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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgets

on a revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world
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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality submits the following to the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible:

Amendment 1

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1

Motion for a resolution

– having regard to Articles 311, 312, 323 and 324 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Amendment

– having regard to Articles **8, 208**, 311, 312, 323 and 324 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

Amendment 2

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– **having regard to Articles 2, 3, 6, 14, 17 and 21 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU),**

Amendment 3

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– **having regard to Articles 3, 21, 23 and 34 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union on non-discrimination, equality and social security,**

Amendment 4

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- **having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014^{1a},**

^{1a} OJ L 156 5.5.2021, p. 1, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/692/oj>.

Amendment 5

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- **having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014^{1a},**

^{1a} OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p.1, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/522/oj>.

Amendment 6

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (Common Provisions Regulation)^{1a}, in particular Article 9 thereof on horizontal principles and Annex III thereto on horizontal enabling conditions – Article 15(1), regarding, in particular, respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,*

^{1a} OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1060/oj>.

Amendment 7

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

– *having regard to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),*

Amendment 8

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the European Consensus on Development signed on 7 June 2017, which provides the framework for a common approach to development policy that will be applied by the EU institutions and the Member States,*

Amendment 9

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the EU Gender Action Plan (GAP III),*

Amendment 10

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 11 December 2019 entitled ‘The European Green Deal’ (COM(2019)0640),*

Amendment 11

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 15 January 2020 on the European Green Deal^{1a},*

^{1a} OJ C 270, 7.7.2021, p.2.

Amendment 12

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to its resolution of 16 January 2018 on women, gender equality and climate justice^{1a},*

^{1a} *OJ C 458, 19.12.2018, p. 34.*

Amendment 13

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 11 February 2025 entitled ‘The Road to the next multiannual financial framework’ (COM(2025)0046),*

Amendment 14

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 7 September 2022 on the European care strategy (COM(2022)0440),*

Amendment 15

Motion for a resolution

Citation 1 n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to its resolution of 5 July 2022 towards a common European action on care^{1a},***

^{1a} ***OJ C 47, 7.2.2023, p. 30.***

Amendment 16

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 o (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the EU gender equality strategy 2020-2025,***

Amendment 17

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 p (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to the special report of the European Court of Auditors entitled ‘Gender mainstreaming in the EU budget: time to turn words into action’, published in 2021,***

Amendment 18

Motion for a resolution
Citation 1 q (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- ***having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the***

Amendment 19

Motion for a resolution Citation 15 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- *having regard to the Commission communication of 30 June 2021 entitled ‘A long-term Vision for the EU’s Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040’ (COM(2021)0345),*

Amendment 20

Motion for a resolution Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

- Aa. whereas gender equality is a core value of the Union, as enshrined in Article 2 TEU; whereas Article 8 TFEU states that ‘in all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities and to promote equality’, thus establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming, according to which the gender equality perspective must be integrated across all policies and programmes, including all levels of the budgetary process; whereas budgets are never gender-neutral and therefore need to be established with the clear objective of anti-discrimination and*

the goal of reaching all individuals and their specific needs;

Amendment 21

Motion for a resolution Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. *whereas equality between women and men is a precondition for women's participation in the labour market, in leading positions and in science and research, and thus for gender equality, and has an impact on the economy of the Member States;*

Amendment 22

Motion for a resolution Recital C

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

C. whereas spending through the Union budget, if effectively targeted, aligned with the Union's political priorities and coordinated with spending at national level, helps to avoid fragmentation in the single market and to boost the overall impact of public investment; whereas public investment is essential to incentivise private investment;

C. whereas spending through the Union budget, if effectively targeted, aligned with the Union's political priorities and coordinated with spending at national level, helps to ***protect and promote fundamental rights, including women's rights and the rule of law, foster cohesion and equality, as well as*** avoid fragmentation in the single market and to boost the overall impact of public investment; whereas public investment is essential to incentivise private investment;

Amendment 23

Motion for a resolution Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. *whereas persons with disabilities,*

especially women and girls, face barriers that hinder their access to fundamental rights, education, employment and social services; whereas the multiannual financial framework (MFF) must ensure adequate and specific funding to promote their full inclusion in society and the labour market;

Amendment 24

Motion for a resolution Recital D b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Db. whereas simplifying processes within the MFF will make it easier for women to thrive, thereby reducing regulatory barriers that disproportionately impact them;

Amendment 25

Motion for a resolution Recital D c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dc. whereas a competitiveness check could assess the unique challenges businesses, including women-led businesses, face in accessing resources, capital and opportunities, ensuring that new policies address these gaps and promote an environment where women-led businesses can both flourish and thrive;

Amendment 26

Motion for a resolution Recital D d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Dd. whereas annual updates on the Competitiveness Compass, reported through the Single Market and Competitiveness Report could measure tangible outcomes specifically for women-led businesses; whereas this could be useful for the MFF revision;

Amendment 27

Motion for a resolution Recital D e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

De. whereas addressing skills shortages and providing targeted support to women so that they can enter industries with high growth potential, such as digital technology and green energy, and take on leadership roles, could help turbocharge European economic growth;

Amendment 28

Motion for a resolution Recital E a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ea. whereas 99 % of European businesses are defined as small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); whereas these employ more than 85 million workers, including women, and the vast majority of them are classified as micro enterprises;

Amendment 29

Motion for a resolution Recital F a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fa. whereas the European Institute for

Gender Equality (EIGE) is the only EU agency for gender equality; whereas because of a lack of resources, EIGE is only able to respond to a quarter of requests for technical assistance on gender mainstreaming, in spite of this being one of its main tasks, which has resulted in the prioritisation of EU institutions to the detriment of the Member States that receive little to no technical assistance;

Amendment 30

Motion for a resolution Recital F b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Fb. whereas it is of the outmost importance to improve education opportunities and modernise vocational education and training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), with a particular focus on girls and women, in order to fill the current gender gaps in the STEM fields' workforce and to enhance awareness about opportunities and risks concerning new technologies such as artificial intelligence;

Amendment 31

Motion for a resolution Recital G a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ga. whereas improving gender equality is estimated to increase the EU's gross domestic product (GDP) per capita by 6.1 % to 9.6 %, amounting to between EUR 1.95 trillion and 3.15 trillion by 2050, according to EIGE^{1a};

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<https://eige.europa.eu/newsroom/economic-benefits-gender-equality>.

