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Through the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, the EU has made major strides towards gender equality. It has adopted legislation combating gender-based violence, making equal pay a reality, and promoting women's leadership in the corporate world.

The new Gender Equality Strategy 2026-2030, adopted on 4 March 2026, is the main framework for the European Commission's gender equality policy for the coming years. The new Gender Equality Strategy builds on past progress and translates the long-term vision of the Roadmap for Women's Rights into action. It aims to step up efforts to embed gender equality in every aspect of life: online and offline, at work, in school, at home, and in public life, for example by continuing the fight against gender-based violence and upholding the highest standards of health.

The new measures proposed will play a crucial role in helping to achieve the Union's strategic goals, from upholding democracy and the rule of law to bolstering security and competitiveness and fostering social inclusion. The strategy continues to follow a dual approach, combining targeted actions on gender equality with systematic gender mainstreaming across all policy areas, through an intersectional lens.

This strategy's breadth and ambition highlight the European Commission's continued commitment to achieving a gender-equal Europe.

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