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# **COMPROMISE AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Samira Rafaela**  
(PE703.257v01)

*Discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the **European Institute for Gender Equality** for the financial year 2020*  
(COM(2021)381 – 2021/2129(DEC))



## **REVISED compromise amendments**

*FEMM Opinion: Discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Institute for Gender Equality for the financial year 2020*

**Rapporteur: Samira Rafaela**

### COMPROMISE 1

Covers all recitals

AMs covered: 3 (S&D), 9 (S&D), 14 (EPP), 15 (EPP)

Fall: 1 (ECR), 2 (ID), 4 (ECR), 8 (ECR), 10 (ID), 11 (ECR)

- A. whereas, pursuant to Article 8 TFEU, the Union is to aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women in all its activities, thereby establishing the principle of gender mainstreaming, ***including via gender budgeting at all levels of the budgetary process (3)***;
- B. whereas women are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly women working in precarious employment, feminised sectors and the informal economy ***as well as women affected by increased gender-based violence and harassment, unpaid and unequal care and domestic responsibilities, and restricted access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (9)***; ***whereas the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to roll back progress with regard to gender equality especially in Member States where the pre-pandemic indicators of gender equality were lower (14)***; ***whereas the Gender Equality Index 2021 registered a minuscule increase of just 0.6 points in comparison with the previous year<sup>1</sup> (15)***;

### COMPROMISE 2

Paragraph 1

AMs covered: 18 first part (S&D), 20 second part (S&D), 23 second part (EPP), 24 (EPP), 28 (Greens)

Fall: 16 (ECR), 17 (ECR), 19 (ECR), 26 (ECR)

1. Recalls that the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) was established in order to contribute to, and strengthen, the promotion of gender equality in the Union ***and to support the integration of gender equality into all Union policies and the resulting national policies (18)***; ***acknowledges the specialisation and great expertise of the EIGE (24) in studies (20), research, collection of high-quality data (20, 23), development of methodological tools (18) and assessment of national policies***

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eige.europa.eu/gender-equality-index/2021>

*especially related to gender-based violence and femicides across all EU Member States (23)*; recalls that, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on gender equality *and the backlash against women's rights and gender equality (28)*, increased budget and human resources *including more staff (28)* are needed for the EIGE to adequately carry out its functions;

### COMPROMISE 3

#### Paragraph 2

AMs covered: 18 second part (S&D), 20 first and third parts (S&D), 23 first part (EPP), 33 (S&D)

Fall: 21 (ECR), 22 (ID)

2. Welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the EIGE and Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) *and the EIGE's contribution to the ongoing work of the Committee such as on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, on gender-based violence (20, 23), equal pay, gender budgeting and the development of a gender-sensitive parliament tool (20)*; *stresses the valuable contribution that the EIGE can make to all committees and encourages the European Parliament to establish an ever closer cooperation with the EIGE (20)*; *encourages collaboration between the EIGE and other EU agencies (18)*; *welcomes the EIGE's continuous work on the Gender Equality Index, which is a valuable tool for monitoring the progress of gender equality across the EU (33)*;

### COMPROMISE 4

#### Paragraph 5

AMs covered: 30 (S&D), 31 (S&D), 32 (S&D)

Fall: 29 (ECR)

5. Notes that, in its annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2020<sup>2</sup>, the Court of Auditors (the 'Court') confirmed that the EIGE's annual accounts present fairly, in all material respects, its financial position at 31 December 2020, the results of its operations, its cash flows and the changes in net assets for the year then ended; notes that, according to the Court, the revenue and payments underlying the EIGE's annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 are legal and regular in all material respects; *acknowledges EIGE's responses to the Court regarding procedures used for selecting and contracting external experts (30)*; *notes the EIGE's failure to reveal information about payments from DG NEAR and calls on the EIGE to ensure the inclusion of all relevant provisions in this regard in the future (31)*; *expects further*

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<sup>2</sup> [https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/AGENCIES\\_2020/AGENCIES\\_2020\\_EN.pdf](https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/AGENCIES_2020/AGENCIES_2020_EN.pdf)

*cooperation between EIGE and the Court in response to the recent judgement of the CJEU regarding temporary agency work<sup>3</sup> (32);*

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<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62019CJ0948>