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Note from the Chair



The FEMM Committee will re-convene after the summer break, with important topics on the agenda. On the 1st of September starting at 9.00, Members will vote on the FEMM opinion to the EU General Budget 2017 and the amendments to the draft budget, with Viorica DANCILA leading the work as the rapporteur for opinion. After the vote, we will welcome a high-level guest, Mr Ján RICHTER, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic. The minister will present the priorities of the Slovak Presidency for the second half of 2016 in the area of rights of women and gender equality. It will be followed by a debate with the MEPs on the

possible progress expected during the Slovak Presidency in FEMM priority areas. Last point on the agenda is the presentation of a working document on Promoting gender equality in mental health and clinical research, elaborated by the rapporteur Beatriz Becerra BASTERRECHEA. The working document is a preparation for a FEMM own-initiative report on the same topic. On the 5th of September, during the extraordinary meeting, Members will vote on the opinion on the Fundamental Rights in the EU in 2015, lead Committee LIBE and on the Gender mainstreaming amendments on a coherent EU policy for cultural and creative industries, lead Committee's ITRE and CULT. We kindly invite you to follow us through [web-streaming!](#)

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ

Priorities of the Slovak Presidency: debate - 01.09.16



The Presidency will present its priorities in the area of the rights of women and gender equality. The FEMM Members will discuss these priorities with Mr Ján RICHTER, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic. The Slovak Presidency will prioritise the reconciliation of work and family life in a changing society, problems plaguing women, the issue of poverty, and conditions in the area of

social inclusion with particular emphasis on the integration of the Roma.

Opinion General Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections: vote 01.09.2016



Rapporteur: Viorica DANCILA (S&D)

FEMM Members will vote on the [amendments](#) to the draft general budget of the EU for 2017 and on the opinion to the accompanying resolution (lead Committee BUDG). The rapporteur for opinion is Ms Viorica DANCILA (S&D). FEMM priority areas include funding for equal opportunities for women and men or reconciliation of professional and private life. Attention is paid to sufficient funding of the Justice, Equality and Citizenship programme with its Daphne specific objective and the EIGE agency.

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The next FEMM
committee
meeting will be

held on:

10 October 2016,

15.00 – 18.30

and

11 October 2016,

9.00 – 12.30

and

15.00 – 18.30

(Brussels)

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Promoting gender equality in mental health and clinical research: working document



Rapporteur: Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHEA (ALDE)

The Rapporteur, Ms Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHEA, will present the [working document](#) and exchange views on the future report with the shadow rapporteurs from all political groups. The working document highlights that both the biological concept of sex and the social construct of gender matter in health at all levels and impact differently on women and men's health, access to health and health-care. However, research and practice still fail to take adequate account of differences between men and women in terms of health, illness and treatment. As to mental health, although overall rates of psychiatric disorder are almost identical for men and women, there are significant gender differences in the patterns of mental illness.

The situation of the fundamental rights in the EU in 2015: vote 05.09.2016

Rapporteur: Jordi SEBASTIÀ (Greens/EFA)



In the [draft opinion](#) the rapporteur states that gender equality has not been reached in many areas and that women still suffer from discrimination. Thus he calls on the Commission to introduce gender mainstreaming in all fields of policy making and makes specific recommendations for action that foster the gender equality perspective and fight inequality. Members have tabled [182 amendments](#) to this draft opinion.

Ending confusion around gender equality terms



EIGE has published an online [Gender Equality Glossary and Thesaurus](#) to establish a common understanding on gender equality concepts. It features over 400 accurate, up-to-date and gender-sensitive definitions. EIGE encourages policy-makers to use these expert terms in their work, for example when mainstreaming gender equality into policies.