OPINION

of the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs


Rapporteur: Regina Bastos
SHORT JUSTIFICATION

In the document entitled ‘A budget for the Europe 2020 strategy’, the Commission defined the main objectives for simplifying the financing structure by reducing the number of European financing instruments and establishing a set of basic provisions applicable to all European financing in the field of fundamental rights. With a view to clearly emphasising European added value and ensuring the rationalisation and simplification of financing mechanisms, the Commission proposed to create the Rights and Citizenship Programme, replacing three existing programmes:

– the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme,

– the Daphne III Programme,

– the sections on ‘Antidiscrimination and diversity’ and ‘Equality between men and women’ in the Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity (PROGRESS).

The Rights and Citizenship Programme should promote the rights of European citizens, the principles of non-discrimination and equality between women and men, the right to the protection of personal data, the rights of the child, rights arising from EU legislation on consumer protection and freedom of enterprise in the internal market.

However, it should be ensured that the dimension relating to equality between men and women does not disappear from programmes in pursuing general objectives and becoming limited at best to the generic notion of equality between men and women.

Insufficient consideration for gender equality problems could mean that less attention is given to women’s rights and equality between men and women.

It is therefore important that the dimension relating to equality be taken into consideration under this Regulation.

It is also essential to see the objectives of the Daphne programme, in particular that of combating violence against women, retained within this Regulation.

The intention to introduce flexible financing in areas of interest should be considered carefully. In the absence of a breakdown of information on the budget allocation for specific projects within the Rights and Citizenship Programme, it is difficult to determine who the beneficiaries will be and what impact the programme will have on equality between men and women.

Indeed, regulations should, more specifically, include direct, feasible and verifiable objectives in terms of equality between men and women with specific budgets while maintaining the same level of financing as the previous period.

It is also essential to ensure that the effects of the budgetary outturn on equality between men and women are monitored and assessed in order to facilitate a precise and efficient evaluation of the impact of this financing.
Any modification to the funds allocated to equality between men and women must be monitored and made visible.

It is also important to ensure that the beneficiaries, public authorities and non-governmental organisations continue to be fully informed of the financing options and the conditions for accessing the various programmes.

In conclusion, the regular collection of comparable data on the different types of violence towards women within the Union is essential, even though it is particularly difficult given that, because of fear or shame, women and men are reluctant to recount their experiences to those concerned to enable an evaluation of the true extent of the problem of violence towards women and the implementation of appropriate solutions.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1
Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 2
Proposal for a regulation
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principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the rule of law, principles which are common to the Member States. Every citizen of the Union has the rights provided for in the Treaty. The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, which with the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty became legally binding across the Union, reflects the fundamental rights and freedoms to which persons are entitled in the Union. Those rights should be promoted and respected if they are to become a reality. The full enjoyment of those rights should be guaranteed and any obstacles should be dismantled.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Citizens should be able to exercise fully the rights deriving from the citizenship of the Union. They should be able to exercise their right to move and reside freely in the Union, their right to vote for and stand as a candidate in European Parliament and municipal elections, their right to consular protection and their right to petition the European Parliament. They should feel at ease about living, travelling and working in another Member State, trusting that their rights are protected, no matter where in the Union they happen to be.

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(3) Citizens should be able to access and enjoy the full range of their rights, as enshrined in the Treaties, without discrimination on any ground, including gender, gender identity and gender expression. They should be able to exercise their right to move and reside freely in the Union, their right to vote for and stand as a candidate in European Parliament and municipal elections, their right to consular protection and their right to petition the European Parliament. They should feel at ease about living, travelling and working in another Member State, trusting that their rights are protected, no matter where in the Union they happen to be.
Amendment 4
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) **Non-discrimination** based on sex, racial or ethnic origin religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation and equality **between women and men are values common to the Member States.** Combating all forms of discrimination is **an ongoing goal which requires** coordinated action, including by the allocation of funding.

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(5) **Pursuant to Articles 10 and 19 TFEU, the Union is to aim to combat discrimination** based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation and **mainstream** equality. **Non-discrimination is also enshrined in Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.** Combating all forms of discrimination which **require** coordinated action, including by the allocation of funding.

