# Amendments relevant to #HalfOfIt

# **Gender Mainstreaming**

#### **RRF**

- Recital 2a
  - Article 2 and 8 of the Treaty provides that, in all its activities, the Union shall aim to eliminate inequalities, and to promote equality between men and women. Gender mainstreaming, including gender budgeting, should therefore be implemented in all policies and regulations of the EU.
- Recital 5a
  - Women have been at the forefront of the COVID-19 crisis, forming the majority of healthcare workers across the EU, and balancing unpaid care work with their employment responsibilities, made increasingly difficult for single parents, 85% of which are women. Investment in robust care infrastructure is also essential in order to ensure gender equality, women's economic empowerment, build resilient societies, combat precarious conditions in a female dominated sector, boost high-quality job creation, prevent poverty and social exclusion and allows more women to take part in paid work.
- Recital 16
  - The Plans should contain a transversal gender section including, inter alia, mandatory gender impact assessments and ex post checks, gender proofing and requirements regarding gender balance and equal pay related to all economic activities supported by the plans. Member States should also ensure the collection of gender-disaggregated data and gender budgeting for the national plans.

### TSI

- <Amend>Amendment <NumAm>87</NumAm>
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- <DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>
- <a href="#"><Article>Recital 4</article></a>

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is the framework to identify national reform priorities and monitor their implementation. Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform

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(4) At Union level, the European Semester of economic policy coordination is *principal in* the framework to identify national reform priorities *in the economic and social policy areas* and monitor their implementation. *The European Parliament has stated that socially* 

priorities. Those strategies are presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priorities to be supported by national and/or Union funding. They should also serve to use Union funding in a coherent manner and to maximise the added value of the financial support to be received notably from the programmes supported by the Union under the structural and cohesion funds, and from other programmes.

responsible reforms in the context of the European Semester must be based on solidarity, integration, social justice and a fair distribution of wealth and income, thereby creating a model that ensures equality, equal opportunities and social protection, protects vulnerable groups and improves living standards for all citizens, which are key principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights. A particular focus should be put on Gender Equality, since women have been hit especially hard by economic consequences of the Covid-19 crisis, as highlighted by EU agencies such as the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC). Member States develop their own national multiannual investment strategies in support of those reform priorities. Those strategies are presented alongside the yearly National Reform Programmes as a way to outline and coordinate priorities to be supported by national and/or Union funding.

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<NumAm>8</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation/DocAmend>
<Article>Recital 8</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The general objective of the technical support instrument should be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by supporting Member States efforts to implement reforms necessary to achieve *economic and social recovery*, resilience and convergence. *To that effect, it should* support the strengthening of the administrative capacity of the Member States to implement Union law, in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

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The general objective of the (8) Technical Support Instrument should be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by supporting Member States' efforts to implement reforms and investments that will support a sustainable and fair economic, social and genderequal recovery beyond the COVID-19 pandemic necessary to achieve resilience and convergence, to effectively address the country-specific recommendations adopted in the context of the European Semester and to support the strengthening of the administrative capacity of the Member States to implement Union law, in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

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### <NumAm>26</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation/DocAmend>
<Article>Article 3 – paragraph 1</Article>

# Text proposed by the Commission

The general objective of the instrument shall be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by supporting Member States efforts to implement reforms necessary to achieve *economic and social recovery*, resilience and upward economic and social convergence, and to support Member States' efforts to strengthen their administrative capacity to implement Union law in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors.

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The general objective of the instrument shall be to promote the Union's economic, social and territorial cohesion by supporting Member States efforts to implement reforms and encourage investment that will support a sustainable and fair economic, social and gender equal recovery beyond the COVID-19 pandemic necessary to achieve resilience and upward economic and social convergence, to effectively address the country-specific recommendations adopted in the context of the European Semester, and to support Member States' efforts to strengthen their administrative capacity to implement Union law in relation to challenges faced by institutions, governance, public administration, and economic and social sectors and to implement policy objectives in line with the commitments of the Union and of Member States in the context of the Paris Agreement, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the European Pillar of Social Rights.

