Women in Politics: Local and European trends

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Why this study?

SDG 5 | Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- **5.5** Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life;

- **5.c** Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.
Scope

Women in politics

Share of women among all elected representatives in Europe (39 countries*) | 2019

*39 of the 41 countries studied for this publication, due to missing data for Germany and Switzerland.
Key findings and trends
Local politics

Fig. 2
% Local elected women by country in 2008 and in 2019

2008  2019
Key findings and trends
Local politics

Fig. 3
Average proportion of local elected women in Europe in 2008 and in 2019

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<td>Women mayors</td>
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Women mayors of EU capital cities

- Femke Halsema
- Gabriela Firea
- Lydie Polfer
- Manuela Carmena

Amsterdam, Netherlands
Bucharest, Romania
Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Madrid, Spain

Anna Hidalgo
Virginia Raggi
Yordanka Fadukova
Anna K. Jerlmyr

Paris, France
Rome, Italy
Sofia, Bulgaria
Stockholm, Sweden
Key findings and trends
Intermediate politics

% Women elected representatives and leaders in 2019

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Key findings and trends
Regional politics

% Women members of regional assemblies by country in 2008 and in 2019
Key findings and trends
Tools and rules | Quotas

Impact of quotas on the average proportion of elected women in Europe
Challenges for women in politics
Recommendations
Thank you!