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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015: Section III – Commission and executive agencies
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Points out that gender equality should be a cross-cutting objective for all policy areas; notes, however, that some of the programmes do not have specific targeted actions with specific budget allocations to fulfil this objective and a better collection of data should result not only in the quantification of appropriations allocated to actions contributing to gender equality but also in an improvement of the evaluation of the impact of those Union funds
2. Recalls that, as stated in Article 8 TFEU, equality between women and men is one of the values on which the European Union is founded and the Union promotes it; considers that gender equality must be mainstreamed in all policies and therefore this has to be taken into account in the budgetary procedures;
3. Repeats its calls on the Commission to consider gender budgeting at all stages of the budgetary process, including, inter alia, in the implementation of the budget and the assessment of its execution, including EFSI, ESF, ERDF, Horizon 2020, in order to combat the discrimination taking place in Member States; stresses that a common set of quantifiable result and impact indicators, which would allow for better assessment of the implementation of the budget from the gender perspective, should be incorporated in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the budget, in line with the Budget Focused on Results initiative and the focus on performance;
4. Calls on the Commission to use gender budgeting analysis of both new and existing budget lines and, where possible, to make necessary policy changes to ensure that gender inequality does not occur indirectly;
5. Stresses that, despite the joint declaration attached to the MFF on gender mainstreaming, no specific measures have so far been taken; calls for effective monitoring of the implementation of that declaration in the annual budgetary procedure;
6. Calls on the Commission to introduce a gender equality pillar into the Europe 2020 strategy and for the inclusion of specific gender-related targets;
7. Urges the Court of Auditors to evaluate the inclusion of an analysis of achieving gender-related targets included in the EU 2020 Strategy in the annual reports assessing the execution of the Union budget;
8. Reiterates its previous calls on the Commission to ensure the full implementation of the funds allocated to the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and urges it to take immediate steps to increase funding for the promotion of gender equality; notes that full implementation of the 2015 budget is declared by the use of global commitments, not allowing for a clear assessment of the use of the funds;
9. Calls on the European Commission, when preparing the annual work programme, to

respect the appropriate and fair distribution of financial support between different areas covered by the specific objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC), taking into account the level of funding already allocated under the previous 2007-2013 programming period; deplores the decrease in funds available for the Daphne specific objective; notes that budget appropriations in commitments for the Daphne programme were EUR 18 million in 2013, EUR 19,5 in 2012 and more than EUR 20 million in 2011, whereas in 2016, the REC work programme has foreseen slightly more than EUR 14 million for that objective.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	25.1.2017
Result of final vote	+: 25 -: 4 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Viorica D nciil , Iratxe García Pérez, Arne Gericke, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Elisabeth Köstinger, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Florent Marcellési, Angelika Mlinar, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, Pina Picierno, João Pimenta Lopes, Terry Reintke, Liliana Rodrigues, Michaela Šojdrová, Ernest Urtasun, Ángela Vallina, Jadwiga Wi niewska, Anna Záborská, Jana Žit anská
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