

Open Online Session
A methodology for Gender mainstreaming in the EU budget
Concept note

Background on Gender Mainstreaming:

Gender equality is one of the European Union's fundamental values, as set out in Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty on European Union. It refers to the principle that the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of women and men should be the same.

Gender mainstreaming means actively promoting equality between women and men at all stages and in all areas of policy-making and implementation. The Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides the basis for gender mainstreaming by obliging the EU to promote equality between men and women in all of its activities.

Background on the session:

During 2021-2027 MFF negotiations, equality between man and women was agreed as a Horizontal Principle of the Budget. The Commission has committed in the IIA of 16 December 2020 to **develop a methodology to measure gender relevant expenditure at programme level in the MFF 2021-2027**. The Commission will implement that methodology as soon as it is available and no later than 1st January 2023.

In the recent European Courts of Auditors *Special Report on Gender mainstreaming in the EU budget: time to turn words into action*, which covers the period from 2014 to February 2021, the Court concluded that the Commission's strategy for gender equality has not yet been realised gender mainstreaming in the EU budget. The Commission's institutional framework, although reinforced, did not yet fully support gender mainstreaming. The Court recommended that the Commission systematically collect, analyse and report on existing sex-disaggregated data for the EU funding programmes; use gender-related objectives and indicators to monitor progress; develop a system for tracking funds allocated and used to support gender equality and report annually on the results achieved in terms of gender equality.

This is specifically timely in view of the large sum of money that the Commission is preparing to disburse under the new 2021-2027 MFF) and the Next Generation EU instrument.

On-line panel objectives

What we propose is to examine state of the art practices when it comes to gender mainstreaming and how to develop a methodology to measure gender expenditure, including the promotion of gender mainstreaming in the 2021-2027 MFF.

Draft structure (preliminary draft)

- Welcome by Helène Fritzon, Vice-President of the S&D Political Group
- Opening remarks by Margarida Marques, MFF Rapporteur, Member of the European Parliament
- Keynote speech by European Commissioner Helena Dalli
- Intervention by Gert Jan Koopman, Director General for Budget, EC
- Intervention by Jon BLONDAL, OECD Expert on Gender Budgeting
- Intervention by Carlien Scheele, Director EIGE
- Intervention by Eider Gardiazabal, Budget Coordinator
- Q&A
- Conclusion by Evelyn Regner, Chair of FEMM

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