Gender budgeting

Tool 11: Reporting on resource spending for gender equality in the ESIFs

Tracking budget expenditures that promote gender equality is an important element of gender budgeting. For this, tool 8 can be used. However, and although tracking budget allocations according to their categorization as done in this tool 8 is a way forward, the process of tracking expenditures is much richer.

The process of tracking expenditures that advances gender equality has to be based on a deeper understanding of how funds are spent and how the spending is linked to gender equality. How can we know the spending is transformative and promotes gender equality and equity? Who will profit from the funding? What will be changed? How will it be changed? These questions cannot be answered through a mere tracking system. The below lists of different approaches showcase the richness embedded in tracking expenditures.

A pre-existing condition for tracking expenditures that promote gender equality is existing leadership will to do so, and a core of experts with profound knowledge, see EIGE toolkit on Institutional Transformation for more information on the latter.