

The European Women's Lobby in cooperation with Oxfam International has published a Gender Works Paper, in March 2010, on

**“Women's poverty and social exclusion in the European Union at a time of recession:
An Invisible Crisis?”**

The report describes the impact of the economic recession on the lives of the women in the European Union with special regard to

- Poverty and standard of living
- Changing employment patterns
- Discrimination against women in the workplace
- Unpaid work and care economy
- Women of migrant and ethnic origin
- Violence against women
- Trafficking, prostitution and poverty
- Social benefits
- Access to essential services (health, education, childcare)

The authors suggest that the disadvantages experienced by women are underestimated due to insufficient statistical data, partly because the data available lags behind the reality and moreover because of deficiencies in collecting gender disaggregated data and lack of gender analysis.

The report closes with recommendations to governments and policy makers.

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/policy/economic_crisis/downloads/rr_gec_an_invisible_crisis_240310.pdf