

Self-employed women in the EU

- Hardly any specific data available.
Different definitions of self-employed.
- Eurofound: 15% of the total working population in 2012 is self-employed
- Womenentreprenurshipplatform (WEP):
34,4% of the self-employed in the EU are women

- Large variation between the Member States
- Most self-employed women in southern countries, esp. in agriculture (including partners in small family businesses).
- Highest number in Greece
- Lowest number in Luxembourg, Denmark and Estonia
- In the middle: UK, Netherlands, Ireland

Working conditions

- 18% of self-employed classify as poor, compared to 6% of employees
- Median income is € 3.700,- less than employees
- Working hours approx. 8-13 hours more per week than employees