Amendment 32

Motion for a resolution Recital H a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ha. *whereas competitiveness should be integral to the MFF revision to ensure that competitiveness is integrated into the EU budget, enhancing European women's competitiveness while driving sustainable and strong economic growth;*

Amendment 33

Motion for a resolution Recital H b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hb. *whereas Parliament has repeatedly called for sufficient funding for the Daphne strand of EIGE, the equality and rights strand of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme, civil society organisations under the NDICI programme, the EU4Health programme, and the Social Innovation strand of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+); whereas Parliament has repeatedly also called for the application of gender mainstreaming in the main European funds such as Horizon Europe, the common agricultural policy, the Cohesion Fund and NextGenerationEU;*

Amendment 34

Motion for a resolution Recital H c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hc. whereas preparedness mainstreaming should be integral to the MFF revision to ensure that women live in an EU that is prepared for crises;

Amendment 35

**Motion for a resolution
Recital H d (new)**

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hd. whereas EIGE is expected to deliver on its new tasks of monitoring the implementation of recently adopted new pieces of legislation and strategies, such as the Gender-Balance on Boards Directive, Directive on Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence, Pay Transparency Directive, Standards for Equality Bodies Directive, Work-Life Balance Directive, Care Strategy, Barcelona Targets and post-2025 Gender Equality Strategy; whereas the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission of 16 December 2020 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources^{1a} (IIA) includes provisions regarding the allocation of resources to agencies when a legislative proposal assigns new tasks to them;

^{1a} OJ L 433I, 22.10.2020, p. 28, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinsttit/2020/1222/oj.

Amendment 36

Motion for a resolution Recital H e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

He. *whereas women play a crucial role in resource efficiency and sustainable economic practices; whereas rising costs of commodities because of resource scarcity further exacerbate socio-economic inequalities;*

Amendment 37

Motion for a resolution Recital H f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hf. *whereas a well-functioning welfare state and accessible public services, including transportation, healthcare and childcare, are essential for women's career advancement and mobility; whereas a lack of public services increases the double burden of unpaid care work, limiting women's participation in the labour market and affecting work-life balance;*

Amendment 38

Motion for a resolution Recital H g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hg. *whereas priority should be given to initiatives that empower women in leadership roles, with a focus on increasing women's participation in decision-making processes, and particularly, but not only, for women in business and the STEM sector;*

Amendment 39

Motion for a resolution Recital H h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hh. whereas single women, particularly in old age, are at the highest risk of poverty; whereas gender pension gaps and disparities in career progression contribute to women's increased vulnerability to financial insecurity in old age; whereas EU policies must address the gendered dimensions of poverty and social exclusion in long-term budget planning;

Amendment 40

Motion for a resolution Recital H i (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hi. whereas only 0.01 % of all funding worldwide supports projects that address both climate change and women's rights, according to the UN Development Programme^{1a};

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https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-8-2017-0403_EN.html.

Amendment 41

Motion for a resolution Recital H j (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hj. whereas exceeding the planetary boundaries, including climate, biodiversity, water and novel entities, has negative aggravating impacts on the

economy and on national and EU budgets, which in turn impacts negatively on women in both direct and indirect ways: as a phenomenon in itself and as budgetary constraints;

Amendment 42

Motion for a resolution Recital H k (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hk. whereas women's and girls' health is particularly at risk from pollution and climate change because of gendered differences in exposure, socio-economic status, vulnerability and access to healthcare; whereas the Declaration of the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health signed by EU environment and health ministers in Budapest in July 2023 commits to stepping up action to strengthen health protection in view of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution;

Amendment 43

Motion for a resolution Recital H l (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hl. whereas the 8th Environment Action Programme provides the legally binding framework for ensuring that, by 2050, the EU's natural environment is 'restored, resilient and adequately protected' and that 'all pollution is reduced to levels no longer considered harmful to human health and natural ecosystems'; whereas reducing and preventing pollution will be beneficial for the health of women and girls, given that their health is particularly at risk due to differences in exposure, socio-economic

status, vulnerability and access to healthcare;

Amendment 44

Motion for a resolution
Recital H m (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hm. whereas the first-ever European Climate Risk Assessment confirms that climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss pose severe and escalating health risks in Europe, with heat stress and wildfires among the most urgent threats, disproportionately affecting women, girls and other vulnerable populations due to differences in exposure, socio-economic status, vulnerability and access to healthcare; whereas during the 2023 summer heatwave in Europe, heat mortality was 55 % higher for women;

Amendment 45

Motion for a resolution
Recital H n (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Hn. whereas the challenges facing our common security architecture have become more complex in recent years; whereas military defence is central to this and women should be encouraged to play a greater role in ensuring Europe's security; whereas this background provides important context for the MFF;

Amendment 46

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. *Highlights the Union's commitments to equality, especially those outlined in the gender equality strategy and the United Nations' SDGs, specifically goals 5 and 10; stresses that the post-27 MFF should mainstream gender equality and help eliminate inequalities across the Union and in the world, including by dedicating EU budget expenditures that are higher than the current ones and by supporting gender equality and other equality objectives in line with the Treaties;*

Amendment 47

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

Motion for a resolution

3. Emphasises that the post-2027 MFF must also become simpler and more transparent and be protected against misuse, fraud and breaches of the principles of the rule of law and the Union's values;

Amendment

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Amendment 48

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

4a. *Recalls that gender equality is a core value of the Union, enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union; emphasises that it is the responsibility of the Union and its Member States to safeguard Union values and work towards them and in line with them at all times;*

Amendment

Amendment 49

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4b. Highlights the importance of safeguarding the progress achieved so far in key areas of EU policy, including gender equality and women's and girls' rights; emphasises the need to ensure that the post-2027 MFF does not lead to backtracking on the progress made;

Amendment 50

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4c. Calls for a re-emphasis on the fact that no EU funds, under the multiannual financial framework (MFF), are attributed to or inadvertently benefit terrorist organisations, while calling for the Union to maintain its commitment to supporting conflict resolution in fragile regions, which is paramount to guaranteeing women's rights, among others, globally;

Amendment 51

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6. Is convinced that boosting competitiveness, decarbonising the economy **and** enhancing the Union's innovation capacity are central priorities for the post-2027 MFF and are vital to ensure long-term, sustainable and inclusive growth and a more resilient economy and

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society;

sustainable and inclusive growth and a more resilient economy and society;

Amendment 52

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6a. Calls for more SME-friendly policies that take into consideration gender equality between men and women when appropriate;

Amendment 53

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6b. Calls for a reinforced Single Market Enforcement Taskforce that would prioritise the minimising of the burdens faced by all businesses, including women-led businesses, by ensuring that women can easily access and realise their entrepreneurial potential within the single market;

