



**2019/2089(DEC)**

22.1.2020

## **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 budget of the European  
Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2018  
(2019/2089(DEC))

Rapporteur for opinion: Frances Fitzgerald

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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 into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas gender equality is one of the values on which the Union is founded and the Union is committed to promote gender mainstreaming in all of its actions as enshrined in Article 8 TFEU;
  - B. whereas gender budgeting is an application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process and means a gender based assessment of budgets, incorporating the gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process and restructuring revenues and expenditures in order to promote gender equality<sup>1</sup>; whereas the Commission and Court of Auditors should ensure the principle of gender mainstreaming throughout the Union's budgetary and legislative processes;
1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute and to strengthen the promotion of gender equality in the Union, including gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies, the fight against discrimination based on gender, and raising Union citizens' awareness of gender equality;
  2. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and welcomes the EIGE's contribution to the ongoing efforts of the Committee including on the topic of the gender digital gap, work-life balance, the gender pay and pension gap, gender budgeting, combating violence against women, women's health including sexual and reproductive health and rights, women's rights and the development of a gender-sensitive parliament tool; notes the valuable contribution the EIGE can make to all committees of the European Parliament in order to better integrate the gender perspective horizontally and better realise gender mainstreaming in policies and actions (by providing other committees training and data for instance) in Union policy making;
  3. Welcomes the outcomes of EIGE's participation and recent chairmanship of the European Justice and Home Affairs Agencies' network, particularly the promotion of actions aimed at combating sexual harassment<sup>2</sup> at workplace;
  4. Takes note of the fact that EIGE has achieved a high execution of the budget with commitment appropriations up to 99.38% in 2018 (98.92% in 2017), and payment appropriations up to 81.15% in 2018 (80.95% in 2017); furthermore encourages EIGE to keep maintaining the level of carry-overs at a reasonable level following the path of the last three years (36.67% in 2018; 34.25% in 2017 and 51.29% in 2016);
  5. Takes note of the new Knowledge Management and Communication Strategy 2019-2021, which is aimed at engaging gender equality stakeholders and monitoring EIGE's

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<sup>1</sup> <https://rm.coe.int/1680596143>

<sup>2</sup> <https://eige.europa.eu/news/joint-statement-jha-agencies-sexual-harassment>

communication channels;

6. Takes note that the EIGE has advanced on some recommendations of the External Evaluation (2015) and welcomes the effort to implement an action plan addressing the recommendations and calls on the Institute to further continue this process to improve governance and efficiency;
7. Strongly supports the work of the EIGE, which, by means of studies and research, enables the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality to obtain data that is indispensable in order for it to do its work properly by providing official, high-quality and objective data;
8. Welcomes the EIGE's achievements in 2018 and asks to update on an annual basis since 2019 the Gender Equality Index 2017 (the Index); calls upon more methodological tools to be developed to better ensure gender mainstreaming in all policies and actions;
9. Insists on the role of EIGE, as the Union expertise centre on gender equality, to monitor the implementation of the Istanbul Convention;
10. Raises concerns over claims of former temporary agency workers and over the District Court of Vilnius City's ruling and Vilnius Regional Court's ruling; calls for a clear process of recruitment and asks EIGE to adopt measures to solve the situation.
11. Calls for additional funding to be allocated to EIGE to increase the number and the quality of statutory workers by replacing the temporary contracts with statutory contracts; and deplores the circumstances of constant risk of budgetary cuts and lack of human resources under which EIGE must work (the issue of unequal treatment with interim workers, especially in terms of salary and workers rights);
12. Takes note of the Court of Auditors' opinion that the EIGE's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with the provisions of its Financial Regulation and the accounting rules adopted by the Commission's accounting officer;
13. Notes the Court of Auditors' opinion that the revenue and payments underlying the EIGE's annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 are legal and regular in all material respects;
14. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data available now, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2018;

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Date adopted</b>	22.1.2020
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+ : 20 - : 5 0 : 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Annika Bruna, Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Belinda De Lucy, Frances Fitzgerald, Helène Fritzon, Alice Kuhnke, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Karen Melchior, Sandra Pereira, Sirpa Pietikäinen, Samira Rafaela, Evelyn Regner, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Christine Schneider, Irène Tolleret, Isabella Tovaglieri, Ernest Urtasun
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Maria da Graça Carvalho, Nicolaus Fest, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Marina Kaljurand, Predrag Fred Matić, Alessandra Moretti, Jadwiga Wiśniewska

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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GUE/NGL	Sandra Pereira, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop
PPE	Maria da Graça Carvalho, Frances Fitzgerald, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Sirpa Pietikäinen, Christine Schneider
RENEW	Karen Melchior, Samira Rafaela, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Irène Tolleret
S&D	Helène Fritzon, Lina Gálvez Muñoz, Marina Kaljurand, Predrag Fred Matić, Alessandra Moretti, Evelyn Regner
VERTS/ALE	Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Alice Kuhnke, Ernest Urtasun

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ECR	Jadwiga Wiśniewska
ID	Annika Bruna, Nicolaus Fest, Isabella Tovaglieri
NI	Belinda De Lucy

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention