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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2022 -
all sections
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SUGGESTIONS

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

- A. whereas Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides that the Union, in all its activities, shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women;
- B. whereas Parliament has repeatedly called for sufficient funding for the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), for the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme and for the subsequent Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme and for its Daphne strand;
- C. whereas the Union budget for 2022 should play a key role in the economic recovery of the Union paying special attention to those sectors, heavily feminised, that have been essential during the pandemic or have been severely affected by the subsequent economic crisis;
- D. whereas women remain under-represented in the digital economy and the science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) sectors in terms of education, training and employment;
 - 1. Reaffirms its strong request to implement gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting throughout the budgetary procedure;
 - 2. Calls on the Commission, in the framework of the assessment of the national recovery plans, to provide specific recommendations stressing the need for investments to facilitate women's full participation in the labour market;
 - 3. Calls on the Commission to accelerate the introduction of a methodology, in close cooperation with Parliament, to measure relevant gender expenditure, as set out in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission 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 resources¹;
 - 4. Calls on the Commission to increase the budget of the EIGE in order to promote gender equality across the Union, particularly in the light of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on women;
 - 5. Reiterates its request to assign an independent budget line to the objective in the CERV Programme dedicated to promote gender equality; reaffirms its request to increase resources for the Daphne strand;

¹ OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

6. Stresses the importance of using European Structural and Investment Funds to promote gender equality, women's employment and access to the labour market, childcare and long-term care facilities;
7. Calls for the budget to encourage women's participation and interest in the digital economy and STEM sectors and careers through Union programmes, including the Youth Employment Initiative.