Amendment 54

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6c. Calls for the EU to ensure a level playing field for entrepreneurs, including women entrepreneurs, by fighting fragmentation and gold plating, which often result in additional barriers for businesses, and underlines that the future MFF revision should take this regulatory reality into consideration;

Amendment 55

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6d. Calls for better digital solutions for entrepreneurs, including women entrepreneurs, and welcomes the introduction of the Digital Business Wallet for simplified business processes;

Amendment 56

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 6 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

6e. Underlines the need to provide businesses with easy access to essential services such as funding, business angels and business venture capitalists, training, networking opportunities and mentoring support programmes;

Amendment 57

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

7. Underlines that, as spelt out in the Letta and Draghi reports, the European economy and social model are under intense strain, with the productivity, competitiveness and skills gap having knock-on effects on the quality of jobs and on living standards for Europeans already grappling with high housing, energy and food prices; is concerned that a lack of job opportunities and high costs of living increase the **risk of a brain drain away**

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from Europe;

financial insecurity; is concerned that a lack of job opportunities and high costs of living increase the *risks of accelerating social inequality and fuelling social tensions*;

Amendment 58

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Emphasises that funding for research and innovation should be significantly increased, should be focused on the Union's strategic priorities and should continue to be determined by the principle of excellence; considers that there should be sufficient resources across the MFF and at national level to fund all high-quality projects;

Amendment

11. Emphasises that funding for research and innovation should be significantly increased, should be focused on the Union's strategic priorities and should continue to be determined by the principle of excellence; considers that there should be sufficient resources across the MFF and at national level to fund all high-quality projects; *stresses the need for increased funding for programmes advancing science and research on the health and economic burdens of pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss, which disproportionately impact women, for a strengthened science-to-policy uptake*;

Amendment 59

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11a. Underlines that women face disproportionate challenges, including under-representation on company boards, which also leads to difficulties accessing funding and mentorship, gender based discrimination, gender stereotypes and workplace harassment, leading to an unbalanced labour market and disproportionate care and unpaid domestic work burdens, which can impede

women's economic growth and competitiveness; stresses that the next MFF should tackle opportunity gaps for women entrepreneurs and incentivise women's access to capital and networks, particularly through the lens of a dynamic cost analysis which will help identify and remove policies that disadvantage women, including women entrepreneurs;

Amendment 60

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

11b. *Highlights the need, emphasised in the Commission's political guidelines 2024-2029, to address skills gaps, and the importance of having the Union budget and the next MFF include a strategic plan for education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) that also includes an approach to encourage more girls and women into STEM education and careers, as jobs in these fields show evident gender disparities, with nearly twice as many men as women; points out that this, as stated in the Draghi Report, may represent the underuse of existing talent;*

Amendment 61

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13. Considers that the Union must develop a competitiveness framework in line with its *own* values and political aims **and that** competitiveness must therefore be understood as encompassing not only economic growth, but also social, economic and territorial cohesion and

13. Considers that the Union must develop a competitiveness framework in line with its *founding* values **of democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human dignity** and *with its* political aims; **considers that** competitiveness must therefore be

environmental sustainability;

understood as encompassing not only economic growth, but also social, economic and territorial cohesion and environmental sustainability; ***stresses that a truly competitive and thriving economy cannot be achieved without the full participation of women in the workforce and in business leadership; highlights the importance of increasing women's participation in STEM fields because their skills, knowledge and qualifications can help boost the European economy and support the goals defined in various EU policies;***

Amendment 62

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 13 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Calls for a strategic framework within the MFF that embeds competitiveness across EU-funded programmes and initiatives, recognising that innovation, digital transformation, education and good employment for citizens, including women and girls, are important factors for competitiveness, and underlines that competitiveness can foster such factors;

Amendment 63

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14. Underlines that a more competitive, productive and socially inclusive economy helps to generate high-quality, well-paid jobs, thus enhancing people's standard of living; emphasises that, through programmes such as the European Social Fund+ and Erasmus+, the Union budget

14. Underlines that a more competitive, productive and socially inclusive economy helps to generate high-quality, well-paid jobs, thus enhancing people's standard of living; ***stresses that the economic loss due to the gender employment gap amounts to EUR 370 billion per year and that***

can play an important role in supporting education and training systems, boosting workforce adaptability through reskilling and upskilling, and thus preparing people for employment in a modern economy;

improving gender equality could lead to an increase in GDP of up to EUR 3.15 trillion by 2050; emphasises that, through programmes such as the European Social Fund+ and Erasmus+, the Union budget can play an important role in supporting education and training systems, boosting workforce adaptability through reskilling and upskilling, and thus preparing people for employment in a modern economy; ***highlights the fact that the under-representation of girls and women in several fields of education and professions contributes to gender pay gaps, a labour market characterised by gender stereotypes and subsequent labour market division***;

Amendment 64

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 14 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Calls on the Commission to place greater emphasis on increasing upskilling opportunities for women and girls, including older women, which in turn will help reduce gender gaps in skills development and ensure that women are equipped to boost productivity and contribute to the EU's overall economic growth;

Amendment 65

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

15. Insists that the Union budget should continue to support important economic and job-creating sectors where the Union is already a world leader, such as tourism and

15. Insists that the Union budget should continue to support important economic and job-creating sectors where the Union is already a world leader, such as tourism and the cultural and creative industries; ***while***

the cultural and creative industries;

also recognising the essential role of the care sector, including healthcare, education and social care, in ensuring economic resilience, social cohesion and quality employment;

Amendment 66

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17a. Presses for stronger measures to promote gender equality and improve work-life balance for all citizens; underlines the persistent gender gap in unpaid care work, which disproportionately burdens women; believes that prioritising investment in affordable, high quality childcare, expanding paid parental leave and adopting policies that foster inclusive communities are essential; places particular importance on the need to eliminate discrimination against women in the workplace, especially following maternity leave; stresses that caregiving responsibilities must not be a barrier to women's career progression; calls for sufficient funding for the implementation of the European Care Strategy to ensure quality, accessible and affordable care for all; stresses, further, the need for investment in childcare and long-term care facilities to ensure women's participation in the labour market;

Amendment 67

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

17b. Highlights the fact that gender inequalities are more evident in certain

sectors, namely agriculture and fisheries, which are crucial for ensuring food security and the strategic autonomy of the EU; considers it to be essential, therefore, that the next MFF continue to support these sectors, which are predominantly in rural areas, where the gender disparities in employment are greater than those in urban areas;

