

Gender equality: Community framework strategy, programme 2001-2005

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The purpose of this Commission Staff Working Paper is to accompany the final evaluation report on the Community's framework strategy and action programme relating to gender equality, 2001 -2006.

This document presents the final findings of the framework strategy. The Decision establishing the Community action programme requires the Commission to present an intermediary report as well as a final, independent report prepared with the help of external assistance. Following a call for proposal, the Commission, requested Deloitte to prepare the final, external evaluation report, which it received in December 2007. The Commission presented its intermediary evaluation report on the action programme in 2004.

Having set out the main aims and objectives of the framework programme and after having analysed the effectiveness of the programme, the document details how the framework strategy programme helped meet the objective of promoting gender equality.