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AMENDMENTS

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2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission
(2024/2019(DEC))

Amendment 1

Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alessandra Moretti, Elisabeth Grossmann, Lina Gálvez, Emma Rafowicz, Marko Vešligaj

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas equality between men and women is one of the founding values of the Union and the Union is committed to promote equality in all its activities as enshrined in Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Amendment

A. ***whereas gender equality is a core value of the European Union as enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union;*** whereas equality between men and women is one of the founding values of the Union and the Union is committed to promote ***gender*** equality in all its activities as enshrined in Article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), ***thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming and gender budgeting,*** and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 2

Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas equality ***between men and women is one of the founding values of the Union and*** the Union is ***committed*** to promote equality in all ***its activities*** as enshrined in Article 8 ***of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;***

Amendment

A. whereas ***gender equality and the elimination of inequalities are core values upon which*** the Union is ***founded, as is the commitment*** to promote ***gender equality and gender mainstreaming*** in all ***of its actions*** as enshrined in Article 8 ***TFEU;***

Or. en

Amendment 3
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Loucas Furlas

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. whereas the European Commission reinforced its commitment in favour of a Union of Equality, manifested in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, which launches a Strategy for Gender Equality 2020- 2025 in compliance with article 8 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU);

Or. en

Amendment 4
Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion
Recital A a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A a. whereas the Digital education action plan 2021-2027 will specifically seek to increase the inclusion of women in digital and STEM study fields and careers, including as entrepreneurs; whereas the future funding mechanisms should facilitate this increased inclusion of women and girls;

Or. en

Amendment 5
Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion

Recital A b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

A b. whereas according to the European Crime Prevention Network, the Daphne programme objectives were and remain relevant to the needs at their origin i.e. protecting children, young people and women from violence and preventing it;

Or. en

Amendment 6

Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas the Union has room for improvement in its approach to promoting equality through its policies, legislation and funding mechanisms;

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Or. en

Amendment 7

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

B. whereas the Union has room for improvement in its approach to promoting equality through its policies, legislation and funding mechanisms;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 8

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Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Union has room for improvement in its approach to promoting equality through its policies, legislation and funding mechanisms;

Amendment

B. whereas the Union has room for improvement in its approach to promoting equality through its policies, legislation, and funding mechanisms; ***whereas the European Parliament has repeatedly called on the Commission to promote and implement the use of gender mainstreaming, including gender budgeting and gender impact assessments, across all Union policies;***

Or. en

Amendment 9

Diana Iovanovici Șoșoacă

Draft opinion

Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Union has room for improvement in its approach to promoting equality through its policies, legislation and funding mechanisms;

Amendment

B. whereas the Union has room for improvement in, ***and must improve,*** its approach to promoting equality through its policies, legislation and funding mechanisms, ***in close cooperation with the Member States, in order to meet its proposed objectives;***

Or. ro

Amendment 10

Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alessandra Moretti, Elisabeth Grossmann, Lina Gálvez, Emma Rafowicz, Marko Vešligaj

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas gender equality in the Union has been negatively impacted by the consequences of backlashes against gender equality and women's rights, particularly in the areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in several Member States, as well as by growing anti-gender movements, misogynistic trends, and the rising cost of living, which disproportionately affects women; whereas other ongoing crises, such as wars and the climate crisis, also disproportionately impact women; whereas these factors further deepen inequalities and hinder progress toward gender equality;

Or. en

**Amendment 11
Irene Montero**

**Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union not only enshrines gender equality but also protects human dignity and prohibits all forms of discrimination, including those based on sexual orientation and gender identity;

Or. en

**Amendment 12
Alexandra Geese**

**Draft opinion
Recital B a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas the European Parliament has repeatedly called for the European Commission to promote and implement the use of gender mainstreaming, gender budgeting and gender impact assessments in all Union policy areas;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B a. whereas the European Parliament has repeatedly asked the European Commission to promote and implement the use of gender mainstreaming, gender budgeting and gender impact assessments in all Union policy areas;

Or. en

Amendment 14

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion

Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B b. whereas the anti-gender and anti-abortion movements in Europe are becoming more vocal and influential, partly because of funding from religious extremist organisations based outside of Europe; whereas these movements negatively impact the public discourse on abortion rights and gender equality;

whereas they are well funded and well organised, and are likely to put more pressure on women's rights in the future, especially sexual and reproductive health and rights;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Recital B b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

