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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Spain
Title:	
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	The active population survey shows that the decline in unemployment has been much higher for men than for women
Ground of discrimination:	Sex
Source:	Miscellaneous
Field:	Employment

Content

Policy development: On 28 January 2016, the active population survey (APS) for the fourth quarter of the year 2015 was published. The APS is an official quarterly survey whose main purpose is to obtain data of the labour force and their various categories (employed, unemployed), as well as the population outside the labour market (inactive). The initial sample is about 65,000 families, equivalent to approximately 180,000 people. Figures for the fourth quarter of 2015 are particularly important because they synthesize the 2015 results. According to this data, the unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of 2015 was 20.90 %. The APS shows that the unemployment rate decreased by 2.98 % compared to the unemployment rate of the same period of the previous year. However, the data show that the decline in unemployment has been much higher for men than for women: At the end of 2015 there were 436 100 less males unemployed but only 242 100 less females unemployed.

Key points of analysis: The data shows that the decline in unemployment has been much higher for men than for women in Spain in 2015. This means that the recovery of female employment is much slower than the recovery of male employment. These results raise doubts about the effectiveness of job creation measures implemented during the past years. A summary of these job creation measures can be found in the National Program of reforms in Spain 2015. This program explains the measures taken by Spain in relation to the reform recommendations asked for by the European Union. It has to be highlighted that in this program there are no references to the rate of female unemployment, and there are no specific measures to improve the employment situation of women.

Internet link source:

Active population survey:

http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/es/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736176918&menu=ultiDatos&idp=1254735976595, accessed 10 February 2016.

The National Program of Reforms in Spain 2015:

http://www.mineco.gob.es/stfls/mineco/comun/pdf/150504_np_actpnr.pdf, accessed 23 February 2016.