AMENDMENTS
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Draft opinion
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2022 discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality ((2023/2152(DEC)))
Amendment 1
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU; deleted

Amendment

A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU;

Amendment

A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU; whereas Article 8 TFEU states that in all its activities the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming;

Or. en

Amendment 3
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU;

Amendment

A. whereas gender equality is a core value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union; whereas Article 8 TFEU commits the Union to eliminate inequalities and to promote equality between men and
A. whereas gender equality is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU;

A. whereas equality between men and women is a value of the Union enshrined in Article 2 TEU;

Aa. whereas the European Union's neoliberal policies are contributing to inequality between men and women, with women disproportionately affected by increasing unemployment, deregulation of the labour market and working hours, increasing precariousness and low salaries, as well as the many forms of inequality and discrimination arising from funding cuts to public services, including health, education and social benefits;
Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

A a. whereas, according to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality between men and women, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming, which stipulates that gender equality must be incorporated into all EU policies, including via gender budgeting at all levels of the budgetary process;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

A a. whereas Article 8 TFEU states that in all its activities the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Recital A b (new)

A b. whereas EIGE's staff are actively engaging in the exchange of best practices and the activities of the EU Agencies Network (EUAN) and its subnetworks, such as: Performance
Development Network, Procurement Officers Network, Legal Network, ICT Advisory Committee etc, in order to develop its synergies such as human resources, building management, IT services and security, cooperation and exchange of good practices with other Union agencies with a view to improving efficiency;

Amendment 9
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Recital A c (new)

_Amendment_ A c. whereas EIGE has taken proactive steps to apply ongoing measures for improving gender balance among its staff;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital B

_Amendment_ B. whereas gender equality has been deleted characterised by a regressive ideology, which prioritises abortions, allows anyone to choose from an unlimited list of genders, and denigrates traditional roles;

Or. pt

Amendment 11
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital B

B. whereas gender equality has been characterised by a regressive ideology, which prioritises abortions, allows anyone to choose from an unlimited list of genders, and denigrates traditional roles;

Amendment

Or. en

Amendment 12
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Recital B

B. whereas gender equality has been characterised by a regressive ideology, which prioritises abortions, allows anyone to choose from an unlimited list of genders, and denigrates traditional roles;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Recital B

B. whereas gender equality has been characterised by a regressive ideology, which prioritises abortions, allows anyone to choose from an unlimited list of genders, and denigrates traditional roles;

Or. en
Amendment 14
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas gender equality **has been** characterised by a regressive ideology, which prioritises abortions, allows anyone to choose from an unlimited list of genders, and denigrates traditional roles;

Amendment

B. whereas gender equality **is far from a reality in the Union**, with the 2023 Gender Equality Index having made a modest increase of only 1.6 points to reach 70.2, and with some domains showing signs of regression, in particular in economic and income metrics\(^a\);

\(^a\) https://eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index/2023

Amendment 15
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

B a. whereas the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality in the Union, including gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies, the fight against discrimination based on gender, and raising Union citizens’ awareness of gender equality;

Amendment

B a. whereas the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality in the Union, including gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and the resulting national policies, the fight against discrimination based on gender, and raising Union citizens’ awareness of gender equality;

Or. en
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality; whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

Amendment

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality; whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality; whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

Amendment

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality; whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality;

Amendment

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women; whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality;
whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

Amendment 19
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion
Amendment

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women;
whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality;
whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

Or. pt

Amendment 20
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Recital C

Draft opinion
Amendment

C. whereas the rising cost of living have impacted both men and women;
whereas a permanent victim mentality is counter-productive to gender equality;
whereas equality of opportunity should be the EU’s goal;

C. whereas there is an ever-growing urgency for the Union to advance on its Gender Equality Strategy, in the light of ongoing crises such as wars, the climate crisis, inflation, and the backlash against women’s rights, especially sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in the Union and world-wide;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Sandra Pereira
Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion
Ca. whereas prices have risen, in general, 11.5% in the European Union since October 2021 and food has been particularly affected, with inflation climbing to 17.8% in October 2022; whereas, in line with the ECB’s September 2023 macroeconomic projections for the euro area, average inflation for 2023 is estimated at 5.6%, which is an upward revision of previous projections;

Or. pt

Amendment 22
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion
Ca. whereas the current subsequent crises bear the risk of slowing down efforts to achieve gender equality and the risk of hindering the full enjoyment of women’s rights;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión

Draft opinion
Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion
Ca. whereas any budget aimed at promoting ideologies such as gender should have no place in the EU legislative
framework;

Amendment 24
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital C b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cb. whereas women in the EU are more severely affected by poverty or social exclusion than men, being systematically placed at a disadvantage by structural and cultural factors; whereas their role as primary carers in the family puts a disproportionate amount of unpaid care and domestic work on women, who play an essential role in this regard;

Or. pt

Amendment 25
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital C c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Cc. whereas the EU gender pay gap is 16 %, with variations between the Member States; whereas the gender pay gap has a number of implications, including a 37 % gap in pension entitlements, which places elderly women at greater risk of poverty and social exclusion; whereas the right to equal pay for equal work is not always upheld and remains one of the biggest challenges in efforts to overcome pay discrimination;

