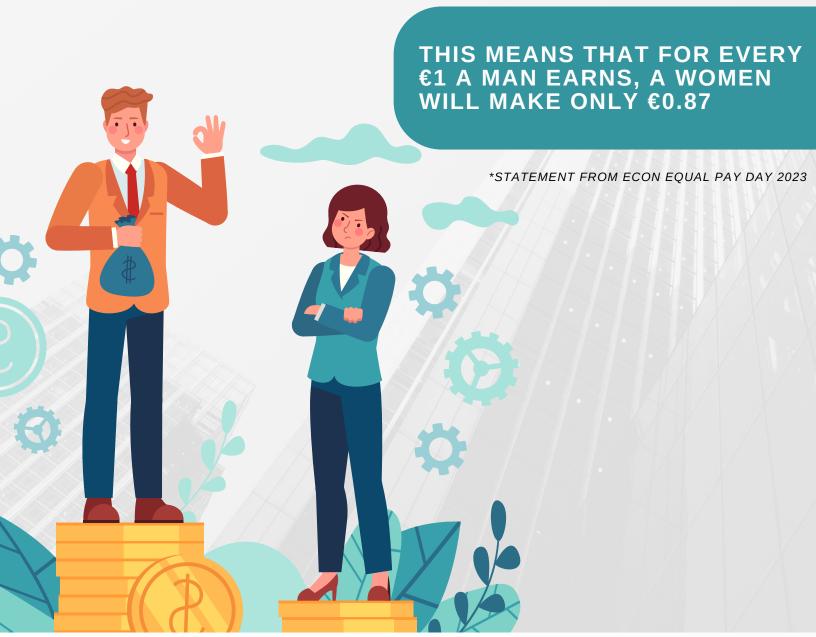


WOMEN IN THE EUROPEAN UNION CONTINUE TO EARN LESS THAN MEN

WITH THE AVERAGE GENDER PAY GAP IN THE EU STANDING AT 13%.





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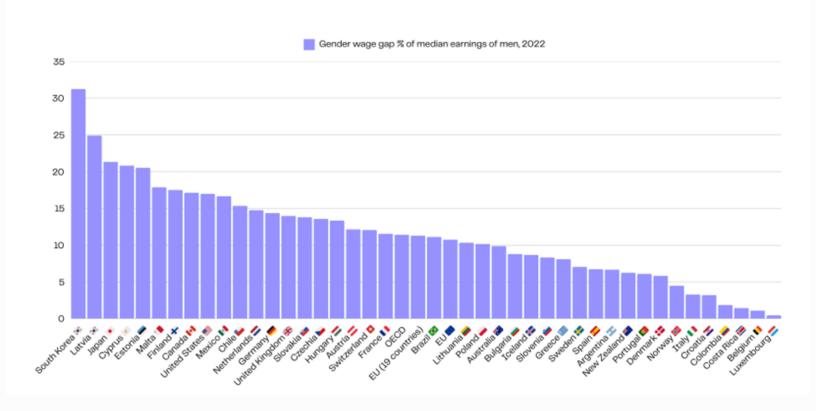
## GENDER WAGE GAP



THE GENDER PAY GAP REMAINS A REALITY IN EUROPE, WITH SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

WHILE SOME NATIONS HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN REDUCING THIS DISPARITY, OTHERS STILL SHOW CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES IN EARNINGS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

THESE FIGURES HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING TRANSPARENCY AND PAY EQUITY POLICIES TO CLOSE THE GAP AND ENSURE FAIR COMPENSATION FOR ALL.





## WHYS TO TALK ABOUT SALARIES?

## ARTICLE 7, THE PAY TRANSPARENCY DIRECTIVE

"WORKERS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE IN WRITING, INFORMATION ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL PAY LEVEL AND THE AVERAGE PAY LEVELS, BROKEN DOWN BY SEX, FOR CATEGORIES OF WORKERS PERFORMING THE SAME WORK AS THEM OR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE TO THEIRS."

"

THIS PROVISION ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF PAY SECRECY, WHICH HAS OFTEN BEEN A BARRIER TO ADDRESSING WAGE INEQUALITY. BY ELIMINATING THIS SECRECY, THE DIRECTIVE ENCOURAGES OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS ABOUT PAY DISPARITIES AND CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE FAIR COMPENSATION IS EXPECTED.