Amendment 68

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Stresses that cohesion policy funding must **tackle** the key challenges the Union faces, such as demographic change and depopulation, and target the regions and people most in need; highlights, in particular, the importance of enhanced support to address the EU-wide housing crisis affecting millions of families and young people;

Amendment

19. Stresses that cohesion policy funding must **address** the key challenges the Union faces, such as **increased socio-economic hardship and barriers in accessing social rights such as healthcare, including sexual and reproductive healthcare, social security and housing, climate change, increasing disparities at inter and intra-regional level, and demographic change and depopulation, all of which have a disproportionate effect on women and girls, while respecting human rights and the principles of social justice, and that cohesion policy funding must target the regions and people most in need, such as women and minorities**; highlights, in particular, the importance of enhanced support to address the EU-wide housing crisis affecting millions of families and young people;

Amendment 69

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Recognises that there are still regional disparities within the EU in

achieving gender equality, an important element for development and, therefore, for cohesion; stresses, therefore, that the next MFF should have a more comprehensive vision for the harmonious development of the European territory, aiming for cohesion; underlines that the EU must urgently address key challenges that affect its long-term stability and growth, particularly demographic change and regional disparities; emphasises, in this regard, that a central focus should be on supporting the most vulnerable regions and populations to ensure that no one is left behind and that improving social cohesion becomes a critical priority, alongside tackling urgent issues such as the EU-wide housing crisis, which impacts millions of families, women, young and vulnerable people across the Union, who cannot fully enjoy their rights and often face discrimination;

Amendment 70

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. *Calls on the Commission to cut red tape for entrepreneurs, including women entrepreneurs, through simplification efforts to reduce the reporting burden on SMEs, with a particular focus and emphasis on women-led businesses where possible;*

Amendment 71

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 21

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

21. Highlights that the green and digital transitions are inextricably linked to

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competitiveness, the modernisation of the economy and the resilience of society and that, therefore, the post-2027 MFF must continue to support the twin transitions;

competitiveness, the modernisation of the economy and the resilience of society and that, therefore, the post-2027 MFF must continue to support the twin transitions; ***emphasises the need to accelerate the green transition through targeted budgetary support while ensuring sufficient resources for sustainable investment, especially with regard to women and girls;***

Amendment 72

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 22

Motion for a resolution

22. Recalls that the Union is committed to achieving climate neutrality by 2050, which requires a decarbonisation of the economy through the deployment of clean technologies, improved energy and transport infrastructure and more energy-efficient housing; notes that the Commission estimates additional investment needs to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 at 1.5 % of GDP per year compared to the decade 2011-2020 and that, while the Union budget alone cannot cover the gap, it must remain a vital contributor;

Amendment

22. Recalls that the Union is committed to achieving climate neutrality by 2050, which requires a decarbonisation of the economy through the deployment of clean technologies, improved energy and transport infrastructure and more energy-efficient housing; ***stresses that achieving climate neutrality by 2050 is also crucial in terms of gender equality and necessitates a swift phase-out of direct and indirect EU funding for fossil fuels by 2027; calls for investment to be redirected toward clean energy innovation, pollution reduction and climate resilience;*** notes that the Commission estimates additional investment needs to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 at 1.5 % of GDP per year compared to the decade 2011-2020 and that, while the Union budget alone cannot cover the gap, it must remain a vital contributor;

Amendment 73

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 23

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

23. Underlines that industry will be central in the transition to net zero and that support will be needed in helping some industrial sectors and their workers to adapt; stresses that the transition must leave no one behind, requiring investment in regions that are heavily fossil-fuel dependent and increased support for households, in particular through the Social Climate Fund;

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Amendment 74

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24

Motion for a resolution

24. Points to the profound technological shift under way, with new technologies such as artificial intelligence both creating opportunities, in terms of economic potential and improvements to the citizens' lives, and posing reliability and ethical challenges; stresses that the next MFF must support the development and safe application of such technologies and help people to hone the skills they need to work with and use them;

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24. Points to the profound technological shift under way, with new technologies such as artificial intelligence both creating opportunities, in terms of economic potential and improvements to the citizens' lives, and posing reliability and ethical challenges; stresses that the next MFF must support the development and safe application of such technologies, ***while also committing to addressing algorithmic biases that contribute to gender-based violence, and that it must help people to hone the skills they need to work with and use them;***

Amendment 75

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 24 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

24a. Calls for the presence and influence of women in the digital field to be strengthened, with particular emphasis on the acquisition of transversal skills, such as leadership, empowerment, negotiation and gender mainstreaming strategies; underlines that enhancing training and mentoring in key technology areas is essential, including cybersecurity, front-end development, graphic design and digital marketing, in order to bridge the skills gap in the digital sector and enable women to thrive in the digital age, ultimately contributing to economic growth in their regions;

Amendment 76

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 25

Motion for a resolution

25. Recalls that security **is the foundation** for the Union's prosperity and social model and that the next MFF must invest significantly more in safeguarding the Union against the myriad threats it faces;

Amendment

25. Recalls that **peace and human security are the foundations** for the Union's prosperity and social model and that the next MFF must invest significantly more in safeguarding the Union **and its people** against the myriad threats it faces;

Amendment 77

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 25 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

25a. Underlines that security should be understood in its broadest sense, through a human-centred approach, including social, educational, environmental and cultural dimensions, which require strong democracies and equality, including gender equality; insists that investment in defence take into account these broader aspects of security.

Amendment 78

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 31

Motion for a resolution

31. Emphasises that the Union needs to ramp up funding for preparedness across the board; underlines that, in addition to efforts to mitigate climate change through the green transition, significant investment is required to adapt to climate change, in particular to protect against and reduce the impact of natural disasters and severe weather events; considers that support for this purpose must be significantly increased in the next MFF;

Amendment

31. Emphasises that the Union needs to ramp up funding for preparedness across the board; underlines that, in addition to efforts to mitigate climate change through the green transition, significant investment is required to adapt to climate change, in particular to protect against and reduce the impact of natural disasters and severe weather events; ***stresses that gender-responsive budgeting must be integrated into climate adaptation measures to ensure targeted support for women and vulnerable groups in climate-fuelled disasters; underlines that vulnerable groups, including children, pregnant women, elderly people, those already sick and those facing socio-economic inequalities, face disproportionate health risks;*** considers that support for this purpose must be significantly increased in the next MFF, ***particularly as women and girls are disproportionately affected by these crises; stresses that all funding for fossil fuels and environmentally harmful activities must be phased out, as environmental degradation exacerbates social inequalities;***

Amendment 79

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 32

Motion for a resolution

32. Recalls that the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked economic and social havoc globally and that a key lesson from the experience is that there is a need to

Amendment

32. Recalls that the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked economic and social havoc globally, ***with a disproportionate effect on women,*** and that a key lesson

invest in preparedness for health threats, in medical research and in the resilience of public health systems in the Union; considers that the next MFF must build on the work done in the current programming period;

from the experience is that there is a need to invest in preparedness for health, ***climate and environmental threats, in addressing shortages of medicines, in advancing science on the health and economic burdens of pollution,*** in medical research and in the resilience of public health systems in the Union; ***stresses that preparedness must prioritise the protection of the most vulnerable, including children, pregnant women, elderly people, those already sick, and socio-economically disadvantaged groups; calls for health-protective investment in key health-determining sectors such as energy, transport, agriculture, industry and urban planning to strengthen long-term climate resilience and protect public health;*** considers that the next MFF must build on the work done in the current programming period, ***maintaining and increasing the EU4Health programme;*** ***considers that additional resources must be allocated to developing gender-sensitive medicines and to ensuring, among other things, timely provision of and accessibility to safe sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services;***

Amendment 80

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 32 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

32a. Underlines the importance of a comprehensive security approach that integrates the rule of law, gender equality and the participation of women in decision-making and extends beyond military threats to include challenges such as climate change, resource scarcity, demographic shifts, organised crime, cyberattacks and public health crises; highlights the fact that societal resilience depends on adequately funding under-

resourced sectors, particularly social and healthcare services, where women make up the majority of both the workforce and the beneficiaries and are also disproportionately affected during crises; stresses that societal security requires significant investment, particularly in underfunded and undervalued sectors such as social services, where both the workforce and the beneficiaries are predominantly women; calls for increased funding to strengthen the resilience and preparedness of social infrastructure as a key pillar of overall societal security;

Amendment 81

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34

Motion for a resolution

34. Underscores the importance of continued funding, in the next MFF, for ***effective protection*** of the EU's external borders; underlines the need to ***counter*** trafficking networks and address hybrid attacks ***and the instrumentalisation of migrants, in particular by a third country or a hostile non-state actor;***

Amendment

34. Underscores the importance of continued funding, in the next MFF, for ***proper, humane and fair management*** of the EU's external borders; ***including the effective functioning of independent monitoring mechanisms which are of vital importance for reducing the risk of fundamental rights violations, in particular for women and children;*** underlines the need to ***better protect vulnerable people, especially women and girls, from*** trafficking networks and to address hybrid attacks;

Amendment 82

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 34 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

34a. Calls for consistent and sustainable budgeting for all gender-related activities in the EU defence and security sector, in line with the EU action

plan on women, peace and security; emphasises the need for dedicated funding for gender-related actions within common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions, including a specific budget line for the Gender Advisors within civilian CSDP missions;

Amendment 83

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 35

Motion for a resolution

35. Insists that, in a context of heightened global instability, the Union must continue to engage constructively with third countries and support peace, stability, prosperity, security, democracy and sustainable development globally, in line with its values;

Amendment

35. Insists that, in a context of heightened global instability, the Union must continue to engage constructively with third countries and support peace, stability, prosperity, security, democracy, ***the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, human development*** and sustainable development globally, in line with its values;

Amendment 84

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 35 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

35a. Recalls the Union's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 as well as its broader commitments to international peace and security, multilateralism, human rights, sustainable development, and international solidarity; stresses that these commitments must be underpinned by sufficient investments in the next MFF; emphasises the urgent need to protect and advance human rights, particularly women's health and rights, as well as the rights of minorities, and people in vulnerable situations; insists that the EU external funding instruments all have

specific objectives and where possible should not be merged, and that humanitarian aid, development cooperation and the pre-accession instrument must remain separate instruments to continue achieving their specific objectives;

Amendment 85

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 36 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

36a. *Recalls that EU development cooperation must be based on the principles highlighted in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union and on the objectives set out in Article 208 TFEU, which is the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty, which disproportionately affects women and children;*

Amendment 86

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37. Stresses that the next MFF must continue to tackle the most pressing global challenges, from fighting climate change, to providing relief in the event of natural disasters, ensuring global food security, improving healthcare systems, reducing poverty and inequality and boosting competitiveness and the security of global supply chains; emphasises, in particular, the need for support for the Union's Southern and Eastern Neighbourhoods;

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America;

Amendment 87

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37a. Underlines the need for the next MFF to allocate sufficient resources to promote gender equality and women's empowerment through all EU external action; calls for the next instrument for international cooperation to pay particular attention to the promotion of gender equality, with the establishment of a target of 85 % of official development assistance (ODA) going to projects that have gender equality as a significant or principal objective, and 20 % of ODA going to projects which have gender equality as their principal objective; highlights the need for urgent action in response to the global rollback of women's rights and emphasises that the current MFF does not envisage a dedicated budget for the implementation of the gender action plan (GAP) III;

Amendment 88

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 37 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

37b. Stresses the importance of the Gender Action Plan (GAP III) in accelerating progress towards gender equality globally by making it a priority in all the EU's external actions and in particular by setting up the target of 85 % of all new actions contributing to gender equality and women's empowerment by 2025; points out to the need to continue and follow-up on these efforts under the

post-2027 MFF, with adequate resources dedicated to the implementation of the upcoming GAP IV, in line with the women, peace and security agenda; highlights the urgent need to address the issue of sexual and gender-based violence in conflict through a gender lens;

Amendment 89

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 38

Motion for a resolution

38. Underlines that the budget must uphold the Union's role as the world's leading provider of development aid and climate finance in line with the Union's global obligations and commitments; insists that the budget must continue to support the Union in its efforts to defend the rules-based international order, democracy, multilateralism, human rights and fundamental values;

Amendment

38. Underlines that the budget must uphold the Union's role as the world's leading provider of development aid and climate finance in line with the Union's global obligations and commitments ***including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the women, peace and security agenda***; insists that the budget must continue to support the Union in its efforts to defend the rules-based international order, democracy, multilateralism, human rights ***non-discrimination, equality*** and fundamental values; ***further underlines that the EU must increase the level of funding for promoting human rights and gender equality globally and strive to fill gaps resulting from the withdrawal of funding by the United States Agency for International Development and the reinstatement of the Global Gag Rule;***

