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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 2019 - all sections
(2018/2046(BUD))

Amendment 1
Mylène Troszczyński

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas the European Union is founded on, inter alia, the value of equality between men and women and Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union states that the promotion of such equality is a fundamental principle of the Union, ***requiring gender equality to be incorporated into all policies and addressed at all levels of the budgetary process via gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting***;

Amendment

A. whereas the European Union is founded on, inter alia, the value of equality between men and women and Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union states that the promotion of such equality is a fundamental principle of the Union;

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

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Amendment

A. whereas the European Union is founded on, inter alia, the value of ***gender*** equality and Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union states that the promotion of such equality is a fundamental principle of the Union, requiring gender equality to be incorporated into all ***its*** policies ***and activities*** and addressed at all levels of the budgetary process via gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Aa. whereas Gender budgeting is an application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process and means a gender based assessment of budgets, incorporating the gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process and restructuring revenues and expenditures in order to promote gender equality 1a

1a <https://rm.coe.int/1680596143>

Or. en

Amendment 4
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas inequality is a growing problem in the Union as shown in the current backlash against women's rights and gender equality, and whereas the Union budget must increasingly be designed to make a significant contribution to safeguarding and developing social rights, and improving gender equality and the situation of women;

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Or. fr

Amendment 5
Maria Gabriela Zoană

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas women spend more time than men on unpaid care work, which is one of the main reasons for women's underrepresentation in the labour market; whereas the demand for high-quality, accessible and affordable childcare and long-term care services is higher than current supply and some families from disadvantaged backgrounds have difficulties in affording to private care services;

Or. en

Amendment 6
Pina Picierno

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas the European Parliament has repeatedly called for sufficient funding and sought to keep as high a profile as possible for the Daphne specific objective of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme to protect women and girls against violence;

Or. it

Amendment 7
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ba. whereas gender-responsive budgets and related policies aimed at contributing towards achieving gender equality lead to more sustainable and inclusive growth and employment and increase transparency and accountability of public expenditure;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Pina Picierno**

**Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas one of the main objectives of the draft general budget for the European Union proposal for 2019 is strategic investment and sustainable growth in order to support economic cohesion and create jobs, in particular for young people; whereas, in this regard, it is important to also focus on enhancing women's potential in all sectors of the economy, including the digitalised economy, information and communication technologies (ICT) and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); whereas, with a specific focus on gender in those areas, it is necessary to address the significant gender gap and the Union-wide skills shortfall in the ICT and STEM sectors;

Or. it

**Amendment 9
Angelika Mlinar**

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bb. whereas international organisations such as the IMF strongly promote gender responsive budgeting as a good governance standard tool in public finance and consider gender budgeting as good budgeting; whereas the OECD recognizes gender budgeting as a key tool to implement gender equality in the context of public finance; whereas the joint declaration of the EP, the Council and the Commission attached to the 2014-2020 MFF commits the three institutions to “integrating, as appropriate, gender responsive elements in the EU budget” but whereas the Commission’s “Strategic Engagement for gender equality” 2016-2020 states that “Gender budgeting is not applied systematically to the EU general budget”;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Recital B c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Bc. whereas the EU is committed to promoting gender equality and equal opportunities and whereas women and men should therefore equally benefit from public funds and services; but whereas despite the EU’s high level political commitments to gender equality and gender mainstreaming, spending decisions do not take gender equality into account in all policy areas;

Amendment 11
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the ***Union and its Member States collectively are*** the world's leading donor of global development aid, providing over 50 % of all such aid; ***whereas the reduction of aid from other donors in the fields of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and women's reproductive health requires an increase in current Union funding, especially in those fields with a particular gender dimension;***

Amendment

C. whereas the ***Member States of the European Union are, collectively,*** the world's leading donor of global development aid, providing over 50 % of all such aid;

Amendment 12
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas the EU has committed itself in the Joint Declaration on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment to make progress in making its trade and development policies more gender-responsive in order to report on this in 2019; whereas the Parliament has adopted a resolution on Gender Equality in EU Trade Agreements that call for several new measures in the field of gender and trade that requires strong budgetary and political commitments;

Amendment 13
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

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Amendment

Cb. whereas trafficking in human beings is a devastating crime that threatens society's most disadvantaged members, mainly women and girls, exploited in the prostitution industry;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Calls on the ***Commission and the Council to systematically*** use gender budgeting for public expenditure, including when negotiating and concretising the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) with the aim ***of being gender-responsive and*** of achieving the SDGs by promoting and implementing SDG 5 on Gender Equality;

1. Calls on the Council to use gender budgeting for ***relevant*** public expenditure, including when negotiating and concretising the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) with the aim of achieving the SDGs by promoting and implementing SDG 5 on Gender Equality;