B b. whereas the protection and promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are essential to achieving full gender equality and guaranteeing women's autonomy over their own bodies;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Expresses serious concern over the lack of focus on protecting women and girls from violence in the Union budget; regrets the absence of disaggregated data on gender-based violence and urges mandatory gender impact assessments specifically aimed at protection against violence to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of the measures in relevant legislative acts;

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Expresses serious concern over the lack of focus on protecting women and girls from violence in the Union budget; regrets the absence of disaggregated data on gender-based violence and urges mandatory gender impact assessments specifically aimed at protection against violence to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of the measures in relevant legislative acts;

Amendment

1. ***Recalls that one in three women in the Union has been affected by gender-based violence***; expresses serious concern over the lack of focus on protecting women and girls from ***gender-based*** violence in the Union budget; ***calls for additional ongoing funding, which it should be at least 5% of total EU budget, of the Equality and Rights Strand of the CERV programme and the Daphne programme to combat all forms of gender-based violence in the Union, including in the framework of the effective implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence and sexual abuse against women, girls and other forms of domestic violence and the Directive combatting violence against women and domestic violence***; regrets the absence of disaggregated data on gender-based violence and urges mandatory gender impact assessments specifically aimed at protection against violence to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of the measures in relevant legislative acts; ***urges the Commission to treat this as a priority and make use of the opportunities to improve data collection requirements and indicators in new legislation and reviews***;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Catherine Griset, Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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1. Expresses serious concern over the lack of focus on protecting women and girls from violence in the Union budget; regrets the absence of disaggregated data on gender-based violence and urges mandatory gender impact assessments specifically aimed at protection against violence to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of the measures in relevant legislative acts;

Amendment

1. Expresses serious concern over the lack of focus on protecting women and girls from violence in the Union budget; regrets the absence of disaggregated data on gender-based violence ***that indicate not just the profiles of victims but also the profiles of perpetrators (age, social/professional category, nationality, migratory status, etc.)***, and urges mandatory gender impact assessments specifically aimed at protection against violence to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of the measures in relevant legislative acts;

Or. fr

Amendment 19
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses that sexual and reproductive health and rights are fundamental rights and a precondition of gender equality and must be placed at the heart of health policy, considering the backlash against women's rights and access to safe and legal abortion; stresses the need to reinforce budgetary allocations that support universal respect for and access to SRHR, including access to free, safe and legal abortion in health public service, and demands the allocation of resources for sexual and reproductive health under the EU4Health Programme in particular to ensure universal access to SRHR, as well as free access to contraceptive methods, and ensuring essential care and medicines for voluntary family planning, specifically covering, inter alia, the issues of

reproduction, preparation for childbirth maternal and neonatal health and fertility treatments; highlights the continued importance to fund organisations working in the field, such as those that facilitate cross-border cooperation between organisations providing safe and legal abortions;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses that a gender equality perspective should be integrated into and ensured across all policy areas, particularly in light of the multiple gendered impacts of various ongoing climate, energy, and social crises, with a focus on SRHR and the backlash against gender equality and women's rights in the EU; reiterates therefore its call for the implementation of gender budgeting at all stages of the budgetary process;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Highlights that due to the persecution that LGTBIQA+ people are suffering it is necessary to allocate sufficient budget to measures to combat LGTBIQA+phobia, such as telephone

lines for counselling and attention;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. stresses that women's rights and a gender equality perspective should be integrated and ensured into all policy areas, particularly in light of the multiple gendered impacts of various ongoing climate, energy and social crises, including the backlashes against gender equality and women's rights, especially sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), in several Member States and worldwide; reiterates therefore its call for the implementation of gender budgeting at all stages of the budgetary process;

Or. en

Amendment 23
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. Rejects the increase in the budget allocations for militarisation, specifically for arms, infrastructure, civil-military or security research, capacity and military mobility and for border surveillance and externalisation; demands that the budget earmarked for this expenditure be reallocated to the fight against gender-based violence, to promote economic and social cohesion and tackle the root causes

of migration, such as poverty and violent conflicts;

Or. en

Amendment 24

Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alessandra Moretti, Elisabeth Grossmann, Lina Gálvez, Emma Rafowicz, Marko Vešligaj

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2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in ***polycymaking***; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to ***include the gender perspective into all policy areas, budgets, and alleviation measures to advance women's rights and gender equality; highlights the urgency for the Union to advance on gender equality, in the light of ongoing crises, such as climate crisis, wars, backlashes on gender equality, and anti-gender and anti-democratic movements; in this regard, recalls that one in three women in the EU experience gender based violence during their lifetime, including physical, sexual and psychological violence or threats of violence^{1a}***; stresses the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in ***the EU***; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws; ***reiterates that all non-consensual sex must be classified as rape in every EU Member State***;

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https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/eu-gender_based_violence_survey_key_result_s.pdf

Or. en

Amendment 25
Diana Iovanovici Șoșoacă

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking, ***with a focus on educational programmes in that sense in all the Member States, along with information campaigns***; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape ***at a European level*** with common minimum sanctions in national laws, ***which should be adopted as a matter of urgency***;

Or. ro

Amendment 26
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; stresses the need to urgently establish a common ***approach to rape*** with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; ***reiterates that rape remains one of the most widespread human rights violation and*** stresses the need to urgently establish a common ***definition of rape on the basis of lack of consent*** with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Or. en

Amendment 27
Catherine Griset, Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; ***stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws;***

Amendment

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; ***is concerned that European women are less and less safe in public places and calls on the Union to address this serious problem;***

Or. fr

Amendment 28
Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlan, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion
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Draft opinion

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Amendment

2. Acknowledges the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape ***based on consent based legislation*** with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. **Acknowledges** the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Amendment

2. **Welcomes** the Union's commitment to gender mainstreaming and the need to further focus on combating violence against women and girls in policymaking; stresses the need to urgently establish a common approach to rape with common minimum sanctions in national laws;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alessandra Moretti, Elisabeth Grossmann, Lina Gálvez, Emma Rafowicz, Marko Vešligaj

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Repeats its concern at the interrelation between the attacks on the rule of law, democracy, and human rights and the backlash against gender equality and women's rights; calls on the Commission to continue its efforts to strengthen the rule of law in the Union, and to explore the core mission of those to whom EU funds are granted and to withhold funding and ensure that EU funds are not made available to any entity that uses EU funds for the purposes of backsliding human rights, particularly women's fundamental rights and gender equality, including SRHR, and women's rights to bodily integrity, autonomy and self-determination; reiterates that sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are fundamental human rights, and their realisation is a fundamental aspect of human dignity and a prerequisite for achieving gender equality;

Or. en

Amendment 31
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. Welcomes the development and implementation of the gender budgeting methodology; reiterates the need to further develop and improve its application; calls for the enhanced collection, reporting and evaluation of comparable gender-disaggregated data in the context of all relevant EU policies; urges the Commission to treat this as a priority and make use of the opportunities to improve data collection requirements and indicators in new legislation and reviews, such as the recast of the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 32
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
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Amendment

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families;

3. Denounces that gender equality is particularly impacted by the consequences of the war in Ukraine, the cost of living crisis, which women are disproportionately affected by, and the backlashes against gender equality and women's rights, especially around sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in several Member States; calls on the EU and its Member States to 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. en

Amendment 33

Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alessandra Moretti, Elisabeth Grossmann, Lina Gálvez, Emma Rafowicz, Marko Vešligaj

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Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality *policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families;*

Amendment

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on *women; stresses that women in armed conflicts face disproportionate risks, including, but not limited to, conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence as a weapon of war; stresses that all alleviation measures shall hold gender equality at its core, protecting and supporting women and children; calls on the Commission to adopt a feminist foreign policy; emphasizes that women's access to SRHR, including safe and legal abortion care in times of crisis, must never be jeopardized;*

Or. en

Amendment 34

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

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Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about **the growing financial risks due to** Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families;

Amendment

3. Is concerned about Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to **recognize the vulnerable position of women in conflict zones and to** prioritise policies that protect children, women and families **especially in providing aid in conflict situations and access to healthcare services including emergency contraception, testing for sexually transmitted infections, post-exposure prophylaxis treatment and access to safe and legal abortion care;**