Amendment 90

Motion for a resolution

Paragraph 42 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

42a. Stresses the need to ensure that the next MFF provides robust and dedicated funding for democracy support and human rights, particularly in light of the growing global trend toward authoritarianism; stresses the importance of reinforcing democratic resilience, safeguarding the civic space, and protecting fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, association and the press; highlights the need to strengthen support for human rights defenders, LGBTI rights, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as integral components of the EU's external action; urges a firm financial commitment to counter democratic backsliding and support inclusive, rights-based governance worldwide; calls for dedicated funding in the next MFF to assist human rights defenders, especially women, with emergency grants, legal aid and relocation, reinforcing the Union's commitment to human rights and civil society protection, including in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders;

Amendment 91

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46

Motion for a resolution

46. Emphasises the importance of the Union budget in promoting and protecting democracy and the Union's values, fostering the Union's common cultural heritage and European integration, enhancing citizen engagement and youth participation and promoting fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the rule of law; points to the importance of independence of justice, the sound functioning of national institutions, support for civil society and

Amendment

46. Emphasises the importance of the Union budget in ***the elimination of discrimination, as well as gender inequality and gender-based violence***, promoting and protecting democracy and the Union's values, ***as enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, including the rule of law, democracy and fundamental rights, promoting non-discrimination and equality, including gender equality, women's and girls' rights and LGBTIQ people's rights, fighting gender-based and domestic violence***,

de-oligarchisation;

fostering the Union's common cultural heritage and European integration, enhancing citizen engagement and youth participation and promoting fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the rule of law; ***emphasises the interdependence between women's rights and the rule of law; in this regard, underlines the need for an increased support for Civil Society Organisations that promote gender equality, women's rights and LGBTIQ rights***; points to the importance of independence of justice, the sound functioning of national institutions, ***increased*** support for civil society and de-oligarchisation;

Amendment 92

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46a. Supports gender mainstreaming and gender equality commitments in all EU policies under the next MFF, as well as a reinforced budgetary dimension in combating all instances of discrimination;

Amendment 93

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46b. Underlines the need for an increase in funding that contributes to the maintenance of a pluralistic society where equality and the rights of persons, including gender equality, as enshrined in the Treaty, the Charter and international human rights conventions, are promoted and protected; stresses the crucial importance of the Citizens, Equality,

Rights and Values Programme in promoting and protecting the Union's values, which supports independent civil society organisations who defend these values across Member States; calls for a significant increase in the budget allocated to the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme, which will be necessary in light of the increasing challenges, threats and backlash civil society is facing in the EU in promoting and protecting Union values, as well as the continued fight for women's rights and gender equality, including the elimination of violence against women and support for universal access to a comprehensive, non-discriminatory, age-appropriate and evidence-based sexuality and relationship education and information for all school children through mandatory courses in the EU Member States; calls therefore for maintaining and strengthening the CERV and NDICI programmes as stand-alone programmes with increased funding in the next MFF;

Amendment 94

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46c. Highlights that racial discrimination continues to be a problem in Europe, noting that the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights reports that 96 % of Jews in Europe, including many women and girls, have encountered antisemitism in their daily life, that racial discrimination against Muslims and Black people is increasing, especially among those who wear religious symbols, mostly women and girls, and that, furthermore, a quarter of Romani people have been discriminated against in core areas of life; stresses that

the new MFF should support work to counter this worrying reality;

Amendment 95

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46d. Stresses the need to ensure that all women have access to sexual and reproductive health services and rights and that special attention needs to be paid to the specific needs of marginalised persons, including children, people with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, women who are refugees and migrants, including those escaping from conflicts where rape is used as a weapon of war and the LGBTI community; calls for the establishment of a specific funding stream within the MFF to support female-led organisations in post-conflict regions, and to promote gender-sensitive economic recovery initiatives that address the unique barriers faced by women victims of war crimes;

Amendment 96

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46e. Underlines that, as an obligation stemming from the UN Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), the Union must mainstream the rights of persons with disabilities through all programmes in the MFF post-2027; considers it essential to ensure that persons with disabilities, especially women and girls, have equitable access to all programmes funded by the EU, in line with the Strategy for the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities 2021-2030; urges the Commission to develop a methodology to track spending that benefits persons with disabilities, particularly women and girls, and by verifying that all programmes and EU-funded projects guarantee gender equal opportunity and accessibility to EU funding for persons with disabilities;

Amendment 97

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46f. *Stresses the need for stronger financial support within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) to address the specific challenges faced by women with cancer and cancer survivors, including barriers to employment, financial insecurity, and access to high-quality healthcare; additionally, urges the Commission to implement gender-sensitive budgeting across all relevant MFF programmes to tackle disparities in cancer care and to promote policies that safeguard the economic and social rights of women affected by cancer;*

Amendment 98

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 g (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46g. *Condemns the recent wave of anti-rights and anti-gender narratives and movements as well as the backlash against women's rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights in the EU and globally; regrets that in the current MFF, elements of anti-gender and anti-abortion movements have benefited from European funding, despite their*

contravention of fundamental rights and other EU values; urges the Commission to ensure that in the upcoming MFF, no funding will be made available to anti-gender groups that aim to roll back important advances in women's rights, nor any group that works to erode fundamental rights as outlined in the charter;

Amendment 99

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 46 h (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

46h. Strongly condemns all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and against LGBTIQ+ persons; strongly affirms that the denial of sexual and reproductive health services and rights (SRHR) including the right to safe and legal abortion, is a form of violence against women and girls, a breach of their fundamental rights and in direct contradiction to the EU value of gender equality; deplores the fact that there is no longer any individual programme to fight violence against women, as it is now only part of the general 'citizens and rights' programme; underlines the need for Daphne, which aims to prevent and combat all forms of gender based violence, to become an autonomous programme with a separate budget line and increased funding to ensure the effective implementation of the recently adopted directive on violence against women and girls and domestic violence; highlights that funding mechanisms such as Daphne should include targeted support for women in conflict zones within the EU, ensuring that gender equality initiatives are inclusive of women facing multi-dimensional challenges;

Amendment 100

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 47

Motion for a resolution

47. Stresses that instability in neighbouring regions, poverty, underlying trends in economic development and demographic changes ***continue to generate migration flows towards*** the Union, placing significant pressure on asylum and migration systems; underlines that the post-2027 MFF must support the full implementation of the Union's Asylum and Migration Pact, in line with fundamental rights and EU values; underlines, moreover, that, in line with the Pact, cooperation with third countries on migration must abide by EU law and respect international standards;

