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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR Mikael Gustafsson

A higher representation of women at all levels and areas of decision-making is a central issue to achieve gender equality - even a prerequisite, in my view. I would even say that, given the patriarchal character of our societies, there needs to be at least 50% women or more in decision making, if we want to see a shift towards more gender equal societies. If women are to be at least 50% of all decision-makers it de facto means that some men will have to leave, and that they cannot count on the persisting male quota of over-representation to get to posts of influence. And this may be the reason of so much resistance... At this upcoming meeting our Committee, together with the Committee on Legal affairs, will vote on the legislative report setting out new rules to reach a better gender balance when it comes to non-executive posts on company boards. I hope that this vote will spill over on regulations for gender balance in all other spheres, and particularly in the political decision-making sphere. We will also be voting on another important report, namely gender aspects of the European framework for the Roma inclusion strategies. As you will see in the report, many issues need to be improved to make sure that the European framework, as well as the national strategies deliver more targeted actions that will empower and ensure the rights of Roma women and girls across Europe.

14 OCTOBER-MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

- ⌚ Gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges (joint committee meeting JURI/FEMM)
- ⌚ Gender aspects of the European framework of national Roma inclusion strategies

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

- ⌚ Debriefing from the FEMM-delegation to Croatia and Hungary, 19-20 September 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

- ⌚ "Specific actions in the common fisheries policy for developing the role of women", PECH/FEMM-public hearing

Date and Venue: Monday, 14 October 2013

15.00-15.30, Altiero Spinelli, room A5G-3, Brussels

15.30-18.30 József Antall, room 6Q2, Brussels

[Live Web streaming on the meetings here.](#)

GENDER BALANCE AMONG NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF COMPANIES LISTED ON STOCK EXCHANGES

Adoption of draft report

Co-Rapporteurs:

FEMM: **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou** (EPP) and
JURI: **Evelyn Regner** (S&D)

FEMM and JURI Members will adopt the [draft report](#) on this sensitive proposal for a directive on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges. 298 amendments have been tabled to the Commission proposal, concerning most of the important issues at stake (scope, definitions, procedures, sanctions) and a set of compromise amendments has been proposed by the Rapporteurs, while three other Committees (ECON, IMCO, EMPL) have adopted their opinions. The vote in plenary is expected for November.



GENDER ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF NATIONAL ROMA INCLUSION STRATEGIES

Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: **Livia Járóka** (EPP)



The [draft report](#) builds on the lessons of the first stage of the European framework for national Roma inclusion strategies and points out the need to strengthen gender mainstreaming in the implementation. Specific measures targeting Roma women, such as tailored programmes for the active inclusion of Roma women in the labour market, health initiatives or tackling factors of impoverishment, are identified as measures to better address their situation in the member states. The vote on the 107 amendments tabled to this draft report and on the final opinion of EMPL committee is foreseen to take place at this committee meeting.

**DEBRIEFING FROM THE FEMM-DELEGATION
TO CROATIA AND HUNGARY, 19 - 20
SEPTEMBER 2013**

Exchange of views

The FEMM-delegation visited Croatia and Hungary on 19-20 September 2013. This delegation was meant to provide an input to the [own initiative report](#) on gender aspects of the European Framework of National Inclusion Strategies (rapporteur Livia Járóka) and as a follow up to a public hearing held on 18 September, jointly with the Civil Liberties Committee, on the same topic. The delegation took place mainly in the neighbouring regions of the two countries, respectively Croatia and Hungary where most of the disadvantaged Roma are concentrated. The objective of this delegation was to visit Roma settlements situated in the two countries and to meet relevant stakeholders, including NGOs representatives.

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING (PECH/FEMM) -
SPECIFIC ACTIONS IN THE COMMON
FISHERIES POLICY FOR DEVELOPING THE
ROLE OF WOMEN**

The joint hearing is structured into three panels. The first panel will focus on the current situation and future perspectives of women in European fisheries and aquaculture, the second panel will deal with European Fisheries Fund programmes benefiting women, and the third section will be devoted to women's networks and association.

The hearing will be held on Monday, 14 October 2013, from 16.00 to 18.30 in the premises of the European Parliament, Bâtiment József Antall (JAN), room 6Q2.

To get more information about the programme and the registration please [click here](#).

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES - COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS
AND GENDER EQUALITY
14.10.2013
JÓZSEF ANTALL BUILDING - BRUSSELS
16.00-18.30 ROOM: JAN 6Q2

**DEVELOPING
THE ROLE
OF WOMEN
IN EUROPEAN
FISHERIES AND
AQUACULTURE**

Chairs:
Gabriel MATO ADROVER
Mikael GUSTAFSSON

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Details of the next meeting

21 October 2013, 19.00-20.30, Strasbourg