



**2017/2136(DEC)**

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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 2016, Section III - Commission and executive agencies  
(2017/2136(DEC))

Rapporteur: Barbara Matera

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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:

- A. whereas equality between women and men is one of the values on which the European Union is founded and the Union is committed to promote gender mainstreaming in all of its actions as enshrined in Article 8 TFEU;
- B. whereas the European Parliament has repeatedly asked the Commission to implement gender mainstreaming, gender budgeting and gender impact assessment in different Union policy areas and the Court of Auditors to incorporate a gender perspective into its assessment of the implementation of the Union budget;
  - 1. Stresses that equality between women and men should be ensured in all policy areas; reiterates therefore its call for the implementation of gender budgeting at all the stages of the budgetary process, including the implementation of the budget and assessment of its implementation;
  - 2. Regrets that the budget lines under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) 2014 - 2020 do not specify the resources allocated to each of the objectives of the programme linked to gender equality; welcomes the fact that, in 2016, the Women Against Violence Network and the European Women's Lobby received grants in the field of combatting violence against women and gender equality;
  - 3. Calls for gender equality to be explicitly mentioned in heading 3, 'Security and citizenship';
  - 4. Reiterates its call to keep a separate budget line for the Daphne specific objective, with increased resources to reverse the decrease of funds dedicated to Daphne during the 2014-2020 period;
  - 5. Deplores that the European Fund for Strategic Investments does not include a gender perspective and stresses that a successful process of recovery is not possible without addressing the impact of the crises on women;
  - 6. Highlights that gender mainstreaming is also among the founding principles of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF); deplores, however, the lack of targeted actions on gender equality with specific budget lines despite Parliament's reiterated calls to take into account the gender dimension also within migration and asylum policies;
  - 7. Reiterates its demand to include in the common set of result indicators for the implementation of the Union budget also gender-specific indicators, with due regard to the principle of sound financial management, namely in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness;
  - 8. Calls for gender impact assessment as part of general ex-ante conditionality for EU

funds, and for the collection of data disaggregated when possible by sex on beneficiaries and participants;

9. Welcomes the relatively balanced participation by gender (52 % women versus 48 % men) in European Social Fund interventions in 2016;
10. Calls for a renewed commitment by Parliament, the Council and the Commission to gender equality in the next MFF, by means of a joint declaration attached to the MFF, including a commitment to implement gender budgeting and an effective monitoring of the implementation of this declaration in the annual budgetary procedures by including a provision in a review clause of the new MFF regulation.

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Date adopted</b>	24.1.2018
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+:                26 -:                1 0:                4
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Daniela Aiuto, Maria Arena, Heinz K. Becker, Malin Björk, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Iratxe García Pérez, Arne Gericke, Anna Hedh, Mary Honeyball, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Florent Marcellesi, Angelika Mlinar, Angelika Niebler, Maria Noichl, Marijana Petir, João Pimenta Lopes, Michaela Šojdrová, Ernest Urtasun, Ángela Vallina, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Catherine Bearder, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Livia Járóka, Urszula Krupa, Edouard Martin, Clare Moody, Monika Vana
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Artis Pabriks, Jarosław Wałęsa

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>26</b>	<b>+</b>
ALDE	Catherine Bearder, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Angelika Mlinar
ECR	Arne Gericke
EFDD	Daniela Aiuto
PPE	Heinz K. Becker, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Lívia Járóka, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Angelika Niebler, Artis Pabriks, Michaela Šojdrová, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Jarosław Wał sa
S&D	Maria Arena, Viliija Blinkevi i t , Iratxe García Pérez, Anna Hedh, Mary Honeyball, Edouard Martin, Clare Moody, Maria Noichl
VERTS/ALE	Florent Marcellesi, Ernest Urtasun, Monika Vana

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ECR	Urszula Krupa

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GUE/NGL	Malin Björk, João Pimenta Lopes, Ángela Vallina
PPE	Marijana Petir

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention