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COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS

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2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - Agencies
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Amendment 1

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 1, 2, 3, 6, 15 part 1

Draft opinion

Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas Article 8 TFEU mandates the Union to aim to eliminate inequalities and to promote equality between men and women in all its activities; whereas equality is a fundamental right under the Treaty of Lisbon and a priority for the Union *with* the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) supporting Union institutions and Member States in achieving that aim;

Amendment

A. whereas Article 8 TFEU mandates the Union to aim to eliminate inequalities and to promote equality between men and women in all its activities; whereas equality is a fundamental right under the Treaty of Lisbon and a priority for the Union ***and achieving gender equality is crucial to upholding these rights; whereas*** the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) ***has a central role in*** supporting Union institutions and Member States in achieving that aim; ***whereas it is EIGE's objective to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality including gender mainstreaming in all EU policies; whereas it is underlined that EIGE needs to be provided with sufficient and stable financial and human resources to fulfil its tasks;***

Or. en

Amendment 2

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 5, 8 part 1, 21

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Recital A a (new)

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Amendment

A a. whereas the Gender Equality Index 2023 for the European Union (EU) surpassed 70 points for the first time, showing a modest growth of 1.6 points since 2022; whereas the increase in the overall EU score is the highest year-on-year rise since the first edition of the Index in 2013; whereas some domains showing signs of regression, in particular in economic and income metrics; whereas the Index focused on how gender gaps impact and are impacted by green transition efforts, especially in sectors like energy and transport;

Or. en

Amendment 3

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 part 2, 16

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Recital B

Draft opinion

Amendment

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European Green Deal and gender-based violence; whereas crises exacerbate women's vulnerability and exposure to violence, intensifying existing structural inequalities and aggravating all types of gender-based violence, including physical, sexual and psychological; whereas *the effectiveness of EIGE's actions on the European Green Deal, which needs to be revised and updated to set achievable targets in general to achieve equality and support women, especially in the Union, is questionable;*

European Green Deal and gender-based violence; whereas crises exacerbate women's vulnerability and exposure to violence, intensifying existing structural inequalities and aggravating all types of gender-based violence, including physical, sexual and psychological; whereas *following the principle of gender mainstreaming, incorporating gender sensitive perspective, and researching the effect of all policies on women are crucial aspects of achieving gender equality; whereas women are underrepresented in leading roles in climate policy, as men still fill 67% of climate-related decision making roles; whereas EIGE pointed out as well that women are underrepresented in the creation and development of clean innovation; whereas this has added value for European policymaking;*

Or. en

Amendment 4

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 12, 13, 14

Draft opinion

Recital B a (new)

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Amendment

B a. whereas gender equality in the Union has been particularly impacted by the consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the cost of living crisis, which women are disproportionately affected by, and the backlashes against gender equality and women's rights; whereas this further deepens inequalities; whereas EIGE's

work focused also on gender-based violence (GBV), by working on a EU wide survey on GBV to close the 10 year data gap on the prevalence of violence against women in the EU; whereas EIGE works towards the provision of evidence on GBV that can support the EU and Member States (and beyond) in their efforts to eradicate all forms of violence;

Or. en

Amendment 5

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 18, 20, 36

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Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. *Has serious concerns that EIGE's mission was diverted from improving equality by its focus on the European Green Deal;* points out that EIGE achieved 92,76 % of its work programme objectives;

Amendment

1. *notes EIGE's continuous high level of budget execution, despite the persistent understaffing of the agency, with commitment appropriations of up to 98 % in 2023 and a payment appropriations rate of 83 %;* points out that EIGE achieved 92,76 % of its work programme objectives; *recognizes the high success rates of EIGE in developing actions and communication campaigns on gender equality, emphasizing its importance in creating awareness; acknowledges that EIGE was correct in its index's assertion that high energy prices place a lot of very small businesses at risk of indebtedness and even bankruptcy, many of them owned by women or employing women, especially in personal care services; to that end, underlines that future research on the gender aspects of the Green Deal could seek to address that women are not*

overburdened with bureaucratic red tape and costly energy bills to the detriment of the European economy;

Or. en

Amendment 6

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 23, 25, 37

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Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1 a. Notes that EIGE was established as EU's knowledge centre on gender equality to produce independent research and share best practises to eliminate discrimination based on gender, combine research, data and tools to help EU and it's Member States; states that EIGE already considers violence against women as being one of the most severe human rights violations within societies; 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}; welcomes EIGE'S cooperation with Eurostat and the Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in the EU on the EU gender-based violence survey, which was published on 25 November 2024, and encourages EIGE to help Member States to promptly implement and enforce Art 44 of the directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence; emphasizes that addressing gender-based violence cannot be decoupled from tackling economic and

social inequalities; calls on EIGE to prioritize research and recommendations that focus on reducing the gender pay gap, increasing women's access to quality jobs, ensuring their economic independence as a fundamental part of its mission to combat violence against women and girls;

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

Or. en

Amendment 7

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 26, 45

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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Amendment

1 b. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between EIGE and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality; stresses the valuable contribution that EIGE can provide to all Parliament committees, where relevant, to improve the gender perspective;

Or. en

Amendment 8

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 29,30,31,32

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Notes that the 8,5 % increase in EIGE's staff costs can be attributed to the continued high inflation rate as well as a 2,7% indexation of salaries, and that the average number of staff remained at 45; notes that two contract agents were engaged and funded by the IPA contribution agreement with the Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations; acknowledges the persisting understaffing of EIGE **and suggests that EIGE focus its work programme on violence against women and girls while deprioritizing actions related to the European Green Deal where necessary in light of current staff capacities;**

Amendment

2. Notes that the 8,5 % increase in EIGE's staff costs can be attributed to the continued high inflation rate as well as a 2,7% indexation of salaries, and that the average number of staff remained at 45; notes that two contract agents were engaged and funded by the IPA contribution agreement with the Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations; acknowledges the persisting understaffing of EIGE, **as evidenced in the findings of the second external evaluation, which were further aggravated through the sharp increase in requests for technical assistance as a result of the prioritisation of gender mainstreaming in all Union policies and initiatives in the EU Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025, and calls for better support of its research capabilities; emphasizes the importance of focusing on combating violence against women and girls, and invites EIGE to consider aligning its work programme accordingly; highlights the value of thoughtful and efficient allocation of available budget and staff to support these objectives;**

Or. en

Amendment 9

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Compromise Amendment replacing Amendment(s): 28 part 1, 38

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Paragraph 2 a (new)

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Amendment

2 a. Notes that Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality, states in article 6 that EIGE should function independently in the public interest; highlights in this regard the important research by the Agency which presents how violence is a result of inequalities that affect all women, but that indeed some groups of women are more vulnerable to experiencing violence such as women with disabilities; calls on EIGE to further develop its future work on this pressing topic and to examine the possibility of using artificial intelligence to fulfil its range of tasks;

Or. en