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### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR Mikael Gustafsson

Gender equality and women's rights is about changing attitudes and stereotypes, but it is also about money and redistribution of resources in society. It is about 'soft' issues, as well as the hard core financial and economic issues. The negotiations on the future Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) are well under way in Council and in the European Parliament, and we are also having the discussions and making recommendations here in the FEMM committee - in order to make sure that this framework better contributes to gender equality in EU. We will also vote on the new funding programme called the Rights and Citizenship programme, trying to safeguard the Daphne actions as well as sufficient earmarked funding for women's rights and gender equality. It is clear that our committee demands a stronger commitment to gender equality at EU level, not only expressed in words, but also in the concrete allocation of resources!

### 19-20 SEPTEMBER – MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

- ⌚ Women on boards - exchange of views
- ⌚ Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence - exchange of views with the Council of Europe
- ⌚ Annual report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2011 and the European Union's policy on the matter - consideration of draft opinion

### THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

- ⌚ The sexualisation of girls - adoption of draft report
- ⌚ Establishment of Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ Establishing the Rights and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020 - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ The European Semester for economic policy coordination: Implementation of 2012 priorities - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ Interim report in the interests of achieving a positive outcome of the Multiannual Financial

Framework 2014-2020 approval procedure (2011/0177(APP)) - adoption of draft opinion

- ⌚ Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized enterprises (2014 - 2020) - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ Creative Europe Programme - adoption of amendments
- ⌚ The Review of the EU's human rights strategy - adoption of amendments
- ⌚ Decisions regarding the property consequences of registered partnerships - adoption of amendments

**Date:** Wednesday, 19 September, 15.00-18.30

Thursday, 20 September, 9.00-12.30

**Venue:** Altiero Spinelli building, Room 1G3, Brussels

**Live web streaming of the meeting [here](#).**

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### Exchange of views

In the context of its work in the field of tackling gender-based violence as one of the highest priorities, FEMM committee will hold an exchange of views on 20 September with representatives of the Council of Europe on the [Council of Europe Convention](#) on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

### WOMEN ON BOARDS

#### Exchange of views



The discussion takes place as a follow-up to earlier FEMM activities covering this topic, but also promises to be a timely debate in view of the expected legislative proposal for the Commission dealing with women's representation on company boards in the European Union. Most recent documents specifically related to this issue are the EP [resolution](#) on women and business leadership and the [note](#) on Gender quotas in Management Boards.

## ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD 2011 AND THE EUROPEAN UNION'S POLICY ON THE MATTER

### Consideration of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Mariya Gabriel** (EPP)



The draftsperson emphasises that "gender equality should systematically be made the cornerstone of all bilateral and multilateral relations". The text also stresses the importance of women's role and their full participation in political and economic decision making, especially in post-war and democratic transition processes.

## THE SEXUALISATION OF GIRLS

### Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: **Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska** (EPP)

Following the discussion of the [draft report](#) at its July meeting, committee will now vote on the draft report and the 134 [amendments](#) tabled to the original text.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF HORIZON 2020 - THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (2014-2020)

### Adoption of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Antigoni Papadopoulou** (S&D)



The [draft opinion](#) was discussed at an earlier committee meeting, when a deadline was also set for tabling amendments to the Draftsperson's text. Members tabled 118 [amendments](#), and the committee will now vote on the draft opinion and the amendments. The final text

will be sent to the [ITRE](#) committee.

## ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME 2014 - 2020

### Adoption of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Regina Bastos** (EPP)

Following the discussion of the [draft opinion](#) at the July meeting, and the debate about the 87 [amendments](#) tabled to the original text, the committee will adopt its final text and send it to the report of the [LIBE](#) committee, in which the gender aspects will be incorporated.

## THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER FOR ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 PRIORITIES

### Adoption of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Barbara Matera** (EPP)

The committee discussed the [draft opinion](#) at its meeting on 3 September. Members tabled 32 [amendments](#) to the draftsperson's text and now the committee will vote on the draft opinion and the

amendments and the final opinion will be sent to the [ECON](#) committee.

## INTERIM REPORT IN THE INTERESTS OF ACHIEVING A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE MULTI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK 2014-2020

### Adoption of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Inês Cristina Zuber** (GUE/NGL)

The draftsperson presented her [document](#) to the committee in the beginning of September. 16 [amendments](#) were tabled to the text by the deadline. Members will now vote on the amendments and the draft opinion, in order to send the final text in time to the lead committee BUDG.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (2014 - 2020)

### Adoption of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Marina Yannakoudakis** (ECR)



The discussion of the legislative [draft opinion](#) took place in July, when a deadline for amendments was set. Members tabled further 46 [amendments](#) to the original 14 included in the draft opinion, and following the vote the final text will be sent to the [ITRE](#) committee.

## GENDER MAINSTREAMING AMENDMENTS

At their current meeting the committee will adopt so called "[gender mainstreaming amendments](#)" to be directly tabled to the report of other committees, under the concept of gender mainstreaming in the work of EP committees. Amendments to the following reports will be adopted:

- Creative Europe Programme ([CULT](#))
- [The Review of the EU's human rights strategy](#) ([AFET](#))
- [Decisions regarding the property consequences of registered partnerships](#) ([JURI](#))

## PLENARY FOLLOW-UP OF FEMM REPORTS



Minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime - [EP position in 1st reading](#) of 12.09.2012

The role of women in the green economy - [EP resolution](#) of 11.09.2012

Women's working conditions in the service sector - [EP resolution](#) of 11.09.2012

## Details of the next meeting

10 October, 9.00 - 18.30, Brussels