

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



It is the end of the summer break and we are very delighted to resume our collaboration in the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. During this autumn we will work with a range of different important issues, which are crucial for the future development of the gender equality policy at EU level. In our first autumn committee meeting on 2 September, we will vote on the *Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget* as modified by the Council. This will be followed by a joint meeting with the LIBE Committee, where we will have an orientation vote on the amendments to the draft report on *Trafficking in human beings* and a consideration of the amendments to the draft report on the *European Protection Order*. Both these reports are very important from a human rights perspective when protection of women's physical integrity and personal dignity will be embedded in legislation. I believe that we have to work further for more gender sensitive and non-discriminatory legislation in order to ensure that all women gain full right to health, employment, education and social security. On the first September session in Strasbourg, the European Parliament will vote on two important own-initiative reports from our committee. They both address multiple discrimination of women in our society in the context of *Social integration of women belonging to ethnic minority groups* and the *Role of women in an ageing society*. We have a very exciting and invigorating autumn in front of us and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with all stakeholders who work for women's rights and gender equality in Europe and all around the world! - *Eva-Britt Svensson*

2 SEPTEMBER – MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

⌚ European Protection Order - consideration of amendments

THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

⌚ Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - Section III - Commission - adoption of budget amendments

⌚ Trafficking in human beings - adoption of amendments (orientation vote)

Date: Thursday, 2 September, 9.00-12.30

Venue: JAN 4Q2 meeting room

Live web streaming of the meeting [here](#).

EUROPEAN PROTECTION ORDER

Consideration of amendments



The [initiative on the European Protection Order](#) reflects the growing concern in the EU over the rights of the victims and this instrument is focused on the protection of victims. Given the mobility of the EU residents, this initiative aims not to limit the protection granted by a Member State to the territory of the respective state, but to ensure - as far as possible - the same level of protection of the victim under threat throughout the EU territory achieved by a simple and quick procedure. FEMM and LIBE committees co-operate closely on this issue in the framework of the procedure with joint committees. The intention of the Rapporteurs is to ensure the best protection possible for the victims and therefore the main points of their [draft report](#) are aiming at ensuring continuity of legal protection; limiting the grounds for refusal and ensuring that the victim is clearly informed about the reasons that have led to a refusal; laying down a 20-day deadline for execution of an order; taking into account the dignity of victims when victim protection is concerned. FEMM and LIBE Members will now consider the [141 amendments](#) tabled to the draft report.

Co-Rapporteurs: **Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio** (EPP), **Carmen Romero López** (S-D)

TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Adoption of amendments (orientation vote)



The [Commission proposal](#) for a Directive on Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims aims at an enhanced and effective EU policy against trafficking in human beings. FEMM and LIBE committees co-operate under the procedure of joint committees. The presentation of the [draft report](#) took place in the joint meeting held on 13 July 2010. The main points of the draft report are the following: extending the legal basis in order to take in consideration also article 79 of the TFUE which sets a legal basis under the common immigration policy, including the issue of THB; increasing the level of penalties for traffickers on the level of the 2009 proposal and applying also the confiscation of assets; further developing assistance to

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victims, in particular to child victims; establishment of an EU anti-trafficking coordinator; collection of harmonised data etc. At the joint meeting Members of the two committees will have an orientation vote on the [169 amendments](#) tabled to the draft report.
*Co-Rapporteurs: **Edit Bauer** (EPP), **Anna Hedh** (S-D)*

PARLIAMENT'S POSITION ON THE 2011 DRAFT BUDGET AS MODIFIED BY THE COUNCIL - SECTION III - COMMISSION

Adoption of budget amendments



FEMM committee adopted its [opinion](#) on the Commission's draft budget for 2011 on 4 May, which was transmitted to BUDG committee and was incorporated in the [EP resolution](#) of

15 June 2010 on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2011 draft budget. This was followed on 14 July by an exchange of views on the budgetary amendments proposed by the draftsponsor, including the figures and remarks to next year's budget on headings such as the relevant headings of the European Social Fund, PROGRESS, Daphne, and further lines related to gender equality. Furthermore the amendments include proposals for new pilot projects or continuation of existing ones. Members tabled further budgetary amendments and at the coming meeting they will vote on all 24 amendments.

*Draftsponsor: **Iratxe García Pérez** (S-D)*

Details of the next meeting
Tuesday, 28 September 2010, 15.00 - 18.30
Wednesday, 29 September, 9.00 - 12.30

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Latest news

- Next FEMM Committee meeting will take place on 2 September from 09.00 to 10.00 followed by a Joint Committee meeting FEMM/LIBE from 10.00 to 12.30 in Brussels. The meeting will be webstreamed and you can watch it live [here](#) and in the archives [here](#).
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Highlights

Trafficking in human beings - EPO - Joint FEMM-LIBE meeting on 2 September

In the framework of the procedure with joint committees, FEMM and LIBE committees will hold a joint meeting on 2 September. The two items on the agenda will be: Trafficking in human beings and the European Protection Order. The meeting starts with an orientation vote on the 169 amendments tabled to the draft report on Trafficking in human beings. This will be followed by a consideration of the 141 amendments tabled to the draft report on the European Protection Order.

Further information:

- ▶ [Draft agenda of the joint meeting](#)

Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget as modified by the Council

At its next meeting on 2 September, FEMM committee will vote on the budgetary amendments proposed by the draftsponsor and further Members, including the figures and remarks to the Parliament's position on the 2011 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - Section III - Commission.

Presentation and competencies

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