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of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary
Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility
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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality presents the following amendments to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, as the committees responsible:

Amendment 1 **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 2 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Article 2 and 8 of the Treaty provides that, in all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality between men and women. Gender mainstreaming, including gender budgeting, should therefore be implemented in all policies and regulations of the EU.

Amendment 2 **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination ('European Semester'), including the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reforms. Those strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding.

(3) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination ('European Semester'), including the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights **and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**, is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reforms. Those strategies should be presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priority investment projects to be supported by national and/or Union funding.

Amendment 3
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 changed the economic outlook for the years to come in the Union and in the world, calling for an urgent and coordinated response from the Union in order to cope with the enormous economic and social consequences for all Member States. The **challenges** linked to **the demographic context have been amplified by COVID-19**. The current COVID-19 pandemic as well as the previous economic and financial crisis have shown that developing sound and resilient economies and financial systems built on strong economic and social structures helps Member States to respond more efficiently to shocks and recover more swiftly from them. The medium and long-term consequences of the COVID-19 crisis will critically depend on how quickly Member States' economies will recover from the crisis, which in turn depends on the fiscal space Member States have available to take measures to mitigate the social and economic impact of the crisis, and on the resilience of their economies. Reforms and investments to address structural weaknesses of the economies and strengthen their resilience will therefore be essential to set the economies back on a sustainable recovery path and avoid further widening of the divergences in the Union.

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(4) The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 changed the economic outlook for the years to come in the Union and in the world, calling for an urgent and coordinated response from the Union in order to cope with the enormous economic and social consequences for all Member States. The **COVID-19 crisis is having a disproportional impact on women and girls due to existing inequalities that lead to, among others, an increased risk of gender based violence during the lockdown and a higher drop-out of the labour market linked to a higher burden on care tasks, a higher share of women employed in sectors affected by the lockdown, in informal economy and in sectors with higher precarious conditions**. The current COVID-19 pandemic as well as the previous economic and financial crisis have shown that developing **a strong welfare system based on public services and** sound and resilient economies and financial systems built on strong economic and social structures helps Member States to respond more efficiently **and in a more inclusive manner** to shocks and recover more swiftly from them. The medium and long-term consequences of the COVID-19 crisis will critically depend on how quickly Member States' economies will recover from the crisis, which in turn depends on the fiscal space Member States have available to take measures to mitigate the social and economic impact of the crisis, and on the resilience of their economies. Reforms and investments to address **inequalities and** structural weaknesses of the economies and strengthen their resilience **and inclusiveness** will therefore be essential to set the economies back on a sustainable recovery path and avoid further

widening of the *social* divergences in the Union *and accelerate progress to achieve gender equality*;

Amendment 4
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has also showed its important gender impact on the societies reflecting various inequalities between women and men. With the majority of the EU's care and other essential service workers being female, not only has the disproportionate burden of the crisis that fell on women become evident, but so has the degree of horizontal and vertical labour market segregation, exacerbated by the lack of child and elderly care services and infrastructures. Furthermore, the spike in gender-based violence during the confinement across the EU has showed a worrying lack of protection and support measures for women who are victims or at risk of domestic violence. This instrument should assist the Member States in supporting and developing initiatives directed at women's access to entrepreneurship, microfinancing and STEM, also advancing employment opportunities -especially in the digital and green economy priority sectors- ensuring discrimination-free employment initiatives. Special attention should be paid to tackling labour market segregation, with measures aiming at closing the gender employment, pay and pension gap. The Member States should also use the programme for putting in place and strengthening initiatives to promote and improve work-life balance, with specific focus on care infrastructure and services. The infrastructure and services such as shelters and support for the victim of violence will also be

important on the path to crisis recovery.

Amendment 5
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) The implementation of reforms contributing to achieve a high degree of resilience of domestic economies, strengthening adjustment capacity and unlocking growth potential are among the Union's policy priorities. They are therefore crucial to set the recovery on a sustainable path and support the process of upward economic and social convergence. This is even more necessary in the aftermath of the pandemic crisis to pave the way for a swift recovery.

