

**Question for written answer E-008650/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Gender segregation in employment

The growing risk of poverty and social exclusion among women is closely linked to budget cuts in public services such as healthcare, education, social services and welfare benefits. The feminisation of poverty persists in the EU, and gender segregation in employment is still a prevalent phenomenon, with women occupying mostly low-paid sectors. The 2015 EIGE Gender Equality Index shows only minor improvements: the EU remains only halfway towards achieving gender equality, with the overall score since 2005 having risen from 51.3 to 52.9 out of 100.

Faster progress is needed if the EU is to meet the Europe 2020 targets with regard to gender equality.

Bearing in mind that the Member States and the EU need a coordinated strategy to promote and achieve gender equality, has an impact study been carried out on gender segregation in employment?