Justification

Combating discrimination and promoting equality between women and men should be complementary objectives of the Programme as women form the majority of most discriminated groups and are the majority of the EU population. Following the model of the current PROGRESS programme, the Rights and Citizenship Programme must give these two EU objectives an independent standing, and the recitals must reflect this. Since the 1995 United Nations World Conference on Women, the EU has been implementing a double strategy with regards to equality between women and men combining specific actions and gender mainstreaming. The Rights and Citizenship programme must provide the framework and the funding needed for this double strategy.

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

Text proposed by the Commission

(5a) **Pursuant to Article, 2 and 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union and of Article 8 TFEU, equality between women and men is a fundamental value and objective of the Union and the Union is to promote gender equality in all its activities. Equality between women and men is also enshrined in Article 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.**
Union. Promoting gender equality across the Union is effected through a dual approach of specific actions and effective gender mainstreaming in policy making and in budgetary allocations.

Amendment 6
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) Pursuant to Articles 8 and 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the Programme should support the mainstreaming of equality between women and men and anti-discrimination objectives in all its activities. Regular monitoring and evaluation should be carried out to assess the way in which gender equality and anti-discrimination issues are addressed in the Programme’s activities.

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(6) In accordance with Article 2 and Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union, equality between women and men is a common objective and value of the Union. Pursuant to Articles 8 and 10 TFEU, the Programme established by this Regulation should support the mainstreaming of equality between women and men and anti-discrimination objectives in all its activities and should be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner with other Union or Member State activities that have the same objectives, in particular the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies and the European Pact for equality between women and men for the period 2011 to 2020. Regular monitoring and evaluation should be carried out to assess the way in which gender equality and anti-discrimination issues are addressed in the Programme’s activities. The Union should ensure the promotion of gender equality through a two-pronged approach that includes taking into account the gender issue in all policies and budget allocations and adopting specific measures.

Amendment 7
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(6a) In its resolution of 2 February 2012 on the Daphne Programme: achievements and future prospects\(^1\), the European Parliament regretted that combating violence against children, young persons and women was not expressly referred to as a specific objective in the Commission’s proposal for this Regulation, considered it essential for the objectives Daphne III, in particular that of combating violence against women, to be retained among the objectives of the Programme, and maintained that the funding of the Programme should be maintained at the same or at a higher level than that of Daphne III and that the profile of Daphne III should remain high, bearing in mind their success, effectiveness and popularity.

\(^1\) Texts adopted, P7_TA(2012)0027.

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(6b) The future calls for proposals for action grants aiming to co-fund projects that contribute to prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk should continue to be called "Daphne".

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6 c (new)
Text proposed by the Commission

(6c) Projects that contribute to prevent and combat violence against children, young people and women and to protect victims and groups at risk shall be identified as "Daphne Objectives".

Amendment

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) Violence against women in all its forms constitutes a violation of fundamental rights and a serious health scourge. Such violence is present throughout the Union and coordinated action is necessary in order to address it. Taking action to combat violence against women contributes to the promotion of equality between women and men.

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(7) All forms of violence against women, children, young persons and other groups at risk constitutes a genuine violation of fundamental rights. This scourge has serious repercussions, not just on victims’ physical and psychological health but also on society as a whole because inequality between men and women is expressed here in its cruellest and most distressing form. It is also the result of cultural and social factors, as well as a persistent inequality between men and women and an unequal distribution of power between men and women in our societies. Such violence is present throughout the Union and a strong political will and coordinated action based on the methods and results of the Daphne programmes are necessary. Taking action to combat violence against women contributes to the empowerment of women and the promotion of equality between women and men. As the Daphne programmes have been a genuine success since their launch in 1997, both in terms of their popularity with stakeholders (beneficiaries, public and academic authorities, non-governmental organisations (NGOs)) and in terms of the effectiveness of the projects funded by the programmes, it is essential that the Programme clearly identify projects relating to the objectives of preventing and combating violence against children,
teenagers, women and other groups at risk as "Daphne" so as to keep the Daphne programmes' profile as high as possible.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8

_text proposed by the Commission_ (8) The Treaty requires the Union to promote the protection of the rights of the child pursuant to Article 3(3) of the Treaty on European Union, while combating discrimination. Children are vulnerable, in particular in a situation of poverty, social exclusion, disability or specific situations putting them at risk. Action should be taken to promote the rights of the child and contribute to the protection of children from harm and violence, which pose a danger to their physical or mental health.

