



**EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY
FOR A FEMINIST EUROPE**

**Smart Spending
Gender Budgeting
for Gender Equality
outcomes**

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Gender Equality

Is everybody's business...

When girls and women are healthy, educated, included, and make decisions about their own lives and bodies, and lead change in their communities, countries and the world, there is a ripple effect and everyone benefits



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BUDGETS...

Most important policy instrument and a powerful tool to transform societies



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BUDGETS...

Often presented as a complex set of rules and procedures

BUT

Budgets mirror political priorities



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Gender Neutrality?

Illusion..

The “common interest” does not effect women and men in the same way



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Gender Budgeting matters because

Girls, women, boys, men lives differ
because their initial situation is different
as different stages of their lives



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Gender Budgeting matters because

Women, some groups in particular, have
specific needs and face specific
barriers...resulting from
Historical, traditional, stereotypes,
distribution of power



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Macro economics

Determine a range of issues that affect women and men differently:

Employment

National income/expenditure

Inflation

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Macro economics

Nature of macro economic policies
determine whether gender gaps will
widen/narrow



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Gender Budgeting

Key principles

Gender based assessments

Whole budget cycle: planning,
monitoring, auditing, evaluation

Restructuring revenue/expenditure

Clear objectives and outcomes:

Do public budgets contribute to gender
equality?

Rectify



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Good governance

Gender mainstreaming: in areas considered gender neutral – unidentified gaps

Efficiency: scrutinising through gender lens – thorough/deep analysis of other aspects

Accountability/transparency: inclusive and measurable indicators



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Gender Budgeting

In practice

Gender-disaggregated statistics/data

Time-use surveys

Quantitative objectives – to measure
outcomes

Leadership

Long-term



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Our common future

EU Multiannual Financial Framework

MFF



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“ Ignoring the feminist perspective is bad economics. The discipline aims to explain the allocation of scarce resources; it is bound to go wrong if it ignores the role that deep imbalances between men and women play in this allocation. As long as this inequality exists, there is space for feminist economics.”

- The Economist, March 12, 2016



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