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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**

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General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 - all sections  
(2015/2132(BUD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Biljana Borzan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. Recalls the Joint Declaration of the three institutions that the annual budgetary procedures applied for the MFF 2014-2020 will integrate, as appropriate, gender-responsive elements; emphasises that gender equality should be included as a horizontal principle in all Union policies and gender analysis and gender budgeting should become an integral part of the budgetary procedure at all its stages, including projects, definition, implementation, monitoring and evaluation;

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

***1a. Calls for the adoption of 'gender budgeting' in both European and national strategies for more effective promotion of gender equality; highlights the need to earmark increased funding for the fight against all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls;***

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Emphasises that in order to boost jobs, growth and investment, which is a key priority of the 2016 draft budget, special attention has to be paid to the empowerment of women in business, science, education and labour markets in order to make greater use of the existing **human capital**, while achieving equality between women and men; repeats its call to use the European Structural and Investment Funds to achieve this objective;

*Amendment*

2. Emphasises that in order to boost jobs, growth and investment, which is a key priority of the 2016 draft budget, special attention has to be paid to the empowerment of women in business, science, education and labour markets in order to make greater use of the existing **skills and expertise**, while achieving equality between women and men **with special regard to the still existing gender pay gap**; repeats its call to use the European Structural and Investment Funds **as well as the European Fund for Strategic Investment** to achieve this objective;

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

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*Amendment*

2. Emphasises that in order to boost jobs, **sustainable** growth and investment, which is a key priority of the 2016 draft budget, **investments in care infrastructures are essential**, special attention **also** has to be paid to the empowerment of women in the **public sector**, business, science, education and labour markets in order to make greater use of the existing human capital, while achieving equality between women and men; repeats its call to use the

**Amendment 5**  
**Monika Vana**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses that with regard to the under-representation of women among entrepreneurs, in all schemes aiming to support entrepreneurs and entrepreneurship, special attention should be paid to women; access to finance for female entrepreneurs must be facilitated;

*Amendment*

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**Amendment 6**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 5 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***5a. Calls for resources to be allocated from Union funds to promote women's rights and gender equality through education, health services, notably sexual and reproductive health and rights services, girls empowerment, and women's political representation;***

**Amendment 7**  
**Biljana Borzan**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Asks the European Commission to work on ensuring transparent information on the actions selected for funding in order to allow for a proper scrutiny of the implementation of the specific objective of preventing and combatting violence;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6a. Calls for increased measures aimed directly at disadvantaged groups of women, investing in high-quality public services and, specifically, guaranteeing adequate provision of high-quality services for childcare, elderly care and care of other dependent persons, and calls for genuine budgetary transparency in respect of the funds (ESF, PROGRESS, DAPHNE) allocated to gender equality policies;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6b. Deplores the failure of the austerity policies imposed on several Member States, and in particular its negative impact on women and gender equality; calls for EU investments and budgetary priorities to focus on counteracting these impacts, through investments in public care services, investments in education and health, as well as through a coherent use of gender budgeting;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6c. Calls for increased EU funding to support reception facilities for asylum seekers in different Member States, and in particular efforts to ensure the safety and equal treatment of the increasing numbers of women asylum seekers;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Malin Björk**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 6 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***6d. Urges that the provision of humanitarian aid by the EU and the Member States should not be subject to restrictions imposed by other partner***

*donors regarding necessary medical treatment, including access to safe abortion for women and girls who are victims of rape in armed conflicts, and should instead follow international humanitarian law;*

Or. en