_text proposed by the Commission_ (8a) Many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) active at various levels can make an important contribution at European level through European representative networks of rights holders which assist in developing policy orientations relating to the general objectives of the Programme.

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(8a) Many non-governmental organisations (NGOs) active at various levels can make an important contribution at European level through European representative networks of rights holders which assist in developing policy orientations relating to the general objectives of the Programme.
Justification

The new programme must recognise the role of NGOs in policy shaping as in the Progress programme and the DAPHNE Programme.

Amendment 13
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 8 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(8b) The requirement to promote a high level of employment, to guarantee adequate social protection and to fight against social exclusion are promoted by Article 9 TFEU. Actions under the Programme should promote synergies between the fight against poverty, social exclusion and discrimination and the promotion of gender equality and equality for all.

Justification

The co-ordination between policies to promote greater equality and fight discrimination and the policies to promote social inclusion and fight against poverty was one of the added values of the current PROGRESS programme. This added value must be cherished also in the next programming period, even if social inclusion and equality policies are funded through different programmes.

Amendment 14
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 10

Text proposed by the Commission

(10) The Communication from the Commission on Europe 2020 sets out a strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Supporting and promoting the rights of persons within the Union, tackling discrimination and inequalities and promoting citizenship contribute to the promotion of the specific objectives and flagship initiatives of the

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Europe 2020 Strategy.

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**Justification**

Equality between women and men is crucial for the success of the Europe 2020 Strategy. There are specific provisions derived from the UN Convention in the Europe 2020 strategy.

**Amendment 15**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(12a) The achievement of the overarching priority of gender equality and combating violence against women in all its forms requires sufficient and predictable level of funding. Therefore the move towards simplification and more efficient management of funding should ensure that Union funding is permanently reserved for promoting gender equality and combating violence against women in all its forms, that the level of funding reserved for that priority is not reduced to below that reserved for Daphne III, and that there is a balanced geographical spread among the organisations that receive funding.

**Amendment 16**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 13 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(13a) Funding for programmes and activities that promote women's rights and gender equality is key to ensuring that the EU budget reflects the TFEU's commitment to gender equality. Therefore the Commission should select programmes and actions for funding by
assessing the proposals against pre-defined criteria which take particular account of European added value in terms of gender equality and combating violence against women in all its forms.

**Amendment 17**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 14 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*  

(14a) The regular collection of comparable data on different types of violence against children, teenagers, women and other groups at risk within the Union is essential to enable an evaluation of the true extent of the problem of violence and the implementation of appropriate solutions.

**Amendment 18**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*  

(15a) Pursuant to Articles 8, 9 and 10 TFEU, the Union is to promote equality between women and men in all its policies, fight against social exclusion and combat discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

**Amendment 19**

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 15 b (new)
Text proposed by the Commission

(15b) Gender budgeting is the application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary processes. It means a gender-based assessment of budgets, incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process and restructuring revenues and expenditures in order to promote gender equality.

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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 18 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(18b) To ensure success, increased earmarked financing should be ensured for projects which defend women's rights and promote equality between men and women, including actions to combat violence against women. Financing should be divided equally on an annual basis in order to ensure the continuity of the objectives and actions being pursued.

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 2

The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that the actions selected for funding are intended to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value was actually achieved through the final results of the actions financed by the Programme.

The Programme shall finance actions with European added value in accordance with the principles of gender budgeting. To that effect, the Commission shall ensure that the actions selected for funding are intended to produce results with European added value and shall monitor whether European added value was actually achieved through the final results of the actions financed by the Programme.
European added value shall be assessed on the basis of the potential of the actions to contribute to achieving the overarching priorities of gender equality and combating violence against women.

Amendment 22
Proposal for a regulation
Article 3

_text proposed by the Commission_

The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to the creation of an area, where the rights of persons, as enshrined in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, are promoted and protected.

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The general objective of the Programme shall be to contribute to the creation of an area, where the rights of persons, the principle of equality between women and men, equality and non-discrimination, as enshrined in the TFEU, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the international human rights conventions to which the Union has acceded, are promoted, protected and effectively implemented.