Or. pt
Amendment 26
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital C d (new)

Cd. whereas the importance of combating discrimination between men and women in access to employment and work, and promoting equality in careers and professional categories, in vocational training and in salaries is essential, at the same time as strengthening work with rights and protecting collective bargaining and union rights;

Or. pt

Amendment 27
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital C e (new)

Ce. whereas the Member States should increase public investment in policies that, directly or indirectly, aim to counteract the negative effects of the cost of living crisis on women in all their diversity, to guarantee access to high-quality, free public services for care, education, health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, and housing, and to protect victims of gender-based violence;

Or. pt

Amendment 28
Maria Noichl
Draft opinion
Recital D

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR xxx.xx, representing an increase of xxx % compared to 2021;

Amendment

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR 8,432,920, representing an increase of 3 % compared to 2021 (EUR 8,693,358);

Amendment 29
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Recital D

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR xxx.xx, representing an increase of xxx % compared to 2021;

Amendment

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR 8,432,920, representing an increase of 3 % compared to 2021 (EUR 8,693,358);

Amendment 30
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Recital D

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR xxx.xx, representing an increase of xxx % compared to 2021;

Amendment

D. whereas the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR 8,432,920, representing a decrease of 3 % compared to 2021 (EUR 8,693,358);
Amendment 31
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

*Draft opinion*

Amendment

*Da.* Points out that cuts in public budgets ensuing from the European Union’s macro-structural economic policies, in particular the implementation of ‘economic governance’ measures, are increasing and will continue to increase gender inequalities and female unemployment, women being in the majority in the public sector and the principal beneficiaries of social policies, and furthering yet more the feminisation of poverty, and therefore a change in policy is required;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Recital D a (new)

*Draft opinion*

Amendment

*D a.* whereas, according to its statement of revenue and expenditure, the final budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality (“EIGE”) for the financial year 2022 was EUR 8,432,920, representing a reduction of 3 % compared to 2021; whereas the entire budget of the Institute derives from the Union budget;

Or. en
Amendment 33
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion  Paragraph 1

Draft opinion  Amendment

1. Recalls that EIGE was established to develop tools on gender equality; notes that this is not a requirement in our turbulent times; notes therefore that the EIGE’s allocated budgets should be reduced;

Or. pt

Amendment 34
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion  Paragraph 1

Draft opinion  Amendment

1. Recalls that EIGE was established to develop tools on gender equality; notes that this is not a requirement in our turbulent times; notes therefore that the EIGE’s allocated budgets should be reduced;

Or. en

Amendment 35
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion  Paragraph 1

Draft opinion  Amendment

1. Recalls that EIGE was established to develop tools on gender equality; notes that this is not a requirement in our turbulent times; notes therefore that the
EIGE’s allocated budgets should be reduced;

Amendment 36
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

1. Recalls that EIGE was established to develop tools on gender equality; notes that this is not a requirement in our turbulent times; notes therefore that the EIGE’s allocated budgets should be reduced;

Amendment 37
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

1. Recalls that EIGE was established to develop tools on gender equality; notes that this is not a requirement in our turbulent times; notes therefore that the EIGE’s allocated budgets should be reduced;

1. Reiterates its repeated calls for further staffing resources to be allocated to EIGE in the light of increasing urgency and requests for its services;

Amendment 38
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

*Draft opinion*

1a. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality was set up to help the European institutions and the Member States to mainstream gender equality in all their policies and combat gender-based discrimination by supplying up-to-date studies, and thus makes an important contribution to efforts to achieve genuine gender equality; calls, therefore, in light of the rising inequalities seen in recent years, for greater amounts to be allocated in the budget so that the Institute can fully achieve the goal for which it was set up;

*Amendment*

Or. pt

Amendment 39
Maria Noichl

*Draft opinion*

Paragraph 1 a (new)

*Draft opinion*

1a. Stresses therefore EIGE’s crucial role in collecting, analysing, processing and disseminating data and necessary information for policy makers, the polices of the European Union and its respective Member States; reiterates its call on the Commission to provide EIGE with an adequate budget to enhance their recruitment and research capabilities to further enhance their work and output in view of subsequent crisis and backlash against gender equality and LGBTIQ+ which affects women disproportionately;

*Amendment*

Or. en

Amendment 40
1a. Recalls that EIGE was established in order to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality in the Union, through providing quality research and comparable data;

1b. Emphasises the need for stronger and more efficient integration of gender equality policies and gender mainstreaming tools;

1b. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM); stresses the valuable contribution that the EIGE makes to ensuring the European Parliament objectives, values and priorities;
Amendment 43  
Sandra Pereira  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1c (new)  

Draft opinion  

1c. Stresses the need for increased funding for gender equality actions in terms of employment and growth in order to tackle horizontal and vertical gender segregation, to combat the pay gap between men and women, the pension pay gap between men and women and the increasing poverty rate among women, as well as in terms of rights and democracy;

