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Country:	Sweden
Title:	New public authority for gender equality
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Issue at stake:	Government initiative to create a public authority for gender equality
Ground of discrimination:	Sex
Source:	Policy development
Field:	Other

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Case/law/policy development: In December 2016, the Government appointed an inquiry chair to prepare and form a new public authority in the area of gender equality. In Sweden, all administrative authorities are organized as independent public bodies, headed by a Board or a Director-General, appointed by the Government.

The Gender Equality Authority, which will be headed by a Director-General will have the following tasks:

- contribute to a strategic, coherent and sustainable governance in the area, and to efficient implementation of gender equality policies;
- monitor, provide analysis, coordination and the necessary support in the area of gender equality;
- allocate and distribute financial support to projects that promote gender equality and the organisation of women;
- coordinate, implement and evaluate the national strategy to prevent and counteract violence against women, including violence and oppression in the name of honour; and
- support the Government also in other matters regarding gender equality, such as matters that arise within the framework of international cooperation.

The authority shall be ready to start working 1 January 2018.

Background: In 2015, a Government White Paper (SOU) 2015:86 on increased efficacy in gender equality policies was delivered. It concluded that in order to secure the implementation of political priorities in the area of gender equality, there is a need for a stable and long-lasting management structure on a national level. The same conclusion was drawn by the Swedish National Audit Office in the review of the Government's Gender equality activities 2007-2014 (RiR 2015:13).

Internet source:

http://www.regeringen.se/contentassets/fd7240295cab45df8130384abdb600fa/mal-och-myndighet---en-effektiv-styrning-av-jamstalldhetspolitiken-sou-2015_86.pdf

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