Amendment 23
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

_text proposed by the Commission_

(b) to promote the effective implementation of the principles of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, including equality between women and men and the rights of persons with disabilities and of the elderly;

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See Amendments 10 and 11 establishing specific objectives with regard to equality between women and men and preventing and combating violence against children, teenagers, women and other groups at risk.
Amendment 24
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) to promote women's rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women and ensure that a gender equality perspective is taken into account in the definition and implementation of all the policies and activities of the Union;

Amendment 25
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) to facilitate by means of quick and simple procedures litigation in the event that the principles of non-discrimination are not respected;

Amendment 26
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bc) to prevent and combat violence in all its forms, against children, teenagers, women and other groups at risk, such as elderly people, gender-based violence and violence in close relationships and to offer assistance and protection to victims of this kind of violence to designate actions taken in relation to the specific objectives referred to in this point as 'Daphne';
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b d new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bd) to protect and promote equal dignity;

Amendment  28

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(be) to prevent and combat violence and hatred based in particular on gender, race or ethnic origin, religion or personal beliefs, disability, age and gender identity, and to promote tolerance and respect for human dignity;

Amendment  29

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bf) to promote equality between women and men in the employment market and combat discrimination in this area;

Amendment  30

Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) to enhance the respect of the rights of the child;

(d) to ensure that the rights of the child are respected, keeping in mind that young girls are particularly vulnerable;

Amendment  31
Proposal for a regulation
Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(2a) The indicators and quantitative data used to assess achievement of the objectives of this Regulation shall be broken down by gender.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) enhancing public awareness and knowledge of Union law and policies;

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Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ba) assistance and support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other organisations working in the field of preventing and combating violence;

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(bb) assisting and supporting associations and non-governmental organisations that
work in particular to prevent human trafficking and to identify, protect and assist the victims of such trafficking;

Amendment 35
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(bc) supporting the associations and networks of associations, including transnational ones, that operate in the area of cooperation; promoting the exchange of information, best practices and action models in the field of psychological and legal assistance and/or financial and social support; and supporting the social reintegration of the victims of violence;

Amendment 36
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(bd) supporting associations and non-governmental organisations in the exchange of information, best practices and action models with regard to the rehabilitation and social reintegration of violent individuals, in synergy with the Justice Programme;

Amendment 37
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b e (new)
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Analytical activities, such as collection of data and statistics; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts meetings, conferences;

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) Analytical activities, such as regular collection of comparable and disaggregated data and statistics, including the different types of violence and a wide range of abuse, from physical attacks to emotional abuse against children, teenagers, women and other groups at risk; development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks with data and information broken down by gender; studies, researches, analyses and surveys; evaluations and impact assessments; elaboration and publication of guides, reports and educational material; monitoring and assessment of the transposition and application of Union legislation and of the implementation of Union policies; workshops, seminars, experts meetings, conferences, which shall include a global, cross-cutting gender approach;

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Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) Training activities, such as staff

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exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainers events, development of online/other training modules;

exchanges, workshops, seminars, train-the-trainers events, development of online/other training modules, which are designed in close cooperation with civil society organisation and experts, include a global, cross-cutting gender dimension; where relevant, these activities shall include the gender and anti-discrimination perspective and aim at preventing, combating and acknowledging gender-based violence and promoting equality between men and women;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(ba) Campaigns designed to combat gender stereotypes and the commoditisation of the image of women in the media;

Amendment

Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point c

(c) Mutual learning, cooperation, awareness raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events, including corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the

(c) Mutual learning, cooperation, awareness raising and dissemination activities, such as identification of, and exchanges on, good practices, innovative approaches and experiences, organisation of peer review and mutual learning; organisation of conferences and seminars; organisation of awareness-raising and information campaigns, media campaigns and events aimed at specific audiences, including campaigns in the field of preventing and combating violence and corporate communication of the political priorities of the European Union;
Programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies; compilation and publication of materials to disseminate information as well as results of the Programme; development, operation and maintenance of systems and tools using information and communication technologies; care should be taken to ensure that these activities include a global, cross-cutting gender approach which focuses on promoting equality between men and women, non-discrimination and the empowerment of women;

Amendment 42
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) Support for main actors, such as support for Member States when implementing Union law and policies; support for key European level networks whose activities are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme; networking among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities at European level; funding of experts' networks; funding of European level observatories.

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(d) Support for main actors, such as support for Member States when implementing Union law and policies; support for key European level networks whose activities are linked to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme; support with action grants and operating grants for NGOs or other organisations pursuing the objectives of the Programme, in particular those of combating violence against children and women; networking among specialised bodies and organisations, national, regional and local authorities at European level; funding of experts' networks; the establishment and implementation of support programmes for victims and groups at risk in the field of preventing and combating violence; funding of European level observatories.

