

**Question for written answer E-001802/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Conditions for women in prisons in the European Union

Women make up a very small percentage of prisoners: in Europe they constitute on average some 4.5 % to 5 % of the total prison population (ranging from 2.9 % in Poland to 7.8 % in Spain).

The number of women in prisons is rising at a far higher rate than the male population across the EU, and imminent changes to care are required.

Given the serious need for gender-disaggregated, comprehensive, comparable, up-to-date data and statistics, how will the Commission work with the Member States in cooperation with the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) to conduct the necessary research from a gender point of view and to collect information on all aspects of imprisonment, to make a breakdown of all data by gender and to make the statistics available?

What specific EU funds are dedicated to improving the conditions of women in prisons?