



European network of legal experts in gender equality and non-discrimination

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| Country: | Malta |
| Title: | Women's rights Council launched by Minister for European Affairs and Equality |
| Date: | 8 December 2017 |
| Expert: | Romina Bartolo |
| <u>Context</u> | Strengthening dialogue between civil society and the government on women's rights |
| Issue at stake: | Promotion of Equal Rights |
| Ground of discrimination: | Sex |
| Source: | Policy development |
| Field: | Other |

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Policy development: The Council for women's rights, which was launched by the Minister for European Affairs and Equality on 27 November 2017, aims to set up a think-tank composed of representatives of registered organisations working on women's rights. The lack of women in Parliament is one area that needs to be addressed.

The Government is committed to strengthen equal rights in all areas including public life, employment and politics as well as in the private sphere with regard to family responsibilities.

The Council currently consists of 23 different organisations but is open to further membership.

Key points of analysis: Malta does not fare well in many areas with regard to gender equality. The deficit is seen mostly in politics but there are other gaps that need to be addressed in order to ensure gender parity.

Internet source:

<https://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20171127/local/womens-rights-council-brings-23-ngos-to-the-table.664255> (accessed 4 December 2017)