Amendment 43
Proposal for a regulation
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)
(da) Actions specifically designed to promote the principles of gender equality and non-discrimination, and effective measures to combat violence against women in all its forms.

Amendment 44
Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

(1a) In order to ensure continuity of the objectives and actions pursued through the Programme, the annual levels of financing for each area shall not differ substantially, unless there are objective reasons, which shall be duly documented and communicated well in advance.

Amendment 45
Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 a (new)

(2a) A comparable or higher level of financial support shall be ensured for each of the objectives of this Regulation, taking into account the level of financing provided for in the framework of the programmes referred to in Article 13 for the period 2007 to 2013. Through the allocation of funds to those areas in annual working programmes, the Commission shall take into consideration the Union's priorities and the need to maintain appropriate and fair levels of funding for all the areas targeted in Article 4(1).
Amendment 46
Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. In order to implement the Programme, the Commission shall adopt annual work programmes in the form of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 9(2).

Amendment

2. In order to implement the Programme, the Commission shall adopt annual work programmes in relation to the specific objectives referred to in Article 4(1) and the actions referred to in Article 5 in the form of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 9(2).

Justification

The proposed regulation does not include information on how the funding will be allocated to the different priorities and actions across the year and it does not provide guarantees that the levels of funding for the specific objectives of the programme will be predictable each year. Promoting equality of all, implementing the principle of non-discrimination, promoting equality between women and men and combating violence against women, children and other vulnerable persons require sustainable and predictable funding every year. In addition, European Networks working on those topics require sustainable and predictable funding to be able to continue their work with their members in an effective manner. The legal text of the Programme must provide some indication that funding for activities in these fields will be available every year.

Amendment 47
Proposal for a regulation
Article 8 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(3a) Appropriate and fair distribution of financial support between different areas covered by this Regulation shall be ensured, while taking into account the level of funding allocated to the programmes referred to in Article 13 for the period 2007 to 2013. When deciding on the allocation of funds to those areas
in its annual work programmes, the Commission shall take into consideration the need to increase funding for the specific objectives referred to in Article 4(1).

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall monitor the Programme regularly in order to follow the implementation of actions carried out under it in the areas of actions referred to in Article 5(1) and the achievement of the specific objectives referred to in Article 4. The monitoring shall also provide a means of assessing the way in which gender equality and anti-discrimination issues have been addressed across the programme’s actions. Where relevant, indicators should be disaggregated by sex, age and disability.

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1. The Commission shall monitor the Programme regularly in order to follow the implementation of actions carried out under it in the areas of actions referred to in Article 5(1) and the achievement of the specific objectives referred to in Article 4. The monitoring shall also provide a means of assessing the way in which gender equality, combating and protecting against violence and anti-discrimination issues have been addressed across the programme’s actions. Indicators should be disaggregated by sex, age and disability.

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The interim evaluation shall report on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value with a view to determining whether funding in areas covered by the Programme shall be renewed, modified or suspended after 2020. It shall also address the scope for any simplification of the Programme, its internal and external coherence, as well as the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. It

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3. The interim evaluation shall report on the achievement of the Programme's objectives, the efficiency of the use of resources and the Programme's European added value with a view to determining whether funding in areas covered by the Programme shall be renewed, modified or suspended after 2020. It shall also address the scope for any simplification of the Programme, its internal and external coherence, as well as the continued relevance of all objectives and actions. It
shall take into account the results of the ex-post evaluations of the programmes mentioned in Article 13.

In its interim evaluation, the Commission shall, in particular, report on grants for operational costs when funding main actors, key European level networks, experts' networks or European level observatories.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(4a) The assessment of the achievement of the general and specific objectives referred to in Article 3 and Article 4(1) shall be based on measurable, gender-disaggregated performance indicators. The European added value in terms of achieving the overarching priority of gender equality and combating violence against women shall be a leading benchmark.

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation
Article 12 – paragraph 4 ab (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(4b) Care shall be taken to include a global, cross-cutting gender approach in the interim evaluation report and the ex-post evaluation report and to base the evaluation's conclusions on indicators and data that are broken down by gender and gender specific.
### PROCEDURE

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