Amendment 44  
Eleni Stavrou  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1c (new)  

Draft opinion  

1c. Recommends the adequate allocation of resources, for the recruitment of staff and support to EIGE in order to cope with a sharp rise of requests for technical assistance on gender mainstreaming;

Amendment 45  
Sandra Pereira  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1d (new)
1d. Stresses the importance of combating inequalities and injustices against women; calls on the Commission and Member States to take urgent action to address poverty and increasing inequalities among women, especially among vulnerable groups, including single mothers, women with disabilities, Roma women, LGBTQI+ women, migrant women and refugees, elderly women, women in rural or depopulated areas;

Amendment 46
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Notes EIGE’s continuous high level of budget execution, with commitment appropriations of up to 9x.92 % in 2022 (compared to 97.75 % in 2020);

Amendment

deleted

Or. pt

2. Notes EIGE’s continuous high level of budget execution, despite the persistent understaffing of the agency, with commitment appropriations of up to 98.4 % in 2022 (compared to 98.92 % in 2021);

Amendment 47
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Notes EIGE’s continuous high level of budget execution, with commitment appropriations of up to 9x.92 % in 2022 (compared to 97.75 % in 2020);
Amendment 48
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Notes EIGE’s continuous high level of budget execution, with commitment appropriations of up to 9x,92 % in 2022 (compared to 97,75 % in 2020);

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Amendment 49
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2 a. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), in particular the Institute’s contribution to the ongoing efforts of the Committee concerning gender-based violence, work-life balance, the gender pay and pension gap, impact of crises on women, gender mainstreaming and budgeting; Strongly supports the work of the Institute, which, by means of studies, research and high-quality data enables the Committee to properly do its work; notes the importance of availability of reliable gender-disaggregated data in order allow for evidence-based policy making; notes the valuable contribution the EIGE can make to all the European Parliaments’ Committees and other EU agencies in order to better integrate gender mainstreaming in all EU policies;
Amendment 50
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2 a. Notes EIGE’s continuous high level of budget execution, despite the persistent understaffing of the agency, with commitment appropriations of up to 98,4 % in 2022 (compared to 98,92 % in 2021), and a payment appropriations rate of 81,10 % (72,16 % in 2021);

Amendment 51
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

2 b. Acknowledges the herculean effort and contribution of EIGE to the Parliamentary work of the European Parliament and its Members; as well as the increase in the workload and requests submitted to EIGE despite the persistent understaffing of the Agency;

Amendment 52
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3
3. Acknowledges an increase in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to xxx % in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);

Amendment 53
Eleni Stavrou

3. Acknowledges the decrease in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to 42.28% in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);

Amendment 54
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

3. Acknowledges an increase in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to xxx % in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);

Amendment 55
Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

3. Acknowledges an decrease in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to 42.28% in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);
Draft opinion

3. Acknowledges an increase in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to xxx % in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);

Amendment

3. Acknowledges a decrease in the EIGE’s carry-over operating expenditure to 42.28% in 2023 (54.79 % in 2022);

Or. en

Amendment 56
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

3 a. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality; stresses the valuable contribution that the EIGE can make to all Parliament committees; recommends the allocation of more staff to EIGE in order to cope with a sharp rise of requests for technical assistance on gender mainstreaming;

Amendment

3 a. Welcomes in particular the Institute’s continuous work on the Gender Equality Index and its low-threshold access to information for citizens;

Or. en
Amendment 58
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion
3 b. Calls for additional funding to be allocated to EIGE to increase the number and the quality of statutory workers and provide the Agency with adequate resources;

Or. en

Amendment 59
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion
4. Notes that the European Court of Auditors confirmed EIGE’s annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position on 31 December 2022 and the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion
4. Notes that the European Court of Auditors confirmed EIGE’s annual accounts present fairly, in all material
respects, its financial position on 31 December 2022 and the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended;

or.

Amendment 61
Maria Noichl

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion
Amendment

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall not be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

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Amendment 62
Monika Vana
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion
Amendment

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall not be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

5. Is of the opinion, on the basis of the data currently available, that discharge can be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

Or.

Amendment 63
Eleni Stavrou

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

*Draft opinion*

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall not be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

*Amendment*

5. Is of the opinion *on the basis of the data currently available* that discharge can be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

Or. en

Amendment 64
Sandra Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

*Draft opinion*

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall not be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

*Amendment*

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

Or. pt

Amendment 65
María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Karen Melchior, Susana Solís Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

*Draft opinion*

5. Is of the opinion that discharge shall not be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

*Amendment*

5. Is of the opinion that discharge can be granted to the Director of the EIGE in respect of the implementation of its budget for the financial year 2022.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Annika Bruna
5a. Considers it regrettable that the EIGE does not measure the serious danger posed by Islamist ideologies to women’s rights and gender equality;

Or. fr

5a. Is of the opinion that discharge shall be granted;

Or. en

5b. Considers that the EIGE should step up its work on the needs of women in rural areas and the outermost regions;

Or. fr
5c. Considers that the EIGE should step up its work on the needs of women with disabilities;