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on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 11
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Union seeks to promote, develop and consolidate the values of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, principles of equality and the rule of law on which it is founded through dialogue and cooperation with third countries.

Amendment

(3) The Union seeks to promote, develop and consolidate the values of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, principles of equality and ***diversity, particularly equality between men and women and*** the rule of law on which it is founded through dialogue and cooperation with third countries.

Or. en

Amendment 12
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) The Union seeks to promote, develop and consolidate the values of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, principles of equality and the rule of law on which it is founded through dialogue and cooperation with third countries.

Amendment

(3) The Union seeks to promote, develop and consolidate the values of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, ***women's rights,*** principles of ***gender*** equality, ***non-discrimination*** and the rule of law on which it is founded through dialogue and cooperation with third countries.

Or. fr

Amendment 13
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Women in the partner countries face particular problems and discrimination in both the labour market and the private and public life.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) Under the European Neighbourhood Policy, the Union offers Neighbourhood countries a privileged relationship, building upon a mutual commitment to and promotion of the values of democracy and human rights, the rule of law, good governance and the principles of market economy and sustainable development.

(5) Under the European Neighbourhood Policy, the Union offers Neighbourhood countries a privileged relationship, building upon a mutual commitment to and promotion of the values of democracy, ***equality between men and women***, human rights, the rule of law, good governance and the principles of market economy and sustainable development.

Or. en

Amendment 15
Mikael Gustafsson

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

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promotion of the values of democracy, human rights **for women and men**, the rule of law, good governance and the principles of **gender equality** and sustainable development.

Or. en

Amendment 16
Mikael Gustafsson

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Specific programming objectives and actions for gender equality and anti-discrimination should be supported under this Regulation. In addition, gender equality and anti-discrimination should also be integrated as a cross-cutting objective in all actions undertaken under this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Mikael Gustafsson

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14) The Joint EU – Africa Strategy **is** of relevance for relations with the Mediterranean neighbours from North Africa.

(14) The Joint EU – Africa Strategy **and the Istanbul Framework for Action are** of relevance for relations with the Mediterranean neighbours from North Africa.

Or. en

Amendment 18
Marina Yannakoudakis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) European Union external support has increasing financing needs but the economic and budgetary **situation** of the Union limits the resources available for such support. The Commission must therefore seek the most efficient use of available resources by using financial instruments with leverage effect. Such effect could be increased by enabling the use and re-use of funds invested and generated by financial instruments.

Amendment

(19) European Union external support has increasing financing needs but the **ongoing** economic and budgetary **austerity crisis** of the Union limits the resources available for such support. The Commission must therefore seek the most efficient **and practical** use of available resources by using financial instruments with leverage effect. Such effect could be increased by enabling the use and re-use of funds invested and generated by financial instruments.

Or. en

Amendment 19
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Gender equality and anti-discrimination should be a cross-cutting objective in all actions undertaken under this Regulation.

Amendment

(21) Gender equality and anti-discrimination should be a cross-cutting objective in all actions **and policies** undertaken under this Regulation. **The place and the role of women should be also promoted through special measures and programmes.**

Or. en

Amendment 20
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Gender equality ***and anti-discrimination*** should be a cross-cutting objective in all actions undertaken under this Regulation.

Amendment

(21) Gender equality should be a cross-cutting objective in all actions undertaken under this Regulation, ***reflected in the promotion of women's rights and action to combat acts of violence against women and gender-based discrimination. To enhance the status of women in the partner countries, the European Union and its Member States should pay special attention to all measures that enhance and promote the role of women in political and economic decision-making positions and in civil society.***

Or. fr

Amendment 21
Barbara Matera

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) Gender equality and anti-discrimination should be a cross-cutting objective in all actions undertaken under this Regulation.

Amendment

(21) Gender equality and anti-discrimination should be a cross-cutting objective in all actions undertaken under this Regulation, ***with reference to the democratic transition processes in the partner countries and with the aim in particular of increasing the involvement of women in political processes at national, regional and local level, in order to enhance the role of women in the political process in the neighbourhood policy countries to be enhanced and to adopt thereby measures to erase the inequalities women suffer.***

Or. it

Amendment 22
Marina Yannakoudakis

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) The changes taking place in the European neighbourhood of North Africa and the Middle-East must contribute towards the end of discrimination of women and their full participation in society on equal terms with men. The Union is committed to strongly oppose the use of sexual violence and the intimidation and targeting of women in particular with regard to the specific problems of human trafficking and Female Genital Mutilation.

The Union places at the top of its agenda the need to end the discrimination and persecution of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) people in the European neighbourhood region, and that countries which discriminate against LGBT people, in particular those countries which still criminalise homosexuality, and are in receipt of Union financial aid should have such funds frozen or withdrawn.

Or. en

Amendment 23
Barbara Matera

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) Training courses should be promoted in European neighbourhood

policy partner countries, targeting in particular those classes of people who are most vulnerable and at higher risk of poverty, such as elderly women and single mothers, in order to increase their involvement in all activities of society and thereby strengthen the role of women in political and economic decision-making processes, in education and the labour market thereby contributing towards their genuine emancipation for the benefit of society as a whole, and in relations with major partner countries.

Or. it

Amendment 24
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) The Union is committed to promote in relations with its partners worldwide decent work as well as ratification and effective implementation of the internationally recognised labour standards and multilateral environment agreements, in relations with its partners worldwide.

Amendment

(22) The Union is committed to promote in relations with its partners worldwide decent work as well as ratification and effective implementation of the internationally recognised labour standards and multilateral environment agreements, in relations with its partners worldwide. *Special attention should be paid to the services sector and the informal sector where women are most often employed, in order to ensure that their rights are respected and to promote their participation in the labour market and in national economies.*

Or. fr

Amendment 25
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Civil society organisations have a key role to play in improving governance and shaping the future of the good neighbourliness, in collaboration with national parliaments. Women and young people should effectively be involved and contribute to this direction.

