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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgets

on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2017 draft budget
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SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. whereas budgetary expenditure is not gender-neutral and inevitably has a different impact on women, men and persons of diverse gender identities;
 - B. whereas the 2017 budget will be affected by the evolving migration and refugee crisis as 55% of refugees arriving in Europe are women and children, according to UNHCR; whereas it is also important to take into account the situation of children and women refugee asylum seekers, who have specific assistance needs and concerns;
 - C. whereas there is an urgent need to facilitate the entrance of women and girls into fields such as entrepreneurship, ICT and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), in order to achieve true gender equality, overcome gender stereotypes, and achieve increased economic productivity and innovation;
 - D. whereas Parliament has called several times for the creation of a European Monitoring Centre on Gender-based Violence as an integral part of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE);
 - E. whereas access to public services is crucial for women's economic independence and empowerment, as public services remain an important employment sector for women;
1. Calls for consistent use of gender budgeting during the whole budgetary process in order to use budgetary expenditure as a means of promoting gender equality;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop a strategy to combat the still present and substantial gender pay gap that is leading to inequality and missed opportunities for the economy and job creation;
 3. Calls for the 'Budget for Results' agenda to be used as an opportunity for budget spending to deliver the integrated benefits of gender equality with every euro spent;
 4. Calls on the Budget Committee to use the mid-term review of the MFF as an opportunity to measure how previous spending decisions have made progress on furthering gender equality; calls on the Budget Committee to work with the FEMM Committee to identify and amend budget lines which have gender-differentiating effects for men and women; calls for current gender budgeting actions to be measured so that future budgets can be more informed and can work towards further gender equality;
 5. Call on the Member States to make full use of the funds available under the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Fund to promote gender equality, to provide measures aimed directly at disadvantaged groups of women, and to facilitate access to microfinance and health services; considers it important to sufficiently finance measures that work towards achieving the gender-related Europe 2020 Strategy targets, such as increasing female employment to 75%, achieving equal pay between women and

men, and reaching gender equality in the number of members of national parliaments and the number of women on large company boards; suggests that this is done by promoting the empowerment of women and girls in science, research, business and politics and by supporting high quality education, and thus employability, for women and girls under the European Structural and Investment Funds, as well as the EFSI; calls for the allocation of specific resources to fund incentives in areas where there is a shortage of quality and affordable childcare and elderly care facilities, in order to reach the Barcelona targets, and where the female employment rate is extremely low, i.e. in rural areas;

6. Urges greater investment in education, training, labour market and regional development programmes intended to support, enable and facilitate the entry of women and girls into growing dynamic sectors that have traditionally been male dominated, particularly in the fields of entrepreneurship, ICT, STEM and the Green Economy;
7. Notes the need to provide funding for programmes that create synergies between the ICT and STEM sectors, (plus the arts and creative industries, turning STEM into STEAM), as this is a pathway to increasing women's participation in these fields;
8. Calls for full incorporation of gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting into the work of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and for funds to be assigned for providing assistance to, and promoting integration and monitoring the situation of, children and female refugees and asylum seekers in the EU; calls for funds to be specifically assigned to help integrate women and children into their host country, such as by financing flexible language training, education and childcare;
9. Emphasises the need to address the situation of female refugees in makeshift conditions within the EU and on its borders; highlights the need for funding to train immigration, border control and asylum staff in the gender-specific needs and circumstances of female and LGBTI refugees, as well as for adequate facilities to accommodate gender-specific needs at reception centres;
10. Regrets that Daphne has no separate budget line, given that it is currently one of the specific objectives of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme; emphasises the need for sufficient financial support for Daphne and for its visibility and highly successful profile to be maintained;
11. Reiterates its previous call to allocate additional financial resources and staff to EIGE in order for it to fulfil the role of the European Monitoring Centre on Gender-based Violence.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	14.6.2016
Result of final vote	+ : 25 - : 0 0 : 3
Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea, Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Viorica Dăncilă, Iratxe García Pérez, Anna Hedh, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Angelika Mlinar, Angelika Niebler, Pina Picierno, Terry Reintke, Liliana Rodrigues, Jordi Sebastià, Michaela Šojdrová, Ernest Urtasun, Ángela Vallina, Jadwiga Wiśniewska
Substitutes present for the final vote	Biljana Borzan, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Eleonora Forenza, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Constance Le Grip, Dubravka Šuica, Marc Tarabella, Julie Ward
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Susanne Melior, Ivan Štefanec