Or. en

Amendment 35

Diana Iovanovici Șoșoacă

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families;

Amendment

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families, **especially to prevent their trafficking and exploitation for illegal work and sexual activities;**

Or. ro

Amendment 36

Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Loucas Furlas

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3. Is concerned about the growing

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financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families;

financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families, ***considering that these are particularly vulnerable in contexts of war and conflicts;***

Or. en

Amendment 37
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families;

Amendment

3. Is concerned about the growing financial risks due to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on gender equality policies; highlights the need to prioritise policies that protect children, women and families ***in all their diversity;***

Or. en

Amendment 38
Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3 a. Recalls that labour market participation is significantly lower among women and men with disabilities compared to those without; calls for appropriate measures to address this issue;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls for a strong European effort to protect our fundamental values such as equal rights and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights including safe and legal abortion;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; urges the Commission to stop funding movements in and outside the Union that contribute to the oppression of women in all forms;

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Or. en

Amendment 41

Irene Montero

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; **urges** the Commission to ***stop funding movements in and outside the Union that contribute to the oppression of women in all forms;***

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; ***and emphasizes the need for these measures to include the protection of lesbian, bisexual, and trans women; repeats its calls for the Commission to ensure that EU funds are not made available to any entity that is implicated in breaches of human rights, including women's fundamental rights and SRHR;***

Or. en

Amendment 42
Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral, Loucas Fourlas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; urges the Commission to stop funding movements in and outside the Union that contribute to the oppression of women in all forms;

Amendment

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; urges the Commission to ***continue adequate funding to initiatives aiming gender equality achievements, while monitoring the application of these resources, in order to facilitate reliable assessment of data concerning gender equality achievements; urges the Commission to stop funding movements in and outside the Union that contribute to the oppression of women in all forms;***

Or. en

Amendment 43
Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlan, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová

Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; urges the Commission to stop funding **movements** in and outside the Union that contribute to the oppression of women in all forms;

Amendment

4. Supports the United Nations' Spotlight Initiative's goal of ending violence against women and girls and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, such as victims of harmful practices like female genital mutilation or child marriage; urges the Commission to stop funding **organisations** in and outside the Union that **proactively** contribute to the oppression of women in all forms, **including campaigning against SRHR rights**;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Repeats its concern at the intensifying backlash against gender equality and women's rights and the increasingly shrinking space for civil society; calls on the Commission to continue its efforts to strengthen and support non-governmental organisations, women's rights defenders, and all other civil society actors; urges the Commission to ensure that EU funds are not awarded to any entity that contributes to the backlash against women's rights, increasing inequalities, or acting against gender equality, including SRHR and women's rights to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Calls for the EU budget to better provide for women who, at present, have limited opportunities for exchanges with others and competence development, for example, through mentoring programmes or professional networks from all sectors of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 46
Catherine Griset, Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Urges the Commission to stop all funding, direct or indirect, for associations or communication campaigns promoting the Islamic veil;

Or. fr

Amendment 47
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Recalls that in line with Article 11.2 TEU, EU institutions must maintain an open, transparent and structured dialogue with civil society organisations

and representative associations and stresses in particular in this regard that success to structural funding is a prerequisite to ensure public participation and without which it would not be possible for citizens to have their voice channelled at the EU level through their representative associations, sustain a regular dialogue with EU institutions contributing to democratic participation in policy making, an open and wide-ranging dialogue, ensuring that the diversity of views and concerns are taken into account with equal access for public interest as compared to commercial interest, exercise a monitoring role on the implementation of EU policies and legislation, including the use of EU funds or act as checks and balances to the rule of law. Recalls the commitment of the Commission in its political guidelines to step up its engagement with civil society organisations that have expertise and an important role to play in defending specific societal issues and upholding human rights. This entails that while the Commission should not mandate NGOs to pursue certain activities or support specific positions or policies, it remains fundamental that civil society organisations, through EU funding can engage in an “open, transparent and structured dialogue with EU institutions” as enshrined in article 11 TEU through activities such as advocacy activities, demonstrations, or judicial actions and these should remain eligible in the relevant funding programs and have sufficient dedicated funding available.

