

EU Strategy for equality between women and men post 2015¹
(2014/2152(INI))

Rapporteur: Maria Noichl (S&D) Voted in Plenary: 9 June 2015

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Paragraph 52: *1Calls on the Commission to assist Member States in ensuring high-quality, geographically appropriate and readily accessible services in the areas of **2sexual and reproductive health and rights 3and safe and legal abortion 4and contraception**, as well as general healthcare;*

Split vote²:

§ 52

First part: ‘Calls on the Commission ... in the areas of’

Second part: ‘sexual and reproductive ... general healthcare’ without ‘and safe and legal abortion’

and ‘and contraception’

Third part: ‘and safe and legal abortion’

Fourth part: ‘and contraception’

Paragraph 52.2 advice: No, 52.3 advice: No 52.4: No

Paragraph 60: *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to act to **implement sex education programmes** in schools and ensure counselling and **access to contraception** for young people;*
advice: No

Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2013 and the European Union’s policy on the matter³
(2014/2216(INI))

Rapporteur: Pier Antonio Panzeri Voted in Plenary: 12 March 2015

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Paragraph 136: *Finds it regrettable that women’s and girls’ bodies, **2specifically with respect to their sexual and reproductive health and rights**, still remain an ideological battleground, and calls for the EU and its Member States to recognise the inalienable rights of women and girls to bodily integrity and **3autonomous decision-making** as regards, inter alia, the right to **access voluntary family planning 4and safe and legal abortion** and to be free from violence, including female genital mutilation, child, early and forced marriage, and marital rape;*

¹ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2014/2152\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2014/2152(INI)&l=en)

² Accessed 25/10/2018: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+PV+20150609+RES-VOT+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

³ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:

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Split vote⁴:

§ 136

First part: Text as a whole without the words: ‘specifically with respect ... health and rights,’ and ‘and autonomous ... legal abortion’

Second part: ‘specifically with respect ... health and rights,’

Third part: ‘and autonomous ... family planning’

Fourth part: ‘and safe and legal abortion’

Paragraph 136.2 advice: No, Paragraph 136.3 advice: No, Paragraph 136.4 advice: No

Paragraph 162: *Takes note of the legalization of same-sex marriage or same-sex civil unions in an increasing number of countries – 17 to date – around the world; encourages the EU institutions and the Member States to further contribute to reflection on the recognition of same-sex marriage or same-sex civil union as a political, social and human and civil rights issue;*

advice: No

Progress on equality between women and men in the European Union in 2013⁵
(2014/2217(INI))

Rapporteur: Marc Tarabella (S&D) Voted in Plenary: 10 March 2015

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Paragraph 45: *Maintains that women must have control over their sexual and reproductive health and rights, not least by having ready access to contraception and abortion; supports, accordingly, measures and actions to improve women’s access to sexual and reproductive health services and inform them more fully about their rights and the services available; calls on the Member States and the Commission to implement measures and actions to make men aware of their responsibilities for sexual and reproductive matters;*

Split vote⁶:

§ 45

First part: Text as a whole excluding the words ‘and abortion’

Second part: those words

Paragraph 45.1 advice: No, Paragraph 45.2 advice: No

Paragraph 46: *Emphasizes the importance of active prevention, education and information policies aimed at teenagers, young people and adults to ensure that sexual and reproductive*

⁴ Accessed 25/10/2018: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+PV+20150312+RES-VOT+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

⁵ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:

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⁶ Accessed 25/10/2018: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+PV+20150310+RES-VOT+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

health among the public is good, thereby preventing sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies;

Paragraph 46 advice: No

Application of Council Directive 2004/113/EC implementing the principle of equal treatment between men and women in the access to and supply of goods and services⁷ (2016/2012(INI))

Rapporteur: Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz (EPP) Voted in Plenary: 14 March 2017

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Recital L: *whereas the **Equal Treatment Directive** proposed in 2008 would extend protection from discrimination on grounds of religion or belief, age, disability and sexual orientation beyond the labour market to social protection, including social security and healthcare, social advantages, education, and access to and supply of goods and services; whereas the Council so far has not adopted its position on this proposal for a directive; **advice: No***

Paragraph 10: *Reiterates that the right not to be discriminated against on grounds of sex may include discrimination arising from the gender reassignment of a person, and calls on the Commission to ensure that women and men are protected against discrimination on these grounds; highlights that the Directive offers protection in this regard and any further specification can be made in the national law of the Member States; points out, in this respect, that **13 Member States have not yet adopted direct legal provisions protecting transgender persons**, who continue to experience discrimination in the supply of and access to goods and services, and points that including such provisions might contribute to raising awareness about the non-discrimination principle; calls on the Commission to monitor discrimination on these grounds in its future reports on the implementation of the Directive; **advice: Abstain***

Paragraph 34: *Reiterates its call on the Council to **consider all possible avenues to ensure that the proposed Equal Treatment Directive is adopted without further delay**, thereby guaranteeing comprehensive protection against discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation on an equal footing; **advice: No***

