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Mainstreaming: TAX

“The EC will step up its support for gender-responsive budgeting via programmes to support public finance management. It will ensure public expenditure and financial accountability (PEFA) assessment reports include the module on gender responsiveness.”

Objective 3. Gender Responsive Budgeting is promoted

3.1 Increase the number of actions (Budget Support operations or projects) supporting public finance management (PFM) reforms that include a gender budgeting component	% of new actions supporting public finance management (PFM) reforms that include a gender budgeting component, by year	Baseline to be set at end of 2020 (evaluation on-going)	At least 20% of new actions supporting PFM reforms include a gender budgeting component (from 2021)	COM	EUD COM EUMS
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GAP2 only included support to research and independent analysis on macroeconomics and gender budgeting

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Misses the point on PCD: No reference to the impact of tax avoidance and austerity on women's rights or the EU role in OECD or IMF/WB (not even under the objective of multilateral engagement)

However, public expenditure and financial accountability can justify action on tax collection



Mainstreaming: PRIVATE FINANCE

“The EIP will address barriers to women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming will be applied to EU blending operation funds and guarantees.

EU action should contribute to supporting women entrepreneurship and women-led businesses, including social entrepreneurship, and their access to finance by providing innovative investments schemes through the External Investment Plan.”

Objective 2. Gender perspective is mainstreamed in all actions under the investment framework

2.1. Ensure gender mainstreaming of blending operations and guarantees	Proportion of EU blending operations and guarantees marked G1 or G2	Baseline to be set at end of 2020	85% of all blending operations and guarantees are G1/G2 by 2025	COM	EUD COM EUMS
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Coming from 37% from last external evaluation of the EIP

Thematic Areas: Economic and social rights

The commitments on economic and social rights are more developed and stronger than in GAP 2.

BUT instrumental arguments, to a limited extent in GAP III, but prominently in officials discourses.

“Advancing gender equality could add 11 to 21 trillion euros to global GDP by 2025”.

- Women’s rights need to be advanced irrespective of impact on GDP
- Which in any cases doesn’t capture unpaid care work nor environmental destruction, and is not an adequate measure of progress.



GDP IS SEXIST, Let’s challenge the narrative



Women's unpaid care work is for the first time explicitly recognized as an obstacle to women's economic rights such as access to education & decent work. Universal social protection and public services are among the solutions.

Ten thematic objectives, among them:

Improved policy, legal framework and access to **care services** enabling equal division of domestic and care work between women and men

Increased access for women in all their diversity to **financial services and productive resources**

Improved regulatory framework for ensuring equal access to universal and public quality **health care services** for women, men, girls and boys in all their diversity

Public health systems have sufficient and sustained financing to address the health needs of women and girls in all their diversity

Reduction in gender disparities in enrolment, progression and retention at all levels of **education**



NDICI programming

Private finance/privatization work (whether and how)

Thematic Areas: The Green Transition

“women and girls in developing countries are particularly affected by climate change and environmental degradation. As primary users of natural resources, they also play an essential role for climate change mitigation and adaptation and environmental protection. However, they are prevented from participating equally in related governance processes.”

Four objectives:

Increased participation of women in decision-making processes on environment and climate

Strategies on climate mitigation, adaptation, disaster risk reduction and sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity are more gender-responsive, at all levels

Women, men, girls and boys addressing climate change in their daily lives and preserving the environment are supported

Women have improved access to jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities in the green and circular economy



EU position in global spaces such as the COP
NDICI programming and European DFIs

Few resources to go deeper:

- GAP III: https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/system/files/join-2020-17-final_en.pdf
- Annex with indicators: https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/system/files/swd_2020_284_en_final.pdf
- Concord reaction ot GAP III: <https://concordeurope.org/2020/11/25/the-will-is-there-but-can-the-gender-action-plan-iii-pave-the-way-to-a-gender-equal-world/>