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*Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on discharge in respect of the implementation of the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012: Section III - Commission and executive agencies  
(2013/2195(DEC))

Rapporteur: Barbara Matera

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## SUGGESTIONS

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

1. Underlines that under the Treaties the promotion of equality between men and women is a fundamental principle of the European Union and gender issues are cross-sectoral issues; recalls that the issue of gender equality should be incorporated and mainstreamed into all policies and addressed at all levels of the budgetary process; calls therefore on the Court of Auditors to assess the implementation of the general budget of the Union from the gender perspective, where applicable;
2. Stresses that under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union any discrimination shall be prohibited (Article 21) and equality between men and women must be ensured in all areas, including employment, work and pay (Article 23);
3. Notes the Court of Auditors' numerous observations as well as the increase in the estimated error rate as regards the area on employment and social affairs, the policy area primarily covering gender equality aspects; reiterates its call for specific details if any of the observations concerns spending related to gender equality;
4. Points out the need for further efforts to develop gender-specific indicators and data which would allow for the accomplishment of the objectives from a gender perspective to be monitored and can be included in the reports on the implementation of the budget; notes that the budget of the Union should not be a neutral instrument and that the strategic and policy orientation underpinning it should reflect the interests and concerns of people and thus, engendering the budget is the best way of meeting the aspirations and needs of both men and women;
5. Points out that the annual reports on the implementation of the budget could include the outcomes of objectives set in terms of equality between women and men;
6. Stresses that equality between women and men is a precondition for fulfilling the overall Union objectives of growth, employment and social cohesion;
7. Calls on the Commission to take into account a gender perspective when projecting payment requirements on medium and long term, when identifying future needs for achieving gender balance and when planning budgetary priorities that partake of the principle of gender equality;
8. Stresses that defending women's rights and promoting policies to encourage the active participation of women in all aspects of social life are essential to democracy in all

countries.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Regina Bastos, Marije Cornelissen, Edite Estrela, Iratxe García Pérez, Mikael Gustafsson, Mary Honeyball, Astrid Lulling, Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, Norica Nicolai, Siiri Oviir, Antonia Parvanova, Marina Yannakoudakis, Anna Záborská						
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Nicole Kiil-Nielsen, Katarína Neved'alová, Doris Pack, Antigoni Papadopoulou, Rui Tavares, Angelika Werthmann						