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(5) The implementation of reforms contributing to achieve a high degree of resilience of domestic economies, strengthening adjustment capacity and unlocking growth potential are among the Union's policy priorities. They are therefore crucial to set the recovery on a sustainable path and support the process of upward economic and social convergence. ***The reforms must be implemented by paying special attention to the vulnerable populations and respecting gender equality.*** This is even more necessary in the aftermath of the pandemic crisis to pave the way for a swift recovery.

Amendment 6
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Women have been at the forefront of the COVID-19 crisis, forming the majority of healthcare workers across the EU, and balancing unpaid care work with their employment responsibilities, made increasingly difficult for single parents in which women form 85% of. Investment in robust care infrastructure is also essential in order to ensure gender equality, women's economic empowerment, build resilient societies, combat precarious conditions in a female dominated sector, boost job creation, prevent poverty and social exclusion and has a positive effect on GDP as it allows more women to take part in paid work.

Amendment 7
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Past experiences have shown that investment is often drastically cut during crises. **However**, it is essential to support investment in this particular situation to speed up the recovery and strengthen long-term growth potential. Investing in green and digital technologies, capacities and processes aimed at assisting clean energy transition, boosting energy efficiency in housing and other key sectors of the economic are important to achieve sustainable growth and help create jobs. It will also help make the Union more resilient and less dependent by diversifying key supply chains.

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(6) Past experiences have shown that investment is often drastically cut during crises, **including in public services which had lasting negative consequences on women's rights and women's economic empowerment and women's health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights. Therefore**, it is essential to support investment in this particular situation to speed up the recovery and strengthen long-term **sustainable** growth potential **and the protection of the care economy as an essential part of the economic model**. Investing in **the care transition and** green and digital technologies, capacities and processes aimed at assisting clean energy transition, boosting energy efficiency in housing and other key sectors of the economic are important to achieve **inclusive and** sustainable growth and help create jobs. It will also help make the Union more resilient and less dependent by diversifying key supply chains. **Furthermore, it is a crucial opportunity to ease a transition towards a resilient care economy and achieve a gender-balanced society**

Amendment 8
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

(11) Reflecting the European Green Deal as Europe's sustainable growth strategy and the translation of the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, the

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Facility established by this Regulation will contribute to mainstreaming climate actions and environmental sustainability and to the achievement of an overall target of 25 % of the EU budget expenditures supporting climate objectives.

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Amendment 9
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Reflecting the European Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 and the translation of the Union's commitments to implement the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals in particular Goal 5, the Facility established by this Regulation will contribute to the promotion of gender equality, the principle of gender mainstreaming and the elimination of gender discrimination and inequalities.

Amendment 10
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

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and implementation, and reassessed in the context of the relevant evaluations and review processes. Also, due attention should be paid to the impact of the national plans submitted under this Regulation on fostering not only the green transition, but also the digital transformation. They will both play a priority role in relaunching and modernising our economy.

Amendment 11
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) The Facility's general objective should be the promotion of economic, social and territorial cohesion. For that purpose, it should contribute to improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social and economic impact of the crisis, and supporting the green and digital transitions aimed at achieving a climate neutral Europe by 2050, thereby restoring the growth potential of the economies of the Union in the aftermath of the crisis, fostering employment creation and *to* promoting sustainable growth.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) To ensure its contribution to the objectives of the Facility, the recovery and resilience plan should comprise measures

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Amendment

(16) To ensure its contribution to the objectives of the Facility, the recovery and resilience plan should comprise measures

for the implementation of reforms and public investment projects through a coherent recovery and resilience plan. The recovery and resilience plan *should* be consistent with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester, with the national reform programmes, the national energy and climate plans, the just transition plans, and the partnership agreements and operational programmes adopted under the Union funds. To boost actions that fall within the priorities of the European Green Deal and the Digital Agenda, the plan should also set out measures that are relevant for the green and digital transitions. The measures should enable a swift deliver of targets, objectives and contributions set out in national energy and climate plans and updates thereof. All supported activities should be pursued in full respect of the climate and environmental priorities of the Union.