Amendment

47. Stresses that instability in neighbouring regions, poverty, underlying trends in economic development, ***environmental*** and demographic changes ***disproportionately affect women and are driving people to migrate to*** the Union, placing significant pressure on asylum and migration systems; ***highlights that in these contexts migrant women are more likely to be victims of gender-based violence***; underlines that the post-2027 MFF must support the full implementation of the Union's Asylum and Migration Pact, in line with fundamental rights and EU values; underlines, moreover, that, in line with the Pact, cooperation with third countries on migration must abide by EU law and respect international standards ***including international human rights law***;

Amendment 101

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 48

Motion for a resolution

48. Highlights the importance of strong links between respect for the rule of law and access to EU funds under the current MFF; believes that the protection of the Union's financial interests depends on respect for the rule of law at national level; welcomes, in particular, the positive impact of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation in protecting the Union's financial interests in cases of systemic and persistent breaches of the rule of law; calls on the Commission and the Council to apply the regulation strictly, consistently and without undue delay wherever

Amendment

48. Highlights the importance of strong links between respect for the rule of law, ***human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality and human rights***, and access to EU funds under the current MFF; ***calls for the strengthening and enhancement of existing EU mechanisms to guarantee that the design and implementation of the future MFF respects and promotes fundamental rights***; believes that the protection of the Union's financial interests depends on respect for the rule of law ***and fundamental rights, including women's rights*** at national level; welcomes, in

necessary; emphasises that decisions to suspend or reduce Union funding over breaches of the rule of law must be based on objective criteria and not be guided by other considerations, nor be the outcome of negotiations;

particular, the positive impact of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation in protecting the Union's financial interests in cases of systemic and persistent breaches of the rule of law; calls on the Commission and the Council to apply the regulation strictly, consistently and without undue delay wherever necessary; emphasises that decisions to suspend or reduce Union funding over breaches of the rule of law must be based on objective criteria and not be guided by other considerations, nor be the outcome of negotiations;

Amendment 102

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 48 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

48a. Calls on the Commission and Council to enforce and use to its full extent the Common Provisions Regulation's Annex III Article 15(1) on horizontal enabling conditions; and to guarantee that Member States and the Commission ensure, in the implementation of the Funds, respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, equality between men and women and gender mainstreaming, preventing all forms of discrimination, and promoting sustainable development, in line with the horizontal principles of Article 9 of the Common Provisions Regulation;

Amendment 103

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 49

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

49. Points to the need for a strong link

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between the rule of law and the Union budget post-2027 and welcomes the Commission's intention to bolster links between the recommendations in the annual rule of law report and access to funds through the budget; calls on the Commission to outline, in the annual rule of law report from 2025 onwards, the extent to which identified weaknesses in rule of law regimes potentially pose a risk to the Union budget; welcomes, furthermore, the link between respect for Union values and the implementation of the budget and calls on the Commission to actively monitor Member States' compliance with this principle;

between the rule of law **and fundamental rights**, and the Union budget post-2027 and welcomes the Commission's intention to bolster links between the recommendations in the annual rule of law report and access to funds through the budget; calls on the Commission to outline, in the annual rule of law report from 2025 onwards, the extent to which identified weaknesses in rule of law regimes potentially pose a risk to the Union budget; welcomes, furthermore, the link between respect for Union values and the implementation of the budget and calls on the Commission to actively monitor Member States' compliance with this principle;

Amendment 104

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 53

Motion for a resolution

53. Underlines, therefore, that the next MFF must ensure that, across the board, spending programmes pursue climate and biodiversity objectives, promote and protect rights and equal opportunities for all, **including** gender equality, support competitiveness and bolster the Union's preparedness against threats;

Amendment

53. Underlines, therefore, that the next MFF must ensure that, across the board, spending programmes pursue climate, **zero pollution** and biodiversity objectives, promote and protect **fundamental** rights and equal opportunities for all, **with a firm commitment to promoting and advancing** gender equality, support competitiveness and bolster the Union's preparedness against threats;

Amendment 105

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 54

Motion for a resolution

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underlines that monitoring and evaluation systems should be designed to internalise the gender perspective, for example by including gender-relevant and gender-sensitive indicators for each EU programme in order to avoid the downgrading of gender equality measures in the implementation phase; recalls the Commission's commitment to achieving a European Union of equality;

Amendment 106

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55

Motion for a resolution

55. Welcomes the development of a methodology to track gender-based spending and considers that the lessons learnt should be applied in the next MFF; stresses, in the same vein, the need for a significant improvement in climate and biodiversity mainstreaming methodologies;

Amendment

55. Welcomes the development of a methodology to track gender-based spending and considers that the lessons learnt should be applied in the next MFF ***including addressing gaps in terms of collection of gender-disaggregated data and clarifying scoring criteria; reiterates the need to move from 'tracking-only' stage to a fully fledged gender budgeting; stresses that gender budgeting must be systematically integrated into the EU budget to ensure that financial allocations contribute to advancing gender equality; calls on the European Commission to integrate a gender budgeting approach into all pillars, funding instruments and budget lines of the next MFF, to ensure they all actively contribute to gender equality goals from planning and allocation to monitoring of financial resources; calls for the implementation of mandatory gender impact assessments across all budget lines and spending programmes to evaluate their effects on gender equality;*** stresses, in the same vein, the need for a significant improvement in climate and biodiversity mainstreaming methodologies;

Amendment 107

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55a. Calls for the development and implementation of a gender mainstreaming target to ensure that the next MFF contributes to the advancement of gender equality as well as other equality objectives across the Union and prevents the roll back of advancements in rights and equality both within and outside of the Union;

Amendment 108

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55b. Notes that, based on the current gender tracking methodology, in 2023, only 11 % of the budget was used on interventions that have gender equality as a principal or important and deliberate objective; points out that 69 % of the budget went to interventions without any significant effect on gender equality, while the bearing of the remaining 20 % of the budgetary allocations on gender equality remains unclear; stresses the need to improve data collection across different budgetary programmes and interventions in order to help identify and categorise the effects of the unexplained 20 % of the budget; stresses the fact that introducing gender budgeting throughout the whole life cycle of the EU budget will directly benefit data collection as part of funding requirements and advocates for its implementations from the outset of the post-2027 MFF;

Amendment 109

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55 c (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55c. *Reiterates the need to further develop and improve the EU gender tracking methodology; calls for links to be established between the targets included in the upcoming gender equality strategy and the MFF as a key vehicle to implement the strategy; underlines the need for improved collection, reporting and evaluation of comparable gender-disaggregated data and the development of horizontal EU definitions, to facilitate gender impact assessments in Union policy areas; calls for an improved methodology that should identify not only the beneficiaries of the funds, but also the transformative potential of the programmes; points out that, besides a positive and neutral effects, some budgetary interventions might have negative implications for gender equality, similarly to climate action; stresses that the current budget tracking methodology does not foresee any category for such cases, which does not allow for an objective assessment of the state of play of gender budgeting in the EU;*

Amendment 110

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55 d (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55d. *Calls for continued efforts to eliminate the gender pay gap within the EU, ensuring that measures are in place to monitor and address disparities in wages between men and women across all*

sectors.

