

ElGE and the Gender Equality Index

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Who are EIGE?

(www.eige.europa.eu)

European Institute for Gender Equality

“Knowledge centre and front runner in developing reliable evidence, collecting knowledge, sharing useful experiences and expertise on gender equality”

They were established to strengthen and promote gender equality and they include in their work gender mainstreaming in both EU policies and therefore national policies.

Who are EIGE?

Deliver high-level expertise to:

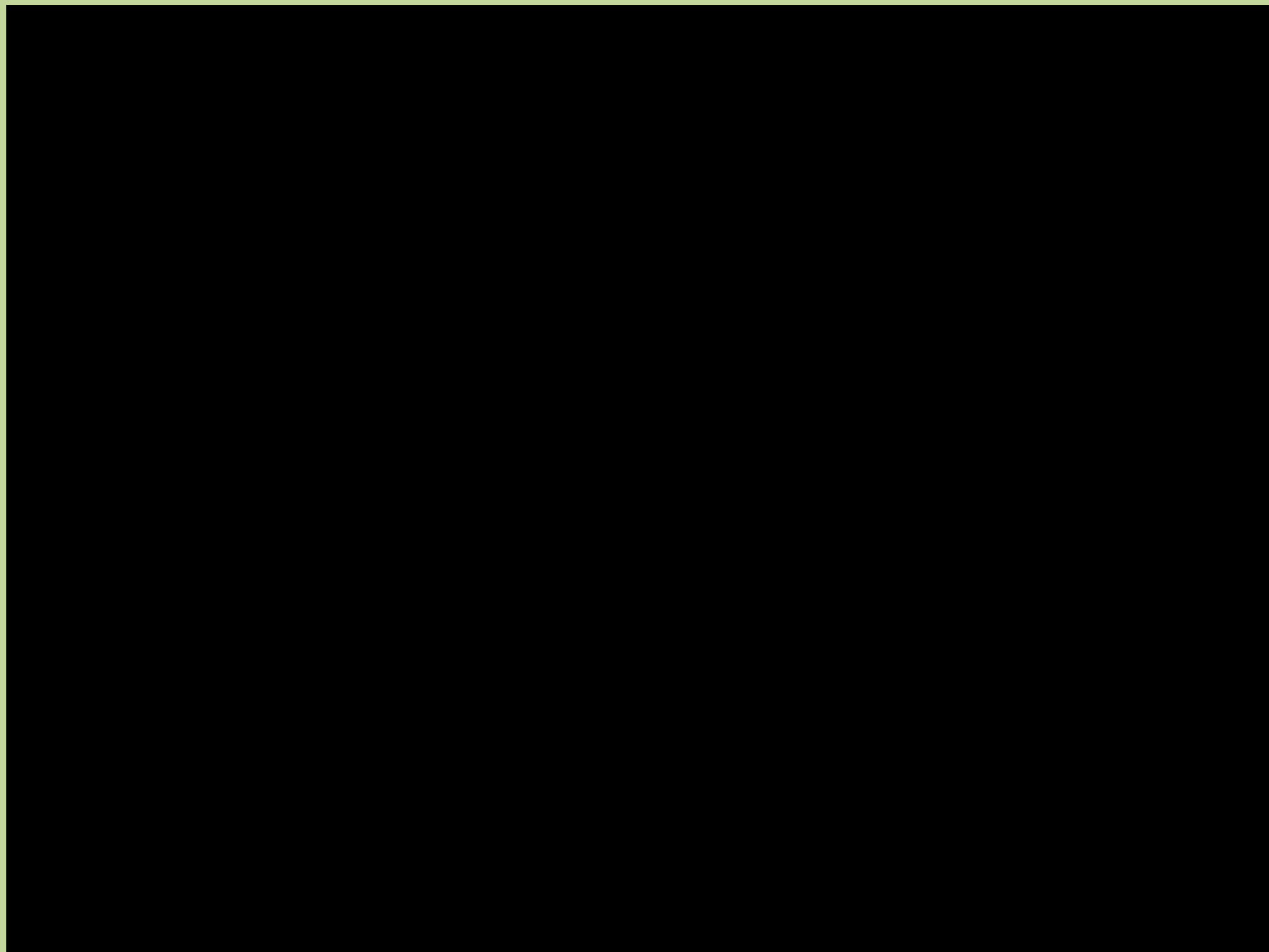
- European Commission
- European Parliament
- Member States
- Enlargement Countries

Their vision: **‘Making equality between women and men a reality for all Europeans and beyond’**

