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to the Commission**

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Subject: Take-up of European Structural and Investment Fund (2014-2020) appropriations earmarked for the promotion of gender equality

Over 20 years ago, the UN Beijing Action Platform called for the adoption of a gender mainstreaming strategy in connection with budgetary processes, a principle accepted by the Union.

In the European Parliament, we have pointed out that that gender equality objectives are all too often subsumed into other policy objectives under the same budget heading and that, in the absence of gender-specific data and indicators, it is not possible to conduct full and thorough monitoring and assessment of EU-funded gender equality initiatives.

That said, within the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), approximately EUR 5.85 billion will be spent in the period 2014-2020 on measures promoting gender equality, of which 1.6 % falls under the European Social Fund (ESF) for the specific investment priority 'Equality between men and women in all areas, including access to employment, career progression, reconciliation of work and private life and promotion of equal pay for equal work'.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say what has been the take-up to date of appropriations – for what projects and under what headings – in respect of the present EU budget?