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Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 21

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) In order to ensure the national ownership and a focus on relevant reforms and investments, Member States wishing to receive support should submit to the Commission a recovery and resilience plan that is duly reasoned and substantiated. The recovery and resilience plan should set out the detailed set of measures for its implementation, including targets and milestones, and the expected impact of the recovery and resilience plan on growth potential, job creation *and* economic *and* social resilience; it should also include measures that are relevant for the green and

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the digital transitions; it should also include an explanation of the consistency of the proposed recovery and resilience plan with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

that are relevant for the green and the digital transitions, ***as well as the transition towards a resilient care economy; and promotion of gender equality***; it should also include an explanation of the consistency of the proposed recovery and resilience plan with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester. Close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States should be sought and achieved throughout the process.

Amendment 14
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 22

Text proposed by the Commission

(22) The Commission should assess the recovery and resilience plan proposed by the Member States and should act in close cooperation with the Member State concerned. The Commission will fully respect the national ownership of the process and will therefore take into account the justification and elements provided by the Member State concerned and assess whether the recovery and resilience plan proposed by the Member State is expected to contribute to effectively address challenges identified in the relevant country-specific recommendation addressed to the Member State concerned or in other relevant documents officially adopted by the Commission in the European Semester; whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and ***the*** digital transitions and to addressing the challenges resulting from them; whether the plan is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State concerned; whether the plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the

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economic and social impact of the crisis and contribute to enhancing economic, social and territorial cohesion; whether the justification provided by the Member State of the estimated total costs of the recovery and resilience plan submitted is reasonable and plausible and is commensurate to the expected impact on the economy and employment; whether the proposed recovery and resilience plan contains measures for the implementation of reforms and public investment projects that represent coherent actions; and whether the arrangement proposed by the Member State concerned are expected to ensure effective implementation of the recovery and resilience plan, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators.

gender discrimination or to addressing the challenges resulting from it; whether the plan is expected to have a lasting impact in the Member State concerned; whether the ***gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan effectively addresses the impact of the crisis on gender equality, in particular in the area of employment and access to finance, as well as whether it includes measures to prevent and combat gender-based violence***; whether the plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, ***gender-responsive*** job creation, ***gender equality*** and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis and contribute to enhancing economic, social and territorial cohesion; whether the justification provided by the Member State of the estimated total costs of the recovery and resilience plan submitted is reasonable and plausible and is commensurate to the expected impact on the economy and employment; whether the proposed recovery and resilience plan contains measures for the implementation of reforms and public investment projects that represent coherent actions; and whether the arrangement proposed by the Member State concerned are expected to ensure effective implementation of the recovery and resilience plan, including the proposed milestones and targets, and the related indicators.

Amendment 15
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 33

Text proposed by the Commission

(33) For effective monitoring of implementation, the Member States should report on a quarterly basis within the European Semester process on the progress made in the achievement of the recovery and resilience plan. Such reports prepared

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(33) For effective monitoring of implementation, the Member States should report on a quarterly basis within the European Semester process, ***in consultation with social partners and civil society organisations***, on the progress

by the Member States concerned should be appropriately reflected in the National Reform Programmes, which should be used as a tool for reporting on progress towards completion of recovery and resilience plans.

made in the achievement of the recovery and resilience plan. Such reports prepared by the Member States concerned should be appropriately reflected in the National Reform Programmes, which should be used as a tool for reporting on progress towards completion of recovery and resilience plans.

Amendment 16
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 36

Text proposed by the Commission

(36) Pursuant to paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Interinstitutional Agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, there is a need to evaluate the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by this Regulation on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States. These requirements, where appropriate, should include measurable indicators, as a basis for evaluating the effects of the instruments on the ground.

