Gender equality: establishment of a European Institute for Gender Equality

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Pending receipt of the European Parliament's opinion, the Council arrived at a general approach on a draft Regulation establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality.

The aim of the Commission proposal is to establish an institute to give technical support to the Community institutions and the Member States, in particular as regards the collection, analysis and dissemination of data and comparable statistics and the development of methodological tools for integrating gender equality policies.

The Institute will have the aims of helping to promote and strengthen gender equality, helping the Community institutions to fight all discrimination on the grounds of gender and increasing awareness of issues linked with gender equality among European Union citizens.

The decision on the seat of the Institute will be taken at intergovernmental level. Interested delegations have submitted their applications.