pregnancy**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during that pregnancy?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given by medical staff during pregnancy?

- Very poor, etc

Portal childbirth and postpartum care.

Would you like to answer questions about childbirth and postpartum care? Yes - No

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided during **giving birth**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during **giving birth**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given when **giving birth**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided during **postpartum** care?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during **postpartum** care?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given during **postpartum** care?

- Very poor, etc

Portal menopause and perimenopause.

Would you like to answer questions about menopause and perimenopause? Yes - No

Is a **health condition related to menopause or perimenopause** affecting your daily life?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer- I don't know

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

Portal for health conditions specific to women

For each of the conditions listed, we will ask 5 questions on provision of healthcare, timeliness of diagnosis, availability of treatment, information, respect

- **menstruation related health conditions**
- **endometriosis**
- **polycystic ovarian syndrome**
- **infertility or subfertility conditions**
- **breast cancer**
- **ovarian, endometrial and uterine cancer**
- **incontinence**
- **chronic urinary infections or interstitial cystitis (bladder pain syndrome)**
- **bone density osteoporosis**
- **autoimmune diseases**
- **other hormonal conditions**
- **Ask for each:**

Portal Have you experienced health issues related to **xxx (insert condition) xxx**?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** provided **for your health condition**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **timeliness of your diagnosis** relating to **your health condition**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **availability of treatment** relating to **your health condition**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff **for your health condition**?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given **during treatment for your health condition**?

- Very poor, etc

Would you like to share a statement in relation to your health condition?

FREE ANSWER

Portal LGBTIQ Community

Would you like to answer questions regarding Women's health as a member of the LGBTIQ community? Yes - No

Please only answer the questions addressing members of the LGBTIQ community if you consider yourself a member of the community, otherwise choose "does not apply to me".

How would you evaluate the **healthcare** regarding women's health provided for the LGBTIQ community?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **information** that you as a member of the LGBTIQ community received from medical staff in relation to women's health?

- Very poor
- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very good
- Prefer not to say/ I don't know
- Does not apply to me

How would you evaluate the **expertise** that the medical staff has regarding your needs as a member of the LGBTIQ community in the context of women's health?

- Very poor, etc

How would you evaluate the **respect** that you were given as a member of the LGBTIQ community by healthcare professionals?

- Very poor, etc

Would you like to share a statement in relation to women's health from the perspective of the LGBTIQ community?

FREE ANSWER

How would you rate the **availability of information** regarding **chemicals** in cosmetics (e.g. make-up, conditioner) and other products that increase the risk of cancer and infertility?

- Very poor, etc

Would you say that there is enough legislation regarding chemicals in cosmetics that affect women's health?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say
- I don't know

How much **EU involvement** would you like to see in the future regarding chemicals affecting women's health in cosmetics?

- No involvement
- Very limited involvement
- Substantial, but limited involvement
- Shared equally with the Member States
- Large involvement
- Full EU responsibility
- Prefer not to say

Portal women's health at the workplace.

Would you like to answer questions about women's health at the workplace? Yes - No

How would you assess the **support** that you received **from co-workers or hierarchy** in regard to women's health issues?

- Very poor, etc

Do you feel that your health condition or disability has **impacted** you profoundly in the **workplace**?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

If yes, where was the **impact** the strongest?

- Income

- Career
- Stress at work
- Mental health
- Recognition
- Work load
- Social interaction
- Others (specify below)

Do you consider that there are **differences of treatment** between men and women in the way that the health issues are treated at the **workplace**?

- Disagree fully, etc

Have you experienced a difference of treatment between men and women in the way that your health issues are treated at the workplace?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If yes, would you like to share the situation with us?

FREE ANSWER

Would you consider that **access** to health care **differs** for women and men?

- Disagree fully, etc

Do you consider that the **waiting time** for an appointment specific for women's health is:

- longer than for a general practitioner appointment
- shorter than for a general practitioner appointment
- the same as for a general practitioner appointment

Do you consider that healthcare providers have a **different approach** if the patient is a man rather than a woman?

- Disagree fully, etc

Have you experienced **different treatment** by healthcare providers as a woman?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Would you consider that tests and therapies given to women in the context of gynaecology and/or pregnancy are sometimes unnecessarily **painful**?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Have you experienced **inequalities in access** to medical care and in treatment?

- Yes
- In general
- Specifically as a woman
- Specifically thanks to other personal characteristics such as nationality, income, ethnicity, social status, place of residence
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Would you like to describe the situation where you experienced gender inequality regarding health?

FREE ANSWER

What would you consider as the most relevant areas of women's **health care rights and needs** that should be covered by **legislation**?

choose up to 3

- Improving the access to preventive health care
- Improving the access to health care specific to women
- Improving the access to mental health care
- Improving access to reproductive health care
- Improving access to gynaecological health care
- Addressing health inequalities
- Other

Political **actions to improve** women's health are best done jointly at the EU level?

- Disagree fully, etc

Political **actions to combat health inequalities** are best done jointly at the EU level?

- Disagree fully, etc

Political actions to create a better situation for women's **sexual and reproductive health** are best done jointly at the **EU level**?