Amendment

(36) Pursuant to paragraphs 22 and 23 of the Interinstitutional Agreement for Better Law-Making of 13 April 2016, there is a need to evaluate the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by this Regulation on the basis of information collected through specific monitoring requirements, while avoiding overregulation and administrative burdens, in particular on Member States. These requirements, where appropriate, should include measurable indicators, as a basis for evaluating the effects of the instruments on the ground. ***Data collected for monitoring purposes shall be collected disaggregated by gender.***

Amendment 17
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

(37) It is opportune that the Commission provides an annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Facility set out in this Regulation. This report should include information on the progress made by Member States under the recovery and resilience plans approved; it should also

Amendment

(37) It is opportune that the Commission provides an annual report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Facility set out in this Regulation. This report should include information on the progress made by Member States under the recovery and resilience plans approved ***and their impact***

include information on the volume of the proceeds assigned to the Facility under the European Union Recovery Instrument in the previous year, broken down by budget line, and the contribution of the amounts raised through the European Union Recovery Instrument to the achievements of the objectives of the Facility.

on gender equality; it should also include information on the volume of the proceeds assigned to the Facility under the European Union Recovery Instrument in the previous year, broken down by budget line, and the contribution of the amounts raised through the European Union Recovery Instrument to the achievements of the objectives of the Facility.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

(38) An independent evaluation, looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Facility established by this Regulation, the efficiency of the use of its resources and its added value should be carried out. Where appropriate, the evaluation should be accompanied by a proposal for amendments to this Regulation. An independent ex-post evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact of the instruments.

Amendment

(38) An independent *gender-responsive* evaluation, *in consultation with women's civil society organisations and gender budgeting experts*, looking at the achievement of the objectives of the Facility established by this Regulation, the efficiency of the use of its resources and its added value should be carried out. Where appropriate, the evaluation should be accompanied by a proposal for amendments to this Regulation. An independent ex-post evaluation should, in addition, deal with the long-term impact of the instruments, *including on gender equality*.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The scope of application of the Recovery and Resilience Facility established by this Regulation shall refer to policy areas related to economic, social and territorial cohesion, the green and digital transitions, health, competitiveness, resilience, productivity, education and skills, research

Amendment

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competitiveness, resilience, productivity, education and skills, **gender equality**, research and innovation, smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, jobs and investment, and the stability of the financial systems.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The general objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility shall be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social **and** economic impact of the crisis, and supporting the green and digital transitions, thereby contributing to restoring the growth potential of the economies of the Union, fostering employment creation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, and promoting sustainable growth.

Amendment

1. The general objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility shall be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by improving the resilience and adjustment capacity of the Member States, mitigating the social, economic **and gender related** impact of the crisis, and supporting the green and digital transitions, **and the promotion of gender equality**, thereby contributing to restoring the growth potential of the economies of the Union, fostering employment creation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, and promoting sustainable **and inclusive** growth **and gender equality**.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Article 14 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The recovery and resilience plans shall be consistent with the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester, in particular those relevant for or resulting from the green and digital transition. The recovery and resilience plans shall also be consistent with the information included by the Member States in the national reform programmes under the European Semester, in their national

Amendment

2. The recovery and resilience plans shall be consistent with **and have as a priority** the relevant country-specific challenges and priorities identified in the context of the European Semester, in particular those relevant for or resulting from the green and digital **transitions, as well as the transition towards a resilient care economy**. The recovery and resilience plans shall also be consistent with the information included by the Member States

energy and climate plans and updates thereof under the Regulation (EU)2018/1999²¹, in the territorial just transition plans under the Just Transition Fund²², and in the partnership agreements and operational programmes under the Union funds.

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²¹ Regulation (EU)2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action.

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²² [...]

Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) an explanation of how the plan strengthens the growth potential, job creation and economic and social resilience of the Member State concerned, mitigates the economic and social impact of the crisis, and its contribution to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion and convergence;

Amendment

(b) an explanation of how the plan strengthens the growth potential **gender responsive**, job creation and economic and social resilience of the Member State concerned, mitigates the economic and social impact of the crisis, and its contribution to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion and convergence **and gender equality**;

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) an explanation of how the measures in the plan are expected to contribute to the

Amendment

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green and **the** digital transitions or to the challenges resulting from them;

green and digital transitions, **as well as the transition towards a resilient care economy**, or to **address** the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment 24

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) a national gender equality plan for recovery, in-line with the objectives outlined in the Gender Equality Strategy, to effectively address the negative impact of the crisis on gender equality, in particular by ensuring job creation for women, the reduction of the gender pay gap and access to credit for women entrepreneurs, including measures to prevent and combat gender-based and domestic violence and sexual harassment; the national gender equality plan shall be developed and implemented in coordination with the relevant national gender equality bodies and in consultation with women’s rights organisations and gender budgeting experts;

Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cb) an explanation of how the measures in the plan are expected to contribute to the promotion of gender equality and the principle of gender mainstreaming and elimination of gender discrimination or to the challenges resulting from it;

Amendment 26
Proposal for a regulation
Article 15 – paragraph 3 – point c c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(cc) a gender impact assessment that shall inform the measures included in the plan;

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. When assessing the recovery and resilience plan and in the determination of the amount to be allocated to the Member State concerned, the Commission shall take into account the analytical information on the Member State concerned available in the context of the European Semester as well as the justification and the elements provided by the Member State concerned, as referred to in Article 15(3), and any other relevant information including, in particular, the one contained in the National Reform Programme and the National Energy and Climate Plan of the Member State concerned and, if relevant, information from technical support received via the Technical Support Instrument.

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Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

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importance and coherence of the recovery and resilience plan and its contribution to the green and digital transitions, and for that purpose, shall take into account the following criteria:

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Amendment 29
Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and ***the*** digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and digital transitions, ***as well as the transition towards a resilient care economy***, or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) whether the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan effectively addresses the gender issues emerging in the crisis, ensures gender equality in particular in the area of employment, equal pay and access to finance, contributes to the promotion of the principle of gender mainstreaming and the elimination of gender discrimination, as well as whether it includes measures to prevent and combat gender-based and domestic violence and sexual harassment;

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation
Article 16 – paragraph 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) whether the recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation, and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment

(d) whether the recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, **gender responsive** job creation, and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion **and to enhance gender equality**;

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation
Article 23 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring the implementation of the activities and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funding.

Amendment

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Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation
Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The annual report shall include information on the progress made with the recovery and resilience plans of the Member States concerned under the Facility.

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Amendment 34
Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Four years after the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall provide the European Parliament, and the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions with an independent evaluation report on its implementation and with an independent ex post evaluation report no later than three years after the end of 2027.

Amendment 35
Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The evaluation report shall, in particular, assess to which extent the objectives have been achieved, the efficiency of the use of resources and the European added value. It shall also consider the continued relevance of all objectives and actions.

Amendment 36
Proposal for a regulation
Article 25 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The ex-post evaluation report shall consist of a global assessment of the instruments established by this Regulation and shall include information on its impact in the long-term.

Amendment

1. Four years after the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall provide the European Parliament, and the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions with an independent evaluation report on its implementation and with an independent ex post **gender-responsive** evaluation report no later than three years after the end of 2027.

Amendment

2. The evaluation report shall, in particular, assess to which extent the objectives have been achieved, the efficiency of the use of resources and the European added value **and the effects of gender mainstreaming**. It shall also consider the continued relevance of all objectives and actions.

Amendment

4. The ex-post evaluation report shall consist of a global assessment of the instruments established by this Regulation and shall include information on its impact in the long-term, **including on gender equality**.