Or. en

Amendment 48
Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. *Recognises that Daphne's aim is to protect children, young people and women from all kinds of violence, trafficking and to attain a high level of health protection, well-being and social cohesion; to that end, urges the EU to consider the programme a priority within the EU budget;*

Or. en

Amendment 49

Catherine Griset, Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4b. *Urges the Commission to stop all funding, direct or indirect, for associations promoting surrogacy;*

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. *Stresses the need to ensure that all EU funds reach their intended recipients, and to ensure that no EU funding is allocated or linked to any cause or form of terrorism, which would have catastrophic consequences for women and girls;*

Or. en

Amendment 51
Catherine Griset, Mathilde Androuët

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4c. Urges the Commission to stop all funding, direct or indirect, for associations promoting transgender activism;

Or. fr

Amendment 52
Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Calls for a stable financing framework to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the Daphne Programme to support the protection of women and children against violence.

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Or. en

Amendment 53
Joanna Scheuring-Wielgus, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Alessandra Moretti, Elisabeth Grossmann, Lina Gálvez, Emma Rafowicz, Marko Vešligaj

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

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specifically dedicated Daphne Initiative by increasing its resources, particularly through measures aimed at combating all forms and levels of gender-based violence against women and girls and domestic violence;

Or. en

Amendment 54
Loucas Furlas, Eleonora Meleti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Commends the efficiency of the Daphne programme such as the impressive outputs and impacts, compared to the modest resources allocated;

Or. en

Amendment 55
Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Sebastian Kruis, Mireia Borrás Pabón, Viktória Ferenc

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Strongly opposes the diversion of resources and attention from critical economic and social objectives by earmarking funds specifically for a gender perspective; acknowledges that this approach has proven ineffective, as significant progress in areas such as reducing violence against women or achieving gender equality has not been realised despite the allocation of resources;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Sebastian Kruis, Mireia Borrás Pabón, Viktória Ferenc

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Affirms that these funds have been exploited for purely ideological purposes, resulting in the imposition of a forced social change that undermines national sovereignty and the rights of families;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Margarita de la Pisa Carrión, Sebastian Kruis, Mireia Borrás Pabón, Viktória Ferenc

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 – point 3 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Advocates for project funding to be objective, effective, and neutral, free from partisan influence, and designed to benefit society as a whole, prioritizing the genuine needs of EU citizens, irrespective of gender;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Alexandra Geese

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Regrets the lack of specific budget lines for measures dedicated to gender equality; Reiterates its call for a dedicated budget line for the Daphne programme to

increase transparency and accountability in fund distribution; stresses the importance of strengthening the Daphne initiative by increasing its resources, particularly for measures aimed at combating all levels and all forms of gender based violence, especially those dedicated to strengthening primary prevention;

Or. en

Amendment 59

Irene Montero

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Requests the creation of a specific program within the Daphne funding framework to address violence against LGBTIQ+ women, including the provision of safe shelters, access to support services tailored to their needs, and the protection of their sexual and reproductive health rights;

Or. en

Amendment 60

Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle, Abir Al-Sahlani, Lucia Yar, Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová, Jana Toom

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Regrets the lack of specific budget lines for measures dedicated to gender equality, especially within the Daphne programme, leading to a lack of transparency and accountability;

Amendment 61

Irene Montero

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Urges the Commission and Member States to strengthen awareness-raising campaigns against gender-based violence and discrimination, explicitly including educational efforts to combat LGBTIQ+phobia and to promote sexual and reproductive rights; calls for comprehensive sexual education programs that promote gender equality, consent, and respect for diversity in all Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 62

Irene Montero

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Calls on the Union to take a firm stance in defending sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) as a non-negotiable element of gender equality, urging Member States to eliminate legal, financial, or practical barriers to accessing contraception, safe abortion, and other essential reproductive health services, ensuring no woman is left behind.

Or. en

Amendment 63
Irene Montero

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 d. Stresses the importance of strengthening the specifically dedicated Daphne initiative by increasing its resources, in particular measures that aim to combat all levels and all forms of gender-based violence and to properly support victims;

Or. en