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Draft Council conclusions on strengthening the role and impact of research and innovation in the policymaking process in the Union  
- Approval  
= Statement by Hungary

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**Statement by Hungary on the Council conclusions on Strengthening the role and impact of Research and Innovation in the policymaking process in the Union**

Hungary recognises and promotes equality between men and women in accordance with the Fundamental Law of Hungary and the primary law, principles and values of the European Union, as well as commitments and principles stemming from international law. Equality between women and men is enshrined in the Treaties of the European Union as a fundamental value. In line with these and its national legislation, Hungary interprets the term ‘gender’ as a reference to ‘sex’ in the *Council Conclusions on strengthening the role and impact of research and innovation in the policymaking process in the Union*.

Furthermore, Hungary declares that the Commission's Communication on 'the European Commission's Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025' mentioned in the *Council Conclusions on strengthening the role and impact of research and innovation in the policy-making process in the Union* should be interpreted with due regard to the national competences and the specific circumstances in each Member State.

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