



## EUROCITIES city dialogue on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on women

16 June 2020, 14:00-15:30 CEST

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### Objective

This city dialogue will engage EUROCITIES members in direct exchange on the gendered impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women in cities. Cities have long been at the forefront of working towards gender equal societies. However, the impact of the COVID-19 crisis has given an increased urgency to this aim. The pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities for and discrimination of women. To implement an adequate and inclusive EU-wide recovery to the COVID-19 crisis, any reconstruction measures must be distributed equally across genders and mitigate the particular disadvantages women face. This should be seen within the wider context of enforcing women's rights and gender mainstreaming in EU policy and efforts to tackle social inequalities more generally.

Women are the majority of key workers in essential services such as health and elderly care, social services, the food industry or education, yet are painfully underrepresented in decision-making processes concerning their own employment or safety. Moreover, women are frequently working in high-risk, low-paid jobs and are particularly vulnerable to precarious working conditions, short-term work, or unemployment. They often must shoulder additional burdens during confinement at home, with the bigger part of caring, schooling and housework responsibilities falling on women. These processes aggravate prospects for the socio-economic equality of women and men during a pandemic that, in addition, has seen a worrying rise in domestic violence against women. Our discussion will focus on cities' responses to these issues and pay particular attention to the following points:

- Women's employment situation and the economic and health-related impact on precarious jobs
- Women's triple burden of home caring, home schooling, home office
- A rise in domestic violence and anti-feminist backlash

Cities input will feed directly into a debate with representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, and European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE).

## Draft agenda

14:00	Welcome and introduction by <b>EUROCITIES</b>
14:05	<b>The impact of COVID-19 on women: key issues at stake</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Helena Dalli, Commissioner for equality (tbc)</li><li>- Evelyn Regner, Chair of the FEMM committee in the European Parliament</li><li>- Carlien Scheele, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality</li></ul>
14:25	<b>Strategies and measures from cities to tackle:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Women's triple burden - home office, home caring, home schooling</b> Sonia Ruiz García, Director of gender and time policy, City of Barcelona</li><li>- <b>Women's unequal employment situation</b> Marina Hanke, Member of the Vienna City Council and Spokeswoman on women rights and gender equality, City of Vienna</li><li>- <b>Violence against women</b> Margot Olsson, Coordinator for all types of domestic violence, Labour Market and Social Services Administration, City of Malmo</li></ul> <p><i>Each topic will be introduced by a presentation from a city active on the topic, followed by a discussion and Q&amp;A session with participating cities</i></p>
15:25	Final remarks - Vienna and EUROCITIES



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