



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2009 - 2014

---

*Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*

---

**2010/2002(BUD)**

4.5.2010

## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgets

on 2011 budget: draft mandate for the draft budget conciliation procedure  
before the first reading  
(2010/2002(BUD))

Rapporteur: Iratxe García Pérez

PA\_NonLeg

## SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. whereas the timetable of this year's budgetary procedure has imposed difficulties in terms of drafting the current opinion, given the insufficient time to thoroughly examine the draft budget presented by the Commission, and whereas the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality maintains the right to add and if necessary modify some elements when submitting the budgetary amendments,
1. Stresses that under Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union the promotion of equality between men and women is a fundamental principle of the European Union; therefore reiterates its demand for the general implementation of gender budgeting by the Commission and all stakeholders in the EU budgetary procedure at the preparatory, implementation and audit levels of the budget;
  2. Stresses the need to ensure an appropriate level of financing for the planned actions of the Commission's new strategy for equality between men and women, which will follow the 2006-2010 Roadmap for equality between women and men in the EU budget for 2011;
  3. Calls for systematic gender budgeting mechanisms and methodologies to be introduced into the EU budget process, including the Structural Funds, EU internal as well as external funding programmes and the administrative budgets of the EU;
  4. Regrets the decreased level of commitments for the programme on the fight against violence (Daphne); points out the possible negative consequences of this on the fight against violence and calls for the continued financing of existing and new effective measures in order to combat all forms of violence against children, young people and women;
  5. Highlights the need for financial resources to be made available to combat all forms of discrimination against women, in particular inequalities regarding the pay gap;
  6. Stresses the importance of appropriate funding of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE);
  7. Highlights the need to set up the necessary funds to establish a European Observatory on Violence Against Women, building on existing institutional structures, as was agreed by the Council on 8 March 2010;
  8. Repeats its call on the Commission to urge the Member States to make greater use of the Structural Funds, within the framework of the European Social Fund, as a way of promoting equality between men and women, not only through gender mainstreaming but also by providing measures focused directly on vulnerable groups of women and taking due account of the impact of the economic crisis, and by investing in quality public services, including investing in health and in care structures for children and other

dependants;

9. Notes the increased commitments for the ‘Convergence’ objective of the European Social Fund and calls for increasing the part of the appropriations within this objective which supports improvements in childcare, to enable children in difficult situations to live in a family-type setting;
10. Regrets the tendency of decreasing appropriations for the Progress programme, in particular the items Anti-discrimination and diversity, and Gender equality, and points out that the programme plays a crucial role in eliminating discrimination, supporting the effective implementation of the principle of gender equality and promoting gender mainstreaming in all Union policies;
11. Notes the pilot project to encourage the conversion of precarious work into work with rights, and agrees with its continuation, particularly because of the significant proportion of female workers in precarious jobs; asks for a special budget line to be allocated for the closed partnership with the representatives of the poorest workers at any step of the pilot project;
12. Reiterates the need to launch pilot projects in the following fields:
  - inter-generational solidarity, recognising the economic value of work done by carers, who are mainly women;
  - men’s contribution to child-rearing;
  - reconciliation of family and working life;
  - reinsertion of women who have been victims of violence into the labour market;
  - the condition of elderly and lonely women, in particular mothers, in Europe;
13. Invites the budgetary authority to consider the opportunity of an impact analysis study on the consequences, including the budgetary consequences, of the introduction of the ‘gender mainstreaming’ system, with a view to evaluating its relevance, effectiveness, durability and usefulness in terms of cost-effectiveness/added value, as is the regular practice in the case of all other European policies;
14. Invites the budgetary authority to support the current activities aimed at combating child trafficking and reminds the budgetary authority that it is necessary to finance affirmative measures in child protection policies as pilot projects, such as *Viete kde je teraz vaše dieťa ?* (‘Do you know where your child is now?’);
15. Reminds the budgetary authority that it is necessary to recognise informal work in the field of intergenerational solidarity and to finance affirmative measures for the benefit of women and men in order to facilitate their return to employment after a period of carrying out family duties (bringing up children and/or caring for a sick or handicapped parent), by promoting policies of (re)integration into the employment market;
16. Asks the Commission to apply the principle of gender budgeting during the preparation,

allocation and audit of the budget to be allocated for the European Year of Volunteering in 2011, especially because of the nature of the sectors where volunteering plays an important role, such as equal opportunities, social care, humanitarian aid, education and youth;

17. Calls for the maintenance of financial support for actions in developing countries and in Europe's neighbouring countries to promote gender equality and women's rights as detailed in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	4.5.2010
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 30 -: 0 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Regina Bastos, Edit Bauer, Andrea Češková, Marije Cornelissen, Silvia Costa, Tadeusz Cymański, Ilda Figueiredo, Iratxe García Pérez, Zita Gurmai, Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, Philippe Juvin, Astrid Lulling, Barbara Matera, Angelika Niebler, Siiri Oviir, Antonia Parvanova, Raúl Romeva i Rueda, Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska, Eva-Britt Svensson, Marc Tarabella, Marina Yannakoudakis
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Norica Nicolai, Chrysoula Paliadeli, Rovana Plumb, Joanna Senyszyn, Corien Wortmann-Kool
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote</b>	Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Ingeborg Gräßle