

**Question for written answer E-000425/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: EU trade agreements and assessing their impact on women

Gender integration is an integral part of the Commission's policymaking, including via impact assessments and evaluation processes. There have been some encouraging recent trends. However, inequalities between men and women remain in many areas, violating fundamental rights, imposing a heavy toll on the economy, and resulting in underutilisation of talent.

In order to achieve the objectives of Europa 2020, namely smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the potential and the talent pool of women need to be used more extensively and more efficiently, with economic and business benefits to be gained. Through all relevant policies under its external action, the EU can exercise significant influence in fostering gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

Does the Commission think that, for speedier achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and to help to attain the standards set by the EU Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development (2010-2015), it would be appropriate for all trade agreements to include an assessment of their impact on women?