Gender Impact Assessment of the EU-Recovery Plan

“Next Generation EU“ Leaves Women Behind*

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EU is NOT living up to Treaty obligations NOR to political commitments

Treaty obligations:
• “In all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality, between men and women.” (Art. 8 TFEU)
• “Equality between women and men must be ensured in all areas, including employment, work and pay.” (Art. 23 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights)

Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 “A Union of Equality”:
• “The inclusion of a gender perspective in all EU policies and processes is essential to reach the goal of gender equality”.
• Dual approach of targeted measures to achieve gender equality, combined with strengthened gender mainstreaming
Investing in digital and green economy is highly gendered in terms of job creation:

- Creating primarily male jobs
- No adequate responses for sectors highly affected with high female employment

Source: Eurostat, own compilation
Why it matters to build gender-just transformation? – *And not simply to “recover”*

- Creating an enabling environment to ensure that all women and man in their diversity can **fully enjoy their fundamental human rights**.
- Transforming towards an economy that puts **Care for People and Care for Nature** at the center
- **Macroeconomic gains** from gender equality
- **High economic and social cost** of gender-based violence
- **Building a resilient economy** is only possible with a strong care based economy
- **Investing in care** infrastructure has **larger employment stimulus** effects
Investing in care infrastructure has larger employment stimulus effects

Effects of 2% of GDP investment on construction versus care

Source: Jerome De Henau and Susan Himmelweit
What has been done to promote changes for including more gender equality in EU Recovery Funds?

- Little time after presentation of proposals by the European Commission
- Greens initiated the Gender Impact Assessment – based on results:
  - Build public awareness Campaign #halfofit
  - Negotiations in EP: with some impacts: some improvements were achieved in final texts, but minor given the challenges.
Online-Konferenz
11. & 17. Februar 2021
16–20 Uhr

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Entwickeln wir gemeinsam Strategien zur Stärkung einer Wirtschaft, die für alle sorgt

More for Care. let’s develop strategies to strengthen an economy which cares for all!
Feminist Economic Stimulus Package

Petition for a feminist Economic Stimulus Package of 12* bn Euro – For a good life for all!
A Future & Education Package (5 bn Euro)
An Elderly Care Package (4 bn Euro)
A Solidarity and Life Saving Package (3 bn Euro)

+ For Comparison: the Austrian Corona Funds are about 50 bn Euro (as of January 2021)

https://www.attac.at/kampagnen/die-corona-krise-solidarisch-bewaeltigen/petition-feministisches-konjunkturpaket