Data availability on Gender Equality in Austria

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National SDG Indicators in Austria

Set of about 200 indicators in total

Access Info Europe report, assessment for Austria:

• 20 Gender Indicators out of 28
• 4 Non-Statistical Indicators out of 5

2020 First indicator report (German only)
Gender Statistics for SDGs

No monitoring without data: Effective monitoring is necessary to measure progress of Gender Equality

Be creative: Broad data collection process – official data from Statistics Austria and other national data owners (Ministries, Federal Chancellery, Parliament....)

Go further: international data owners (Eurostat, FRA – Fundamental Rights Agency...) – Problem: Eurostat reports on goals, not on targets

Communicate: Extensive coordination process necessary
Key data gaps on gender equality indicators from Austrian perspective

• Data on domestic / care work: latest data from the Time Use Survey 2008/2009

• Data on violence / victim statistics: some data for 2012 by FRA (Fundamental Rights Agency) but we do not have (apart from official crime statistics) a regular Violence Survey
Special case: target not relevant / largely achieved

Some problems are hardly present in AT anymore and in this case often there is no data available $\rightarrow$ data gap, if nobody can confirm target is reached by 100%?

(e.g. 5.6.1 Women who make their own decisions regarding sexual relations...)

Solution: $\checkmark$ “target largely achieved”

BUT: the problem could be relevant for a very small sub-group $\rightarrow$ and therefore hard to get

(e.g. 5.3.2 Women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation)

Solution: marked as missing data
Main challenges for data collection

• Funding!

• Statistics Austria needs a legal regulation or extra financing to collect data

→ Time use and Gender based Violence Survey are also relevant from EU-perspective – Eurostat data collection focuses on both

→ Austria will join in the Gender based Violence Survey (for women only)

→ Time use survey – no funding yet
Future challenges

- Close data gaps, also with the help of Eurostat-priorities

- Thinking outside the box: future set could include data from Citizen science (like Common bird index by BirdLife International)

- Disaggregation of more indicators (like poverty...)

- SDG-Platform at Statistics Austria
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