Or. en

Amendment 26
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, principles of equality, establishing deep and sustainable democracy, promoting good governance and developing a thriving civil society including social partners;

(a) promoting human rights and ***particularly promotion of women's rights*** and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, principles of equality ***and diversity, the equality between men and women*** establishing deep and sustainable democracy, promoting good governance and developing a thriving civil society including social partners;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) promoting human rights ***and***

(a) promoting human rights, fundamental

fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, ***principles of*** equality, establishing deep and sustainable democracy, ***promoting good governance*** and developing a thriving civil society ***including social partners***;

freedoms, ***women's rights and respect for the principles of*** the rule of law, equality ***between men and women and non-discrimination, consolidating good governance***, establishing deep and sustainable democracy and developing a ***free, independent, thriving and proactive*** civil society;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Barbara Matera

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, principles of equality, establishing deep and sustainable democracy, promoting good governance and developing a thriving civil society including social partners;

Amendment

(a) promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, principles of equality, establishing deep and sustainable democracy, promoting good governance and developing a thriving civil society including ***close cooperation with*** social partners ***and women's organisations in order to identify areas for support and cooperation in regard to the implementation of gender policies in the partner countries***;

Or. it

Amendment 29
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects, poverty reduction, including through private-sector development;

Amendment

(d) sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects, poverty reduction, including through private-sector development;

promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action and disaster resilience;

promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action, ***equality between men and women and*** disaster resilience;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Mikael Gustafsson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects, poverty reduction, including through private-sector development; promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action and disaster resilience;

Amendment

(d) sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects, poverty reduction, including through private-sector development; promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action and disaster resilience; ***also using the MDG indicators and empowerment indications;***

Or. en

Amendment 31
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects, poverty reduction, including through private-sector development; promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action and disaster resilience;

Amendment

(d) sustainable and inclusive development in all aspects, poverty reduction, including through private-sector development; promotion of internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action and disaster resilience, ***paying special attention to promoting the role women play in these spheres as efficient managers of change and progress;***

Amendment 32
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 2 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. Gender equality and anti-discrimination is a cross-cutting objective in all actions and policies undertaken under this Regulation. For that reason and to respond to such challenges, the rights and the role of women shall be promoted through special measures and programmes.

Or. en

Amendment 33
Franziska Katharina Brantner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 3 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Within the programming, implementation and evaluation stages of the European Neighbourhood Policy Instrument, gender inequalities shall be consistently and systematically addressed, namely through specific actions and through mainstreaming across all other activities.

Or. en

Amendment 34
Mikael Gustafsson

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Union support provided under this Regulation to each partner country shall be differentiated in form and amounts according to the partner country's commitment to reforms and its progress in implementing these reforms. Such differentiation shall reflect the level of ambition of the country's partnership with the Union, its progress in building deep and sustainable democracy, its progress in implementing agreed reform objectives, the country's needs and capacities, and the potential impact of Union support.

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Or. en

Amendment 35
Mariya Nedelcheva

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1

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rights, fundamental freedoms, women's rights, principles of equality between men and women, non-discrimination and the rule of law, and its progress in implementing agreed reform objectives, the country's needs and capacities, and the potential impact of Union support.

Or. fr

Amendment 36
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. In view of the large changes of the Arab Spring in the partner countries of the Southern Mediterranean and the role that women could play to the democratic efforts, special programmes and funding for the promotion of women's participation are needed.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Barbara Matera

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5. Financial allocations for country and multi-country programmes shall be determined using transparent and objective criteria reflecting the differentiation principle referred to in Article 4(1).

5. Financial allocations for country and multi-country programmes shall be determined using transparent and objective criteria reflecting the differentiation principle referred to in Article 4(1) *and taking due account of progress made on equality between men and women.*

Or. it

Amendment 38
Franziska Katharina Brantner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. For countries eligible for the financial support under this Regulation, the Commission shall create a gender mainstreaming "infrastructure"; in particular permanent support structures shall be developed at both national and Union level in order to support the implementation of gender mainstreaming.

Or. en

Amendment 39
Franziska Katharina Brantner
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9a. In the event of changes in the political, legal, economic or social context, an assessment of the project shall be carried out by the Commission whether these changes affect the assumptions about gender roles and relationships made at the beginning of the project and may require adjustments to the project.

Or. en

Amendment 40
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

Proposal for a regulation
Article 17

Text proposed by the Commission

Without prejudice to the provisions on the suspension of aid in partnership and cooperation agreements and association agreements with partner countries and regions, where a partner country fails to observe the principles of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the Union shall invite the country concerned to hold consultations in view of finding a solution acceptable to both parties, except in cases of special urgency. Where consultation with the country concerned does not lead to a solution acceptable to both parties, or if consultations are refused or in case of special urgency, the Council may take appropriate measures in accordance with Article 215(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which may include full or partial suspension of Union support.

Amendment

Without prejudice to the provisions on the suspension of aid in partnership and cooperation agreements and association agreements with partner countries and regions, where a partner country fails to observe the principles of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights, ***equality between men and women and*** fundamental freedoms, the Union shall invite the country concerned to hold consultations in view of finding a solution acceptable to both parties, except in cases of special urgency. Where consultation with the country concerned does not lead to a solution acceptable to both parties, or if consultations are refused or in case of special urgency, the Council may take appropriate measures in accordance with Article 215(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which may include full or partial suspension of Union support.

Or. en