



# Institute for the equality of women and men

- **Equality body (< EU-Directives)**
- **Independent public institution**
- **Created in 2002 by the Belgian legislator “to promote and protect gender equality and to fight gender inequality and gender discrimination”**
- **Mission**
  - Fight against discrimination on the grounds of sex or gender
  - Specific actions that promote gender equality
  - Prevent gender inequality by gender mainstreaming
- **4 tools for action**
  - Individual legal assistance
  - Recommendations
  - Research, training, awareness raising
  - Community building