Amendment 37
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

In accordance with Article 16(3), the Commission shall assess the importance and coherence of the recovery and resilience plans, and its contribution to the green and digital transitions, and for that purpose, it shall take into account the following criteria:

Amendment

In accordance with Article 16(3), the Commission shall assess the importance and coherence of the recovery and resilience plans, and its contribution to the green, ***care*** and digital transitions ***and the promotion of gender equality***, and for that purpose, it shall take into account the following criteria:

Amendment 38
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and ***the*** digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment

(b) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green, ***care*** and digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them;

Amendment 39
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) whether the plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the promotion of gender equality and the principle of gender mainstreaming and the elimination of gender discrimination or to addressing the challenges resulting from it, specifically measures which address the gender pay gap, adequate family leave and flexible working arrangements, provision of accessible and affordable child and long-term care, and increased labour market participation of women, including through ensuring equal opportunities and career progression;

Amendment 40
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) whether the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan is in line with the objectives set out in the Gender Equality Strategy and effectively addresses the impact of the crisis on gender equality, in particular in the area of employment, equal pay and access to finance, as well as whether it includes measures to prevent and combat gender-based violence and sexual harassment;

Amendment 41
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) whether the recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation, and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion;

(d) whether the recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to strengthen the growth potential, job creation, ***gender equality*** and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment 42
Proposal for a regulation
Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.2 – heading

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2.2 The plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green and ***the*** digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them.

2.2 The plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the green, ***care*** and digital transitions or to addressing the challenges resulting from them.

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

or

the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to significantly contribute to the transformation towards a care economy;

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.2 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 3 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

— the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to significantly contribute to address the challenges resulting from the green and/or digital transitions

— the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to significantly contribute to address the challenges resulting from the green, *care* and/or digital transitions

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2.2a *The plan contains measures that effectively contribute to the promotion of gender equality and the principle of gender mainstreaming and the elimination of gender discrimination or to addressing the challenges resulting from it.*

The Commission shall take into account the following elements for the assessment under this criterion:

Scope

- the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to significantly contribute to promotion of gender equality and the principle of gender

mainstreaming; or - the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to significantly contribute to the elimination of gender discrimination ;

or

- the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to significantly contribute to address the challenges resulting from gender inequality and/or discrimination

and

- the implementation of the envisaged measures is expected to have a lasting impact.

Rating

A – To a large extent

B – To a moderate extent

C – To a small extent

Amendment 46

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2.3a *The gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan effectively addresses the impact of the crisis on gender equality, in particular in the area of employment, equal payment and access to finance, and includes measures to prevent and combat gender-based violence and sexual harassment;*

The Commission shall take into account the following elements for the assessment under this criterion:

Scope

- the implementation of the gender equality plan, developed in consultation with women's civil society organisations, included in the recovery and resilience plan is expected to significantly contribute to address the impact of the crisis on

gender equality;

and

- the implementation of the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan is expected to significantly contribute to create jobs for women;

and

- the implementation of the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan is expected to reduce the gender pay gap

and

- the implementation of the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan is expected to significantly contribute to facilitate access to credit for women entrepreneurs;

and

- the implementation of the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan is expected to significantly contribute to prevent and combat gender-based violence and sexual harassment.

Rating

A – The recovery and resilience plan contributes to effectively address the impact of the crisis on gender equality.

B – The recovery and resilience plan contributes to partially address the impact of the crisis on gender equality.

C – The recovery and resilience plan does not contribute to address the impact of the crisis on gender equality.

Amendment 47

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.4 – heading

Text proposed by the Commission

2.4 The recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to

Amendment

2.4 The recovery and resilience plan is expected to effectively contribute to

strengthen the growth potential, job creation, and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion;

strengthen the growth potential, job creation, ***gender equality*** and economic and social resilience of the Member State, mitigate the economic and social impact of the crisis, and contribute to enhance economic, social and territorial cohesion;

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation

Annex II – point 2 – paragraph 3 – point 2.4 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

— the recovery and resilience plan contains measures that aim at addressing weaknesses of the economy of the Member States and at boosting the growth potential of the economy of the Member State concerned, stimulating job creation and mitigating the adverse effects of the crisis, while ***avoiding adverse impacts of those measures on climate and environment.***

Amendment

— the recovery and resilience plan contains measures that aim at addressing weaknesses of the economy of the Member States and at boosting the growth potential of the economy of the Member State concerned, stimulating job creation and mitigating the adverse effects of the crisis, while ***promoting gender equality and the green transition.***