Or. fr

Amendment 15
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to systematically use gender budgeting *for* public expenditure, including when negotiating and concretising the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) with the aim of being gender-responsive and of achieving the SDGs by promoting and implementing SDG 5 on Gender Equality;

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to systematically use gender budgeting *in all* public expenditure, including when negotiating and concretising the next multiannual financial framework (MFF) with the aim of being gender-responsive and of achieving the SDGs by promoting and implementing SDG 5 on Gender Equality *and gender mainstreaming throughout all SDGs*;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Is committed to safeguard the promotion and protection of gender equality and women's and girls' rights in the 2019 budgetary procedure; calls on the Member States and the Commission to integrate the gender-equality perspective in the entire process for the 2019 Budget so that public budget revenues and expenditures advance gender equality and women's rights;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that gender budgeting must become an integral part of the budgetary procedure in all budget lines, and not only in programmes in which the gender impact is most obvious, so that budgetary expenditure becomes an effective tool for promoting gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Is concerned that despite strong inter-institutional and political statements, gender equality objectives are not explicitly stated in EU budget documents nor taken into account in all stages of the budget process and that over the past years, tracking of budgetary commitments for the promotion of gender equality has become impossible due to the deletion of specific budgetary lines for gender equality; Stresses the necessity of linking gender equality goals with dedicated budgetary allocations; adds that these allocations should serve both mainstreaming and targeted actions as the dual approach is key to positively impact gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Recalls that gender budgeting is one dimension of a broader gender mainstreaming strategy and points out the importance of implementing gender mainstreaming in all the stages of the policy cycle; stresses that there is a clear window of opportunity to properly implement gender mainstreaming when designing new policies and bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses that ‘a modern, focused EU budget’, cannot be achieved without a clear and comprehensive gender perspective that is key to enable better and more evidence-based decision-making, which in turn contributes to ensuring an effective use of public funds and EU added value in all its actions;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

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Amendment

1c. Requests a holistic approach in the design of the new European Labour Authority (ELA) by introducing a requirement to implement gender budgeting in the ELA Regulation and an individual budget line in the budget 2019 to implement gender mainstreaming within the framework of competences of ELA;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Maria Gabriela Zoană

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Reaffirms its request for increased resources, e.g. under the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and the EU cohesion fund, to uphold women's economic and social rights, especially through women's employment and investment in high-quality public care services, and to reduce gender inequality, including through the use of existing instruments at Union and Member State level;

Amendment

2. Reaffirms its request for increased resources, e.g. under the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, ***the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development*** and the EU cohesion fund, to uphold women's economic and social rights, especially through women's employment and investment in high-quality, ***affordable*** public care services, and to reduce gender inequality, including through the use of existing instruments at Union and Member State level;

Or. en

Amendment 23

Monika Vana

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

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Amendment

2. Reaffirms its request for increased resources, e.g. under the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and the EU cohesion fund, to uphold women's economic and social rights, especially through women's employment and investment in high-quality public care services, and to reduce gender inequality, including through the use of existing instruments at Union and Member State level ***and by allocating an individual budget line for that purpose;***

Or. en

Amendment 24

Mylène Troszczyński

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

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2. Reaffirms its request for ***increased resources, e.g.*** under the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and the EU cohesion fund, to uphold women's economic and social rights, especially ***through*** women's employment and investment in high-quality public care services, and to reduce gender inequality, ***including through the use of existing instruments at Union and Member State level;***

Amendment

2. Reaffirms its request for ***a better mobilisation of the already substantial financial resources*** under the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and the EU cohesion fund, to uphold women's economic and social rights, especially ***as regards*** women's employment and investment in high-quality public care services, and to reduce gender inequality;

Or. fr

Amendment 25

Pina Picierno

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Calls for appropriations to support women's entrepreneurship and to ensure and encourage access for women to loans and equity finance through Union programmes and funds, such as COSME, Horizon 2020 and the European Social Fund;

Or. it

Amendment 26
Pina Picierno

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls for equal participation of girls and young women in the measures covered by that initiative to be ensured and special attention to be paid to quality offers of training and employment for them, including in the digitalised economy, ICT and STEM sectors;

Or. it

Amendment 27
Mylène Troszczyński

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on the Member States to ensure well-structured gender budgeting initiatives that promote gender equality through education and health services,

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notably comprehensive sexuality education and SRHR services;

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Pina Picierno

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need to increase resources for combating all forms of violence against women and girls, as well as gender-based violence against LGBTQI people, including by reinforcing the Daphne funding within the framework of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020, *as well as ensuring that* funding *is* made available for actions aimed at the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention;