Amendment 111

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55 e (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55e. Underlines the need for a legislative proposal to define one or more categories of female-led or female-owned or companies with a particularly positive impact on gender equality linked to their recruiting, working time, high quality and affordable childcare or gender procurement policies; calls for an optional gender-equality-friendly company passport similarly to the envisaged SME passport that would give preferential access to funding opportunities;

Amendment 112

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 55 f (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

55f. Calls for an independent gender impact assessment, evaluating the impact of the MFF programmes on gender equality; calls for ex ante conditionality to be developed as an instrument to assess Member States' readiness to implement EU funds;

Amendment 113

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 57

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57. Insists that, post-2027, sufficient

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financial and staff resources be allocated from the outset so that Union institutions, bodies and decentralised agencies can ensure effective and efficient policy design, delivery and enforcement, continue to attract the best people from all Member States, thus ensuring geographical balance, and have leeway to adjust to changing circumstances;

financial and staff resources be allocated from the outset so that Union institutions, bodies and decentralised agencies can ensure effective and efficient policy design, delivery and enforcement, ***both at EU and national levels***, continue to attract the best people from all Member States, thus ensuring geographical balance, and have leeway to adjust to changing circumstances; ***underscores the importance of upholding, implementing and enforcing rules that protect public health and the health of women and girls, from the triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution;***

Amendment 114

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 57 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57a. Highlights that the delivery of gender mainstreaming training provided to EU Commission officials at the European University Institute is integral to ensuring the realisation of the Union's equality objectives; calls for the expansion of these trainings with the possibility of offering training to officials of the European Parliament and the political groups;

Amendment 115

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 57 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

57b. Recalls the important role played by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) in gender mainstreaming and in understanding and addressing the extent and causes of gender inequality affecting women in all

their diversity in the Union, especially in the context of the backlash against women's rights and conflict-related, economic and health crises and having in mind intersectionality; recalls that the EIGE has experienced persistent issues with understaffing, which were further aggravated through the sharp increase in requests for technical assistance as a result of the prioritisation of gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and initiatives in the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025; stresses its calls for the EIGE to be granted the budget and staff allocations, including 7 temporary agents, and an increase in its Establishment Plan to provide for recruitment of statutory staff, required to handle the significant increase in workload, including the implementation of the actions that will be proposed in the renewed gender equality strategy and the new tasks assigned to it regarding monitoring the implementation of EU legislation such as, the Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence, the Gender Balance on Boards Directive, the Pay Transparency Directive, the Directive to combat violence against women and domestic violence and the Standards for Equality Bodies Directive; recalls that the EIGE's second external evaluation calls for a structural reinforcement of the EIGE's resources as well as a revision of its Founding Regulation to ensure a full representation of Member States in its Management Board, the establishment of an Executive Board and full reform of its Advisory Body;

Amendment 116

**Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 59**

Motion for a resolution

Unchanged text included in the

compromise

59. Stresses that up-front investment in interoperable IT infrastructure and data mining can also generate longer-term cost savings and hugely enhance policy delivery and tracking of spending;

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Amendment 117

Motion for a resolution Subheading 1

Motion for a resolution

*Unchanged text included in the
compromise*

A long-term budget with a renewed spending focus

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Amendment 118

Motion for a resolution Subheading 4

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Security, defence and preparedness

Peace, security, defence and preparedness

ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur for the opinion received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the opinion, prior to the adoption thereof in committee:

Entity and/or person
European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
European Lesbian Conference (ELC)
Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF)
End FGM European Network (ENDFGM)
Center for Reproductive Rights (CFRR)
MEPs for Sexual and Reproductive Rights
OECD – Nicole Scherie
University of Florence
Multiannual Financial Framework Hub (MFF HUB)
National Council of German Women’s Organizations (Deutscher Frauenrat)
Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)

The list above is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur for the opinion.

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INFORMATION ON ADOPTION BY THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	9.4.2025
Result of final vote	+: 20 -: 15 0: 3
Members present for the final vote	Abir Al-Sahlani, Irmhild Boßdorf, Mélissa Camara, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Valérie Devaux, Elisabeth Dieringer, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Viktória Ferenc, Gabriela Firea, Heléne Fritzon, Lina Gálvez, Chiara Gemma, Assita Kanko, Arba Kokalari, Elena Kountoura, Sebastian Kruis, Judita Laššáková, Maria Noichl, Mirosława Nykiel, Giusi Princi, Emma Rafowicz, Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Benedetta Scuderi, Laurence Trochu, Marko Vešligaj, Maria Walsh, Lucia Yar, Dainius Žalimas
Substitutes present for the final vote	Hanna Gedin, Catherine Griset, Elisabeth Grossmann, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Anna Strolenberg
Members under Rule 216(7) present for the final vote	Georgios Aftias, Lynn Boylan, Valérie Deloge, Lena Düpont, Dimitris Tsiodras

**FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL
BY THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION**

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PPE	Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Mirosława Nykiel, Maria Walsh
Renew	Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Dainius Žalimas
S&D	Gabriela Firea, Heléne Fritzon, Lina Gálvez, Elisabeth Grossmann, Maria Noichl, Emma Rafowicz, Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Marko Vešligaj
The Left	Lynn Boylan, Hanna Gedin, Elena Kountoura
Verts/ALE	Mélissa Camara, Benedetta Scuderi, Anna Strolenberg

15	-
ECR	Chiara Gemma, Assita Kanko, Laurence Trochu
ESN	Irmhild Boßdorf
NI	Judita Laššáková
PPE	Georgios Aftias, Lena Düpont, Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, Dimitris Tsiodras
PfE	Valérie Deloge, Elisabeth Dieringer, Viktória Ferenc, Catherine Griset, Sebastian Kruis, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

3	0
PPE	Arba Kokalari, Giusi Princi
Renew	Valérie Devaux

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+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention