Women in decision-making: 1.57/5
Socio-economic position of women: 1.85/5
Violence against women: 1.4/5

TRENDS:

There has been slow but steady progress over the last few years in increasing the number of childcare places for infants between 1 and 3 years old. Discussion has also intensified over whether to make the last 2 years of preschool compulsory (currently, 1 year is compulsory) and whether to increase the number of schools offering classes in the afternoon.

Improvements can also be seen in transparency on salaries since 2011, with companies being required to publish gendered pay data. By 2014, all companies with more than 150 employees will be bound by the legislation.

The Austrian Ministry for Women in 2012 began quarterly publication of a barometer with sex-disaggregated data on various topics concerning women’s rights and gender equality. Topics covered in 2012 included part-time work and pensions, and domestic violence.

In 2009, new legal provisions were adopted to protect women and children from perpetrators of violence. A new programme was also implemented to train police and social services to better detect and deal with domestic violence and victims of trafficking.

Hopes for a National Action Plan to Eliminate Violence against Women in 2013 have been dashed due to forthcoming national elections and a lack of prioritisation of this issue.