

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



I am very pleased that we will, together with the Committee on Development, be welcoming Ms Margot Wallström, [UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General \(SRSG\) on Sexual Violence in Conflict](#) at our upcoming committee meeting. We will exchange views on the best ways to cooperate at different (UN, EU and national) levels in order to protect women and girls from this systematic violence that is part of nearly all conflict situations. It is clear that the EU needs to do much more in this area, including analysing its own actions in the framework of a common foreign and security policy. Moreover, the committee meeting will also focus on the follow-up on the implementation of the [Directive 2004/113](#) on equal treatment between men and women in the access to and supply of goods and services. A recent ruling by the [ECJ](#) has clarified that gender-differentiated contributions in insurance schemes are in fact contrary to the [Charter of fundamental rights of the EU](#), and we need to reflect on how we can make sure that unisex tariffs are now applied in the best ways. - *Eva-Britt Svensson*

25 MAY – MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

- 🕒 Court of Justice judgment in case C-236/09 - Belgian consumers' association Test-Achats v Council of Ministers - gender as a factor in the assessment of insurance risks - exchange of views
- 🕒 The situation of women approaching retirement age - consideration of draft report
- 🕒 The situation of single mothers - consideration of draft report
- 🕒 Delegation of the FEMM Committee to Budapest on 16-18 March 2011 - exchange of views
- 🕒 Joint meeting with the Committee on Development: Sexual violence in conflict, with special attention for the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo - presentation and exchange of views

THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

- 🕒 Women entrepreneurship in small and medium-sized enterprises - adoption of draft report
- 🕒 Women and Business Leadership - adoption of draft report
- 🕒 Mobility and inclusion of people with disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 - adoption of draft opinion

- 🕒 Promoting workers mobility within the European Union - adoption of draft opinion
- 🕒 Mandate for the trilogue on the 2012 Draft Budget - adoption of draft opinion
- 🕒 Organised crime in the European Union - adoption of draft opinion

Date: Wednesday, 25 May,
9.00 - 12.30 and 15.00 - 18.30

Venue: PHS - 4B001 meeting room, Brussels

Live web streaming of the meeting [here](#).

BELGIAN CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION TEST-ACHATS V COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - GENDER AS A FACTOR IN THE ASSESSMENT OF INSURANCE RISKS



Exchange of views

Members will discuss with the European Commission and a representative of the [European Insurance and Reinsurance Federation](#) the outcome of the recent [judgment](#) of the Court of Justice on taking the gender into account as a risk factor in insurance contracts.

THE SITUATION OF WOMEN APPROACHING RETIREMENT AGE

Consideration of draft report



Older women face a twofold discrimination on the labour market based on gender and age. The Rapporteur calls for the labour and social inclusion of older women and emphasises the importance of ageing with dignity. Apart from the employment situation of women over 50, the [draft report](#) also examines their role as care-providers and the related health issues.

*Rapporteur: **Edit Bauer** (EPP)*

THE SITUATION OF SINGLE MOTHERS

Consideration of draft report



Currently 5% of Europe's women are single mothers. Single motherhood is often falsely stigmatised as consisting of only irresponsible teenagers, while in truth the vast majority of single

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- Definition, promotion and protection of women's rights in the Union and related Community measures;
- The promotion of women's rights in third countries;
- Equal opportunities policy, including equality between men and women with regard to labour market opportunities and treatment at work;
- The removal of all forms of discrimination based on sex;
- The implementation and further development of gender mainstreaming in all policy sectors;
- The follow-up and implementation of international agreements and conventions involving the rights of women;
- Information policy on women.

mothers are between the ages of 25 and 64. Besides the general situation, the [draft report](#) analyses the employment of single mothers, their risk of poverty and the issue of combining family and professional life.

Rapporteur: **Barbara Matera** (EPP)

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR THE SITUATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Joint meeting with the committee on Development

Presentation and exchange of views

Margot Wallström, United Nations Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Denis Mukwege, gynecologist of Panzi Hospital in Bukavu will make a presentation about the sexual violence in conflict zones to the Members of the FEMM and DEVE committees, which will be followed by a discussion.

DELEGATION OF THE COMMITTEE TO BUDAPEST ON 16-18 MARCH 2011

Exchange of views

The committee delegation [visited](#) Budapest in March, in the context of the [Hungarian Presidency](#) of the Council of the European Union. The aim of the visit was to learn about gender equality policies in Hungary and exchange views about the implementation of the Presidency Programme in the field of gender equality.

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES

Adoption of draft report



The committee discussed the [draft report](#) on 14 March, after which Members tabled 169 [amendments](#), which well reflects their interest in the subject. In order to have the broadest consensus on the text, the Rapporteur proposed numerous compromise amendments which cover a large number of the amendments. The committee will vote on the draft report and the amendments at its meeting on 25 May.

Rapporteur: **Marina Yannakoudakis** (ECR)

WOMEN AND BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Adoption of draft report



The issue of women in decision-making has been high on the agenda of the committee, a public hearing was held last year, which was followed by a discussion of the Rapporteur's text. The committee will now vote on the [draft report](#), as well as the 105 [amendments](#) and the compromise amendments proposed by the Rapporteur.

Rapporteur: **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou** (EPP)

PROMOTING WORKERS MOBILITY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Adoption of draft opinion

Members exchanged their views on the [draft opinion](#) at a previous meeting and tabled 29 [amendments](#). Following the vote, the adopted text will be transferred to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL).

Draftsperson: **Andrea Češková** (ECR)

ORGANISED CRIME IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Adoption of draft opinion

Members tabled 34 [amendments](#) to the [draft opinion](#), after the exchange of views in the committee. The committee will now vote on the text and the final opinion will be transferred to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE).

Draftsperson: **Silvia Costa** (S&D)

MOBILITY AND INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE EUROPEAN DISABILITY STRATEGY 2010-2020

Adoption of draft opinion



Following the discussion of the [draft opinion](#) in committee, 55 [amendments](#) were tabled to the text. The committee will now proceed to the vote and the final opinion will be transferred to the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL).

Draftsperson: **Elisabeth Morin-Chartier** (EPP)

MANDATE FOR THE TRILOGUE ON THE 2012 DRAFT BUDGET

Adoption of draft opinion

The committee discussed the [draft opinion](#) at a previous meeting. In view of the recently presented Commission's draft budget Members tabled 28 [amendments](#). After the vote in committee, the opinion will be transferred to the Committee on Budgets (BUDG).

Draftsperson: **Barbara Matera** (EPP)

PLENARY FOLLOW-UP OF FEMM REPORTS



- Priorities and outline of a new EU policy framework to fight violence against women - adoption of the [EP resolution](#) - 05.04.2011

Details of the next meeting

Tuesday, 14 June, 15.00 - 18.30

Wednesday, 15 June, 9.00 - 12.30

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