

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

Our regular Committee meeting took place on 20 June. The meeting was devoted to the adoption of one opinion, the discussion of two draft opinions and a hearing.

The opinion adopted by the FEMM Committee is linked to the budgetary procedure for the 2019 financial year. Members adopted the Mandate for a Trilogue in order to set the FEMM position on the way the Parliament will negotiate the budget for 2019 with the Council.

Our Committee also worked on the consideration of another two dossiers.

We discussed the amendments tabled to the draft report on the measures to prevent and combat mobbing and sexual harassment at workplace, in public spaces, and political life in the EU. A total of 143 amendments have been tabled to the draft report that stresses the urgent need for increased knowledge and understanding of the risks and consequences of violence and harassment in the main life spaces. We also considered the draft opinion on the Humanitarian Visas, which focuses on the consequences for women, girls and LGBTI persons of not having the possibility to request protection on humanitarian grounds outside of the EU.

The meeting of 20 June also included an interesting hearing on gender budgeting in the EU. The hearing discussed how this budgetary tool can help to improve the way the EU institutions design and implement its actions in order to combat gender inequality.

Last but not least on 21 June our Committee participated in a hearing organised by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on Trafficking of women and children in the context of migration. The hearing examined how human trafficking into the EU is on the rise and how much it is related to increased migration flows towards the EU. It focused on women and children which are particularly targeted for trafficking, notably prostitution and exploitation for various criminal activities.

Thank you to all who came or followed us via [Webstream](#)!

LAST COMMITTEE MEETINGS

20 JUNE

2019 budget: Mandate for the Trilogue - Vote



The opinion on the mandate for the Trilogue, whose rapporteur is Malin Björk (GUE/NGL, Sweden), outlines the FEMM priorities for the 2019 budgetary procedure. They include the use of gender budgeting, especially when negotiating the next multiannual financial framework, the increase of funding for existing instruments at EU and Member State level aimed at upholding women's economic rights and reduce gender inequality and the call on the Member States to make use of the EU funds available to promote gender equality through education and health services. The rapporteur also calls for the EU to promote women's organisations, women's rights and the empowerment of girls and women's representation in decision-making through EU development aid. The opinion was adopted by 24 votes in favour to 5 votes against with no abstentions.

[Link to the Procedure](#)

Measures to prevent and combat mobbing and sexual harassment at workplace, in public spaces, and political life in the EU - Consideration of amendments

The draft report, whose rapporteur is Pina Picierno (S&D, Italy), stresses the urgent need for an increased knowledge and understanding of the risks and consequences of violence and harassment at work, in public spaces and in political life in order to find possible ways and methods to address them. It also emphasises the importance of clarifying the terms, definitions and classifications used in relation to different types of sexual and gender-based violence. A total number of 143 amendments have been tabled to the draft report. The vote will take place on 10 July 2018.



[Link to Procedure](#)

Humanitarian Visas - Consideration of draft opinion



In the draft opinion, the rapporteur Malin Björk (GUE/NGL, Sweden) emphasizes the consequences for women, girls and LGBTI persons of not having the possibility to request protection on humanitarian grounds outside of the EU and states that a separate instrument on humanitarian visas, which is to be complementary to an EU programme on resettlement and humanitarian admission, is needed. Therefore, the rapporteur calls on the Commission to deliver the legislative proposal wherein the third country nationals will receive the possibility to apply for a European humanitarian visa directly at any consulate or embassy of the Member States, while ensuring its gender-sensitive approach and

effective protection of persons suffering gender-based persecution.

[Link to Procedure](#)

Gender Budgeting: State of Play and way forward - Hearing

The Council of Europe defines gender budgeting as a 'gender based assessment of budgets incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process and restructuring revenues and expenditures in order to promote gender equality'. The FEMM Committee discussed this sensitive issue particularly in the framework of the future MFF and in relation to the implementation of the Daphne program. The hearing counted with the participation of researchers and practitioners in the field of budgeting, gender and social affairs. The outcome of the event brought a key input for an oral question and a resolution to be tabled on behalf of FEMM.

[Link to the website of the event](#)



21 JUNE - ASSOCIATED WITH LIBE

Trafficking of women and children in the context of migration. The new slavery of our times - Hearing

PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES, JUSTICE
AND HOME AFFAIRS
in association with Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Thursday 21.06.2018 – 10:30-12:30
PLAZA HENRI SPINELLI BUILDING (BRUSSELS) – ROOM 5639

*Trafficking of women and children in
the context of migration.
The new slavery of our times*



The LIBE Committee, with the association of FEMM, held a public hearing on trafficking of women and children in the context of migration. The hearing was divided in two panels discussing prevention and protection of victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and the measures to combat trafficking in human beings with interventions by the EU Anti-trafficking Coordinator, Myria Vassiliadou, representatives of IOM, OSCE, Europol, IROKO, NGO supporting Nigerian women victims and both the FEMM and LIBE members.

[Link to Event Website](#)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Our next Committee meeting will take place on 9 and 10 July. In these meetings, we will discuss, among others, the following topics:

- Action Plan on Tackling the gender pay gap - Hearing;
- Why is Iceland ranked as the most gender equal country in the world? - Presentation by Ambassador Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, in the frame of the SINEEA delegation;
- Transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union - Consideration of draft opinion;
- Establishing a European Labour Authority - Consideration of draft opinion
- Open Society Foundation on the situation of Muslim women in Europe - Presentation by Maryam H'madoun, policy officer for the Equality and Inclusion cluster of the Open Society Justice Initiative;
- Care services in the EU for improved gender equality - Consideration of draft report
- Presentation of the next Council Presidency's programme by Juliane Bogner-Strauß, Federal Minister within the Federal Chancellery for Women, Families and Youth, Austria
- Measures to prevent and combat mobbing and sexual harassment at workplace, in public spaces, and political life in the EU - Adoption of draft report
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections - Adoption of budget amendments
- Gender Budgeting: State of Play and way forward - Adoption of question for oral answer
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections / Accompanying resolution - Consideration of draft opinion

BULLETIN

EIGE



Girls in the EU are at risk of female genital mutilation - New Report

Female genital mutilation is a problem for the EU and we cannot close our eyes to it. It is against the law in all EU countries yet girls remain at risk. EIGE's latest research estimates the number of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in Belgium, Greece, France, Italy, Cyprus and Malta. Despite a number of girls at risk in all six Member States, the research shows that communities are starting to turn away from the practice because of integration efforts and strong laws. A tough approach towards prosecution, even when the crime is committed abroad is a powerful deterrent factor.

[Link to Report](#)



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