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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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Amendment 1
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the economic crisis, severe cuts to public health care and social services in most Member States and noticeable ***budget cuts to efforts to promote women's rights have detrimental consequences for women;***

Amendment

B. whereas the ***political orientation of dealing with the economic and financial crisis has been to the detriment of women, as it has featured*** severe *spending* cuts to public health care and social *care* services in most Member States and ***has resulted in noticeable reductions, at both national and European level, to the funds allocated to the efforts of promoting women's rights;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

B a. whereas gender-based violence remains a serious and unacceptable violation of human rights; whereas important steps need to be taken at European and national level to eliminate this phenomenon and to decisively mitigate its side-effects;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 3
Mikael Gustafsson

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas poverty, gender inequalities, and gender stereotypes increase the risk of violence and other forms of exploitation, including trafficking in women and prostitution, and hamper the full participation of women in all areas of life;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B b. whereas equal pay for work of equal value is a basic principle in the EU, already enshrined in the Treaty of Rome 1957; whereas in 2010 women still earned an average of approximately 16,4% less than men for the same jobs in the EU, and whereas the pay gap varies within the Member States, exceeding an average of 22% in some of them in 2011;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the

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Member States to take account of women's needs and concerns when drawing up legislation and analysing the situation of fundamental rights in the EU, and to monitor thoroughly the implementation of European legislation relating to gender equality in Member States;

Member States to take account of women's needs and concerns, ***also by collaborating with civil society and women's NGOs***, when drawing up legislation and analysing the situation of fundamental rights in the EU, and to monitor thoroughly the implementation of European legislation relating to gender equality in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Antonyia Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take account of women's needs and concerns when drawing up legislation and analysing the situation of fundamental rights in the EU, ***and to monitor thoroughly*** the implementation of European legislation relating to gender equality in Member States;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to take account of women's needs and concerns when drawing up legislation and analysing the situation of fundamental rights in the EU; ***stresses the importance of monitoring and evaluating*** the implementation of European legislation relating to gender equality in Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

1 a. Calls on the Member States to guarantee decent wages and pensions, reduce the gender pay gap, create more high quality jobs for women as well as to

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enable women to benefit from public services of a high standard and improve welfare provisions;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Mikael Gustafsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Urges the Commission to propose a comprehensive strategy and legislative acts including a directive to fight violence against women as requested by Parliament in several resolutions;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking and harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation, ***and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;***

2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking and harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation ***in order to prosecute aggressors and prevent violence; supports the Directive establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime (Directive 2012/29/EU) which***

includes targeted and integrated support for victims with specific needs, such as victims of gender-based violence and sexual violence and which provides trauma support and counselling for victims;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Antonyia Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including *domestic* violence, sexual harassment, human *trafficking* and harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and *continually* improve legislation, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;

Amendment

2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including *violence in close relationships, sexual violence (rape, sexual assault and harassment), trafficking in human beings, slavery* and harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and improve legislation *on the matter*, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence; *calls on the Commission and the Member States to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking and harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation *and* ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;

Amendment

2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking and harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation, ‘honour crimes’ *and femicide*; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, *such as to provide more funding for women's shelters, and to* prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Mikael Gustafsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking *and* harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;

Amendment

2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, *prostitution and* human trafficking, harmful traditional practices, such as forced marriages, female genital mutilation and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Livia Járóka

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Underlines the need for special support for and protection of women and children victims of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking and harmful traditional practices, such as **early and forced marriages**, female genital mutilation, **forced sterilisation** and ‘honour crimes’; calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt and continually improve legislation, and to take concrete measures to protect victims, prosecute aggressors and prevent violence;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls on the Commission to step up its actions against the violations of fundamental rights of young girls, specifically against the industry which perceives young girls as a sexual object and which triggers an increase in sexual trafficking of young girls within the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Urges the Commission to launch a comprehensive strategy to fight violence against women as promised in the Stockholm Action Programme and as requested by Parliament in several resolutions; reiterates the need for a legislative criminal-law instrument to be launched by the Commission in order to eradicate gender-based violence;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Mikael Gustafsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Calls on the Member States to take action to combat the economic and social causes that foster violence against women, such as unemployment, low wages and pensions, housing shortages, poverty, and non-existent or inadequate public services, particularly public health, education and social security services;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Marina Yannakoudakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to respect and safeguard women's sexual and reproductive health and rights;

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Antonia Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to respect and safeguard women's sexual and reproductive health and rights;