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to increase resources for combating all forms of violence against women and girls, as well as gender-based violence against LGBTQI people, including by reinforcing the Daphne funding within the framework of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020 *and, with a view to the preparation of the next Multiannual Financial Framework, the need to provide for a separate budget line for this specific objective; calls for funding to be* made available for actions aimed at the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention, *paying special attention, and offering financial support, to the ongoing training of judicial and non-judicial staff who deal with complaints of sexual abuse and gender-based violence;*

Or. it

Amendment 29
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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4. ***Stresses the need to increase resources*** for combating all forms of violence against women and girls, as well as gender-based violence against LGBTQI people, including by ***reinforcing the Daphne funding*** within the framework of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020, as well as ensuring that funding is made available for actions aimed at the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention;

Amendment

4. ***Regrets the tendency of the last years to cut EU funds*** for combating all forms of violence against women and girls, as well as gender-based violence against LGBTQI people ***and stresses the need to increase resources dedicated to that purpose***, including by ***dedicating an independent budget line for Daphne*** within the framework of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (***REC***) for the period 2014 to 2020 ***with at least the same level of spending of 2011***, as well as ensuring that funding is made available for actions aimed at the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Stresses the need to ***increase resources for combating*** all forms of violence against women ***and girls, as well as gender-based violence against LGBTQI people, including by reinforcing the Daphne funding within the framework of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020, as well as ensuring that funding is made available for actions aimed at the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention;***

Amendment

4. Stresses the need to ***combat*** all forms of violence against women, ***men, girls and boys, without taking account of their gender, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinions, their national or social origin, whether or not they belong to a national minority, their state of health, disability, marital status, or any other circumstances;***

Or. fr

Amendment 31
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 32
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls on the EU and the Member States to include concrete measures and allocate adequate financial resources to combat violence against women and girls and ensure protection of migrant and refugee women, as well as women in irregular situation, from violence; insists on targeted investments to ensure women's rights and safety in the whole asylum procedure;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Reminds that one of the requirements to implement gender budgeting is to foresee independent budget lines for gender equality goals defined in a programme; requests, therefore, to also assign an independent budget line to the objective in REC programme dedicated to promote gender equality and to advance gender mainstreaming;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Recalls that a very significant number of refugees and asylum seekers entering the EU are women and children; highlights that gender mainstreaming is also among the founding principles of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and reiterates its call for the gender dimension to also be taken into account in migration and asylum policies by allocating specific funds dedicated to prevent gender-based violence and ensuring access to health and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. Calls on the Union and its Member States to intensify their efforts to eradicate trafficking in women and girls for sexual exploitation through adequate budgetary commitments across the union and increasingly invest in victim's rights and protection, as well as actions decreasing the demand for trafficked women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Mylène Troszczynski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls on the Union and the Member States to promote women's rights organisations, the empowerment of girls and women's representation in decision-making through EU development aid; recalls the urgent need to increase Union funding for SRHR in order to counter the impact of the financing gap left by the US after the reinstatement and expansion of its 'global gag rule';

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Or. fr

Amendment 37

Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Urges the Commission to prioritise investment to support and protect Human Rights Defenders, and specifically women human rights defenders, who face unique gender-based obstacles and threats in their work, by giving them visible political support and recognition, in particular by means of urgent grants under the EIDHR emergency fund for human rights defenders at risk;

Or. en

Amendment 38
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Underlines the need to counteract the shrinking space for civil society and in particular calls on the Union and the Member States to increase both the political and financial support to women's rights organisations and women's human rights defenders both within the Union and worldwide;

Or. en

Amendment 39
Angelika Mlinar

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Considers that with a view to reaching its commitments to achieve SDG 5 and in particular its target to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (SRHR), the Commission should include earmarked funding for SRHR, including family planning, through an explicit SRHR budget line or by designating SRHR as an objective under its various budget lines such as health, education, youth empowerment, human rights, gender;*

Or. en

Amendment 40
Malin Björk

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. *Urges the Union and the Member States to increase support to girls' and women's social, economic and cultural rights in partner countries; calls in this context on all parties to ensure GAP II implementation is improved based on results from annual reports;*

Or. en

Amendment 41
Mylène Troszczyński

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Recalls the important role of the European Institute for Gender Equality and calls for the Institute's budget, staff establishment plan and independence to be maintained.

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Or. fr

**Amendment 42
Malin Björk**

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

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Calls on the Union to support the development of new measures that will promote and support gender equality, women's human rights and their economic empowerment in its trade policies, and allocating adequate financial resources for these commitments;

Or. en