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Country: Portugal
Title: National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination (ENIND Program)
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Context
Issue at stake: National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination
Ground of discrimination: Sex, sex identity and transgender
Source: Legislation, government policy
Field: General

Content

Government policy: The Portuguese Government has approved Resolution No. 61/2018 of 21 May 2018, implementing the National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination (*Estratégia Nacional para a Igualdade e Não Discriminação – Portugal + Igual – ENIND*), for the period covering 2018-2030. This National Plan is dedicated to three main fields: equality between men and women (IMH); violence against women, gender violence and domestic violence (VMVD); and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender and sexual characteristics (OIEC).

Key points of analysis: The Government policy defined in this Plan is intended to fight discrimination practises and to promote effective equality in the above-mentioned fields, throughout specific plans of action established for each one of the specific fields.

In relation to the first pillar (equality between men and women - IMH), the main goals of this Plan are to insert the gender dimension at all levels of public governance. Furthermore, the Plan aims to; strengthen its action in the promotion of gender equality in access to education; fighting gender stereotypes in the field of access to health services, the eradication of gender stereotypes in communication and media, and integrating the sex dimension in the fight against poverty and social exclusion.

In relation to the second pillar (violence against women, gender violence and domestic violence - VMVD), the Plan aims to prevent and eradicate social tolerance towards violence against women and domestic violence by promoting a culture of non-violence and tolerance, to enlarge the protection already granted to the victims of such violence, and to fight practises like genital mutilation and forced marriages involving children.

Finally, in relation to the third pillar (discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender and sexual characteristics – OIEC), the Plan intends to

promote the mainstreaming of non-discrimination issues related to LGBTI persons and to fight all forms of violence based on OIEC.

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