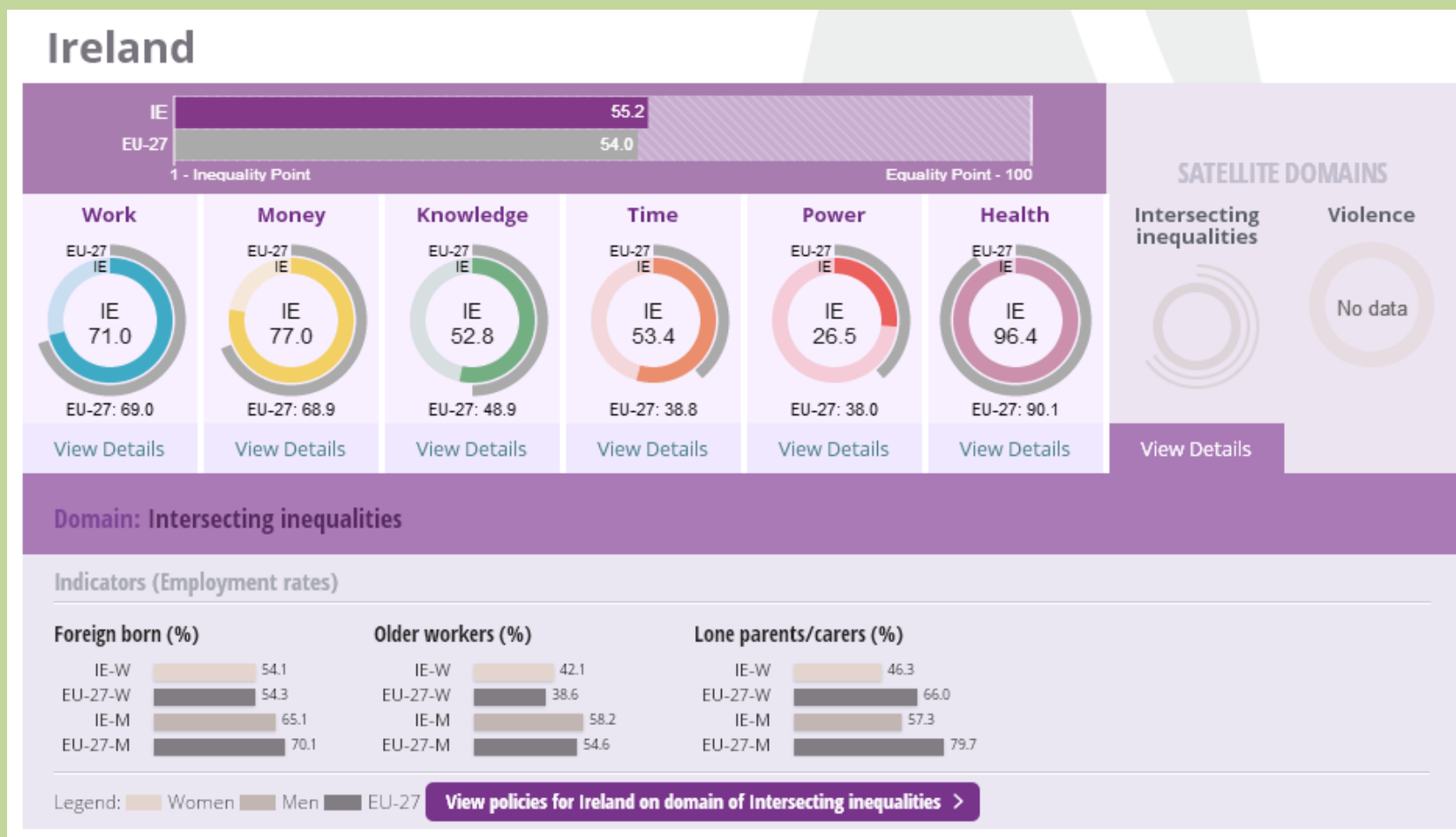
The Gender Equality Index

What is the Gender Equality Index?

- Unique measurement tool
- Brings together the complexities of gender equality into a user friendly and easily understandable measure
- Takes the indicators and makes them a single summary measure
- Allows for meaningful comparison between different domains and different member states.
- Provides us with an indication of how a member state are doing.
- It has 6 domain areas and two satellite domains



Ireland and the Gender Equality Index



What are some of the benefits of the Gender Equality Index?

1. See what is done differently in countries where they score highly/higher on the index.
2. The data can be used to influence government policies.
3. Useful for tracking the changes to gender equality over time.
4. Highlights areas where there is a lack of data.