

**Question for written answer E-003171/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Women's empowerment

In a Europe that still remains in an economic and financial crisis, women's empowerment is central to reducing poverty, promoting development and addressing the world's most urgent challenges.

Up to now, no European Union Member State has fully achieved equality between women and men, progress has been slow and uneven, and gaps and discrimination remain at various levels and in various forms.

What strategy does the Commission have to support, in cooperation with the Member States, policies to invest in women's and girls' access to education and vocational training, to eliminate gender disparities in these fields, and better promote the empowerment of women and girls, both within the European Union and across the world?