

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



In the previous extraordinary FEMM committee meeting organised in association with the AFET and DEVE committees we had the privilege to have an exchange of views with Michelle Bachelet, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women. It was a very constructive meeting where several gender equality issues were discussed, including violence against women, the female face of poverty, women's economic, social and political empowerment, gender budgeting, sexual and gender-based violence in conflict situations and the importance of female voices in peace negotiations. We acknowledged that the European Parliament and UN Women share many priorities. These common concerns definitely serve as a good condition for strengthening our partnership and we are looking forward to deepen our cooperation with UN Women. The next FEMM committee meeting starts with voting sessions and consideration of draft reports and opinions. Later on we will continue with a hearing on "A 2020 Perspective for Women in Turkey".

Eva-Britt Svensson

20 APRIL – MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

- ⌚ Mandate for the trilogue on the 2012 Draft Budget - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ Mobility and inclusion of people with disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ Promoting workers mobility within the European Union - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ Organised crime in the European Union - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ EU external policies in favour of Democratisation - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ "A 2020 Perspective for Women in Turkey" - public hearing

THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

- ⌚ Women and Business Leadership - adoption of draft report
- ⌚ Investing in the future: a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for a competitive, sustainable and inclusive Europe - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ The future for social services of general interest - adoption of draft opinion

- ⌚ Demographic change and its consequences for the future Cohesion policy of the EU - adoption of draft opinion

Date: Wednesday, 20 April,

9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30

Venue: ASP - 1G3 meeting room, Brussels

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

A 2020 PERSPECTIVE FOR WOMEN IN TURKEY

Public hearing



The aim of the public hearing is to discuss the 2020 objectives and priorities for gender equality and women's empowerment in Turkey. The hearing will also examine the role of women in Turkey as agents of progress, focusing on measures for improvement and best practices. The invited experts and Members will discuss the above issues in two discussion panels.

*Rapporteur: **Emine Bozkurt** (S-D)*

WOMEN AND BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Adoption of draft report

The issue of women in decision-making has been high on the agenda of the committee, a public hearing was held last year, which was followed by a discussion of the Rapporteur's text. The committee will now vote on the [draft report](#), as well as the 105 [amendments](#), and the compromise amendments proposed by the Rapporteur.

*Rapporteur: **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou** (EPP)*

MANDATE FOR THE TRILOGUE ON THE 2012 DRAFT BUDGET

Consideration of draft opinion



The [draft opinion](#) stresses the gender related priorities of the EU budget, such as the funding of the

actions of the gender equality strategy, appropriate funding of the Gender Institute, the Daphne programme and measures to promote gender equality in third countries. The text reminds of the utilisation of the Social Funds to promote gender equality. The drafts person also calls for gender-specific activities during the Year for Active Ageing.

*Draftsperson: **Barbara Matera** (EPP)*

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality is responsible for:

- Definition, promotion and protection of women's rights in the Union and related Community measures;
- The promotion of women's rights in third countries;
- Equal opportunities policy, including equality between men and women with regard to labour market opportunities and treatment at work;
- The removal of all forms of discrimination based on sex;
- The implementation and further development of gender mainstreaming in all policy sectors;
- The follow-up and implementation of international agreements and conventions involving the rights of women;
- Information policy on women.

MOBILITY AND INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE EUROPEAN DISABILITY STRATEGY 2010-2020



Consideration of draft opinion

The [draft opinion](#) points out the different gender aspects of the issue: the specific situation of women with disabilities, the difficulties in their access to the labour market and the role of women in the care for disabled people.

Draftsperson: **Elisabeth Morin-Chartier** (EPP)

PROMOTING WORKERS MOBILITY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Consideration of draft opinion

FEMM committee will give an opinion to the initiative report of the EMPL committee on the subject of workers' mobility. The [draft opinion](#) emphasises the difference between the mobility of men and women workers and lists the barriers for women to exercise their right of free movement.

Draftsperson: **Andrea Češková** (ECR)

ORGANISED CRIME IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Consideration of draft opinion



Women and girls represent a large proportion of the victims of organised crime, especially as regards crimes against person. Organised crime can affect women in different ways, as victims, as well as being involved in crime directly or via family members. The [draft opinion](#) calls for the better protection of female victims, as well as the promotion of the role of women in fighting organised crime.

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Draftsperson: **Silvia Costa** (S&D)

EU EXTERNAL POLICIES IN FAVOUR OF DEMOCRATISATION

Consideration of draft opinion

Ensuring gender equality has to be an integral part of the EU external policies in favour of democratisation. It is essential to implement gender mainstreaming in developing and maintaining external relations, and to fight gender stereotypes and violence against women. According to the [draft opinion](#), empowering individuals is an essential element of democratisation processes, which should include empowerment of women as well.

Draftsperson: **Antigoni Papadopoulou** (S&D)

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: A NEW MULTIANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (MFF) FOR A COMPETITIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE EUROPE

Adoption of draft opinion

At its last meeting, the committee discussed with the [SURE committee](#) Chairwoman the gender aspects of the EU post-2013 policy challenges and budgetary resources. Following this discussion, the FEMM committee will now adopt its opinion on the issue, which will be transferred to the SURE committee.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE COHESION POLICY OF THE EU

Adoption of draft opinion

Following the discussion in committee, Members will now vote on the [draft opinion](#), the 50 [amendments](#) tabled to it, as well as the compromise amendments proposed by the draftsponsor.

Draftsperson: **Anna Záborská** (EPP)

THE FUTURE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Adoption of draft opinion

The [draft opinion](#) was discussed by the Committee at its previous meeting, now Members will vote on the text as well as the 40 [amendments](#) tabled and the compromise amendments proposed by the draftsponsor.

Draftsperson: **Siiri Oviir** (ALDE)

PLENARY FOLLOW-UP OF FEMM REPORTS



- Equality between women and men in the European Union – 2010 - adoption of the [EP resolution](#) - 08.03.2011
- The face of female poverty in the European Union - adoption of the [EP resolution](#) - 08.03.2011
- Priorities and outline of a new EU policy framework to fight violence against women - adoption of the [EP resolution](#) - 05.04.2011

Details of the next meeting

Monday, 9 May, 21.00 - 22.30

Wednesday, 25 May, 9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30

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Link to committee meeting documents: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2009_2014/organes/femm/femm_7leg_meetinglist.htm