⁷ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/2012\(INI\)&l=en](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2016/2012(INI)&l=en)

Equality between women and men in the European Union in 2014-2015
(2016/2249(INI))⁸

Rapporteur: Ernest Urtasun (Greens/EFA) Voted in Plenary: 14 March 2017

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Rec AH: *whereas sexual and reproductive health and rights are fundamental human rights and an essential element of gender equality and self-determination, and whereas they should be included in the EU Health Strategy; advice: No*

Amendment 2 - Tabled by Arne Gericke and Branislav Škripek on behalf of the ECR Group

Amends paragraph 47:

Highlights the rising trend of the excessive use of conscientious objection clauses, resulting in hindered access to sexual and reproductive health services; calls on the Member States to ensure that conscientious objection clauses do not prevent patients from accessing lawful medical healthcare;

Amended paragraph 47:

*Highlights the **right to use** conscientious objection clauses in **professional settings in order to preserve freedom of thought, conscience and religion, as guaranteed in the national law of the Member States and Article 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights**; calls on the Member States to ensure that conscientious objection clauses **remain protected under national law**;*

Rejected in Plenary⁹, advice: Yes

Situation of fundamental rights in the European Union in 2015
(2016/2009(INI))¹⁰

Rapporteur: József Nagy (EPP) Voted in Plenary: 13 December 2016

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Paragraph 65: 1*Regrets that women and girls do not enjoy the same protection against violence in all Member States; stresses that many improvements are still needed to combat violence against women and girls; 2***calls on the EU to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention, following the launch of the procedure by the Commission in March 2016; reminds the Member States that the EU's accession to the Istanbul Convention does not exonerate them from signing, ratifying and enforcing the Convention, and urges them to do so; 3***calls on the Commission and the Member States to review existing legislation, and to keep the issue of violence against women high on the agenda, as gender-based violence should not be tolerated; 4***reiterates its call on the**

⁸ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:

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⁹ Results accessed 25/10/2018: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+PV+20170314+RES-VOT+DOC+PDF+V0//EN&language=EN>

¹⁰ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:

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Commission to submit a legal act establishing measures to promote and support the action of Member States in the field of prevention of violence against women and girls;

Split vote¹¹:

§ 65

First part: ‘Regrets that women and girls do not enjoy the same protection against violence in all Member States; stresses that many improvements are still needed to combat violence against women and girls;’

Second part: ‘calls on the EU to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention, following the launch of the procedure by the Commission in March 2016; reminds the Member States that the EU’s accession to the Istanbul Convention does not exonerate them from signing, ratifying and enforcing the Convention, and urges them to do so;’

Third part: ‘calls on the Commission and the Member States to review existing legislation, and to keep the issue of violence against women high on the agenda, as gender-based violence should not be tolerated;’

Fourth part: ‘reiterates its call on the Commission to submit a legal act establishing measures to promote and support the action of Member States in the field of prevention of violence against women and girls;’

Paragraph 65.1 advice: Yes, Paragraph 65.2 advice: No, Paragraph 65.3 advice: Yes, Paragraph 65.4 advice: Yes

Paragraph 79: *Acknowledges that **women’s sexual and reproductive health is related to multiple human rights**, including the right to life, the right to be free from torture, the right to health, the right to privacy, the right to education and the prohibition of discrimination; underlines that Member States are obliged to respect, **2protect and fulfil rights related to the sexual and reproductive health of all women and girls**, free of coercion, discrimination and violence; stresses, in this regard, that persons with disabilities are entitled to enjoy all their fundamental rights on an equal basis with others;*

Split vote¹²

§ 79

First part: Text as a whole without the words: ‘protect and fulfil rights related to the sexual and reproductive health of’

Second part: those words

Paragraph 79.1 advice: Yes, Paragraph 79.2 advice: No

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¹² See previous footnote

EU funds for gender equality¹³

(2016/2144(INI))

Rapporteur: Clare Moody (S&D) Voted in Plenary: 14 March 2017

Motion for resolution, advice: No

Paragraph 35: *Stresses that citizenship-building should be associated not only with the defence and extension of rights, but also with welfare and well-being, education and training free from gender stereotypes and access to social and health services, 2including sexual and reproductive health;*

Split Vote¹⁴:

§ 35

First part: text as a whole without the words: ‘, including sexual and reproductive health’

Second part: those words

35.1 advice: No, 35.2 advice: No

Amendment 2 – tabled by several MEPs among them Heidi Hautala and Marc Tarabella

Paragraph 55a (new): *Calls on the Commission to earmark EU development funds for voluntary, modern family planning and reproductive health services in order to counter the financial shortfalls caused by the ‘global gag’ rule established by the new US Government and thus to save women’s lives, protect their health and prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections;*

Adopted in Plenary, advice: No

¹³ Procedure file accessed 25/10/2018:

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