- Disagree fully, etc

What is **withholding or blocking progress** in addressing women's health issues?

choose up to 3

- insufficient awareness of women's health needs
- lack of political support for women's health
- insufficient action or support from the EU on women's health issues
- lack of funding
- access to funding
- insufficient healthcare infrastructure (e.g. staff, equipment, facilities)
- societal barriers
- overregulation
- lack of information or misinformation on women's health

What would you consider as the **biggest challenge** in women's health?
choose up to 3

- lack of recognition of women's health needs
- lack of prioritisation of women's health conditions
- lack of access to care
- lack of funding
- lack of targeting
- lack of research
- that the default patient for testing and research is male
- lack of collaboration and networking
- Other, please specify below

What would you consider the **most relevant area(s)** of health care rights and needs of women that should be **improved**?
choose up to 3

- access to preventive health care
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- access to mental health care
- access to reproductive health care
- research into safe medication, dosages and adverse effects for women
- access to gynaecological health care
- health inequalities
- Other

In your view, what is the most **urgent area of action** regarding women's health

FREE ANSWER

How would you evaluate the **availability of information** regarding health care rights and needs of women?

- Very poor, etc

Would you say that there is **enough legislation** regarding the health care rights and needs of

women?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer
- I don't know

How much **EU involvement** would you like to see in the future regarding women's health?

- no involvement
- very limited involvement
- substantial, but limited involvement
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- large involvement
- full EU responsibility
- Prefer not to say
- - I don't know

Where would you consider more EU action regarding women's health could be of added value?

FREE ANSWER

What would you like to share with us at the end of the questionnaire?

FREE ANSWER

Stakeholder

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- an individual
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- representative of a public institution

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Your organisation is:

- A patient/support group
- A business in the health sector
- A think tank
- A non-governmental organisation
- An interest group
- A consultancy
- A representation of a professional group
- Other (please specify below)

What is the name of your organisation?

FREE ANSWER

What is your registration number in the EU transparency registry?

FREE ANSWER

Where is your organisation based?

- insert list of countries

Does your organisation receive EU funding?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

At which geographical level is your organisation active? (We will assume that your answers below relates to your area of activity as indicated here)

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- Regional
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- International

All of the questions below are in regard to the geographical area at which your organisation is active.

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How would your organisation describe women's access to medical care?

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Would your organisation consider access to healthcare specific to women, such as gynaecology?

- Very poor, etc

Would your organisation consider that access to health care differs for women and men?

- Disagree fully, etc

Does your organisation consider that the waiting time for an appointment specific for women's health is:

- Longer than for a general practitioner appointment
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Does your organisation consider that healthcare providers have a different approach if the patient is a man rather than a woman?

- Disagree fully, etc

Has your organisation received testimony of different treatment by healthcare providers regarding women?

- Yes
- No
- prefer not to answer
- I don't know

Has your organisation received testimony of inequalities in access to medical care and in treatment?

- Yes
- In general
- Specifically for women
- Specifically due to other personal characteristics such as nationality, ethnicity, income, social status, place of residence
- No
- Prefer not to answer
- I don't know

Would you like to share testimonies of inequality with us?

FREE ANSWER

What would your organisation consider as the most relevant areas of women's health care rights and needs that should be covered by legislation?

choose up to 3

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- Improving the access to mental health care
- Improving access to reproductive health care
- Improving access to gynaecological health care
- Addressing health inequalities
- Other

Political **actions** to improve women's health are best done jointly at the EU level?

- Disagree fully, etc

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- Disagree fully, etc

How would your organisation describe the available **education** concerning **body and health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation describe the available **education** concerning sexual and reproductive health?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation describe the **access to prevention** and regular check-ups concerning gynaecological health?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation describe **access to healthcare for sexual and reproductive health**?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation describe the **access to contraceptive options**?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation evaluate the **healthcare** provided during **pregnancy**?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation evaluate the **healthcare** provided **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation evaluate the **information** provided by medical staff during **during menopause and perimenopause**?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation evaluate the **oncology healthcare** provided **for women with breast, ovarian or endometrial cancer**?

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How would your organisation evaluate existing information and expertise regarding the fact that medicines have different effects in men and women?

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How would your organisation evaluate existing information and expertise regarding the gender impact of **clinical trial design**, meaning that clinical trials are predominantly designed based on the male body?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation evaluate the **information** that members of the LGBTIQ community receive from medical staff in relation to women's health?

- Very poor, etc

How would your organisation evaluate the **expertise** that the medical staff has regarding needs of members of the LGBTIQ community in the context of women's health?

- Very poor, etc

Would you like to share a statement in relation to women's health of the LGBTIQ community?

FREE ANSWER

Does your organisation consider that there are **differences of treatment** between men and women in the way that health issues are treated at the **workplace**?

- Disagree fully, etc

Has your organisation experienced or received **testimony** of difference of treatment between men and women in the way that health issues are treated at the workplace?

- Yes
- No
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- I don't know

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- Other, please specify below

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- Health inequalities
- Other

In your view, what is the most **urgent area of action** regarding women's health

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Where would you consider more EU action regarding women's health could be of added value?

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