3. Calls on the Member States to ***ensure the implementation of national strategies concerning*** respect and safeguard ***of*** women's sexual and reproductive health and rights; ***insists on the role of the European Union in awareness-raising and promoting best practices on this issue;***

Or. en

Amendment 19
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to respect and safeguard women's sexual and reproductive health and rights;

3. Calls on the Member States to respect and safeguard women's sexual and reproductive health and rights ***(SRHR); reaffirms that health is a fundamental human right indispensable for the exercise of other human rights and that the EU cannot reach the highest attainable standard of health unless the***

***SRHR of all are fully acknowledged,
promoted and protected;***

Or. en

Amendment 20
Marina Yannakoudakis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

***3 a. Calls on Member States to safeguard
the health of their citizens;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Mikael Gustafsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

***4 a. Underlines that growing prostitution
markets, legalised and institutionalised in
some Member States, have proven to fuel
trafficking, and therefore calls for
measures that decrease prostitution
markets, such as placing sanctions on the
exploiters, including pimps and sex
buyers;***

Or. en

Amendment 22
Antonyia Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that women's underrepresentation in political decision-making constitutes a **democratic** deficit; calls, therefore, on Member States to introduce positive discrimination measures such as legislation for parity systems and temporary gender quotas;

Amendment

5. Considers that women's underrepresentation in political **and business** decision-making constitutes a deficit; calls, therefore, on Member States to introduce positive discrimination measures such as legislation for parity systems and temporary gender quotas;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Mikael Gustafsson

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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5. Considers that women's underrepresentation in political decision-making constitutes a democratic deficit; calls, therefore, on Member States to introduce positive discrimination measures such as legislation for parity systems and **temporary** gender quotas;

Amendment

5. Considers that women's underrepresentation in political decision-making constitutes a democratic deficit; calls, therefore, on Member States to introduce positive discrimination measures such as legislation for parity systems and gender quotas;

Or. en

Amendment 24
Mojca Kleva Kekuš

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Considers that women's underrepresentation in political decision-making constitutes a democratic deficit;

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5. Considers that women's underrepresentation in political **and economic** decision-making constitutes a

calls, therefore, on Member States to introduce positive discrimination measures such as legislation for parity systems and temporary gender quotas;

democratic deficit; calls, therefore, on Member States to introduce positive discrimination measures such as legislation for parity systems and temporary gender quotas;

Or. en

Amendment 25

Rui Tavares

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Stresses that progress in narrowing the gender pay gap is extremely slow; points out that the implementation of the principle of equal pay for the same work and for work of equal value is crucial to achieve gender equality; urges the Commission to revise without delay Directive 2006/54/EC and to propose amendments to it in accordance with Article 32 of the Directive and on the basis of Article 157 TFEU following the detailed recommendations set out in the annex to the European Parliament resolution of 24 May 2012;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Rui Tavares

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Calls on Member States to adopt measures aimed at facilitating the

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reconciliation of private and professional life, providing quality care facilities for children and vulnerable dependents, protecting the rights of pregnant workers, and **safeguarding** maternity leave.

reconciliation of private and professional life, providing **affordable and accessible** quality care facilities for children and vulnerable dependents, protecting the rights of pregnant workers, and ***calls on the Council to reach an agreement on the Maternity Leave Directive,***

Or. en

Amendment 27

Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Deplores that fundamental rights of older women are too often being violated, including a high number of cases of violence, physical abuse, emotional abuse and financial abuse in several EU Member States; calls on the Commission and Member States to take further actions in order to protect elderly women from any form of abuse, including ill treatment in care houses for the elderly;

Or. en

Amendment 28

Rui Tavares

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Stresses that cutbacks in public services providing childcare have a direct impact on the economic independence of women – in 2010, 28.3% of women's inactivity and part time work was

explained by the lack of care services against 27.9% in 2009. In 2010, the employment rate of women with young children in the EU was 12.7% lower than that of women without children, up from 11.5% in 2008;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. Considers that women with disabilities suffer from double discrimination by virtue of their sex and their disability and therefore calls on the Commission and Member States to take measures to safeguard and protect the fundamental rights of disabled women in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 30
Rui Tavares

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 b. Calls on the Commission to come forward with a legislative proposal for different types of leave (paternity, adoption, care leave and filial) in order to improve the reconciliation of professional, family and private life, which at the same time could unlock the blocking of the Maternity Leave Directive in Council;

Or. en