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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Culture and Education

on efficiency and equity in European education and training systems
(2007/2113(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Culture and Education, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas young women are still more likely to be unemployed than young men as the unemployment rate in the EU-27 was 18.1% for young women in 2006 compared with 16.9% for young men, whereas women are less represented in leading positions, despite the fact that in most Member States more women than men reach a high level of education,
1. Calls on the Member States to implement gender responsive education and training policies and materials as a tool to eliminate gender inequality in education and employment and to eradicate gender stereotypes; urges the Member States to promote gender-atypical employment (for example more male teachers in primary schools and more women in science) for young people, including young children before the age at which key educational and career decisions are taken and in such a way that gender based occupational segregation is reduced; reiterates that higher quality gender-and-age-disaggregated data is a prerequisite for any policy;
 2. Encourages the Member States to raise awareness of gender equality among teachers and education providers in order that they be able to promote respect for this principle among the younger generation;
 3. Calls on the Member States to promote access for young women, especially from remote regions and vulnerable groups such as migrant women, women from ethnic minorities, disabled women and low-skilled women, to education and training; calls on the Member States to identify and exchange the best practices in the field and urges social partners and private and public enterprises to eliminate all forms of discrimination and to actively encourage the provision of work-based training, by removing all age-related barriers, and to support leave for training purposes for the disadvantaged;
 4. Calls on the Member States to promote access for unemployed women, and those who have not succeeded in the compulsory education system, to publicly funded adult training schemes;
 5. Calls on the Member States to implement policies that would facilitate the school-to-work transition for young people, with special attention being given to young women who tend to experience more difficulties; stresses that the higher quality of, and better access to, education and training and investments during youth have implications for the labour market during the latter stages of life; notes that an evaluation mechanism should be put in place in order to be able to assess the efficiency and impact of government education spending on young people who are unemployed, especially young women;
 6. Calls on the Member States to propose the flexible organisation of studies, in partnership with higher education and vocational training establishments, in order to meet more effectively the needs of young men and women who are working or attending to family responsibilities at the same time as studying and to prevent them from leaving education

prematurely;

7. Point out that equal access for women and men to new technologies should be encouraged within education and training so as to bridge the digital divide between the sexes;
8. Urges the Member States to increase the proportion of, and strengthen the position of, women in science, engineering and technology; calls on the national governments to boost the number of women in leading positions and to measure progress by adopting qualitative and quantitative targets;

PROCEDURE

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Comments (available in one language only)	...	