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<NumAm>29</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>
<Article>Article 5 - paragraph 1 - point a</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) public financial and asset management, budget process, macro-fiscal framework, debt and cash management, expenditure and tax policy, tax compliance, (a) modern and effective administrative structures and information management systems for public financial and asset management, budget process, aggressive tax planning, tax fraud and evasion and revenue administration and customs union; including gender budgeting, macro-fiscal framework, debt and cash management, expenditure and tax policy, tax compliance, for fighting aggressive tax planning, tax fraud and evasion and revenue administration and customs union;

### **JTM**

<a href="#"><Amend>Amendment</a> <a href="#">NumAm>71</a>/NumAm><a href="#">RepeatBlock-By><a href="#">Nembers>Henrike Hahn</a>/Members><a href="#">AuNomDe>{Greens/EFA}on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group</a>/AuNomDe><a href="#"></a>/RepeatBlock-By><a href="#">DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</a>/DocAmend>

Text proposed by the Commission

<Article>Recital 5 b (new)

Amendment

The horizontal principles as set out in Article 3 of the Treaty on the European Union ('TEU') and in Article 10 of the TFEU, including principles of subsidiarity and proportionality as set out in Article 5 of the TEU should be respected in the implementation of the Facility, taking into account the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Member States should also respect the obligations of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and ensure accessibility in line with its article 9 and in accordance with the Union law harmonising accessibility requirements for products and services. The Facility should not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation or exclusion, or support infrastructure which is inaccessible to persons with a disability. Member States and the Commission should aim at eliminating inequalities and at promoting equality between men and women and integrating the gender perspective, as well as at combating discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability,

### age or sexual orientation.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5c)The Member States and the Commission should ensure that the implementation of the Facility contributes to the respect and the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU. Evaluations have shown the importance of taking the gender equality objectives into account in all dimensions and in all stages of the preparation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of operational programmes, in a timely and consistent manner and therefore requires gender impact assessments, gender budgeting and monitoring of results from a gender perspective to be part of the programming cycle.

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

Amendment

The Commission shall, by means of

implementing acts, establish the guidelines on how to conduct the impact assessment referred to in point (da) of paragraph 1 and to specify the content and format of the information and data to be provided. These guidelines shall be developed in cooperation with the implementing partners and after consulting the relevant experts and stakeholders, in particular national women's organisations from Member States.

# **Gender Impact Assessment**

### **RRF**

- Article 14a
  - 6. Investment and reform measures supported by the Facility shall respect the principle of gender equality and shall ensure a gender-balanced impact with regards to employment effects and financial benefits, with a view to balance investments in female- and male-dominated sectors, including investments in the Care Economy. The aggregated effect of measures in national plans shall be accounted for in national gender impact assessments submitted to the Commission and shall be an essential component of the evaluation of the Facility;
- Article 15 cb
  - a gender impact assessment of the plan, in-line with the objectives outlined in the Gender Equality Strategy, to effectively address the negative impact of the crisis on gender equality, in particular by ensuring highquality job creation for women, the reduction of the gender pay gap and access to credit for women entrepreneurs, and through measures to prevent and combat gender-based violence and sexual harassment;
- Article 16
  - 2. The Commission shall also require a gender impact assessment of the plan carried out by an independent expert or proceed to such an assessment itself.
  - 3. (be) whether the gender equality plan included in the recovery and resilience plan effectively addresses the impact of gender issues emerging in the crisis and ensures gender equality, in particular in the area of employment, equal pay and access to finance, as well as whether it includes measures to prevent and combat gender-based and domestic violence and sexual harassment;

### TSI

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<NumAm>43</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>
<Article>Article 7 - paragraph 1 - point g</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) studies, research, analyses and surveys, evaluations and impact assessments, and the development and publication of guides, reports and educational material; (g) studies, research, analyses and surveys, *feasibility studies*, evaluations and *impact assessments, including gender* impact assessments, *technical projects and documentation* and the development and

publication of guides, reports and educational material;

#### **JTM**

Text proposed by the Commission

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<Article>Recital 5 c (new)

Amendment

The Member States and the (5c)Commission should ensure that the implementation of the Facility contributes to the respect and the promotion of equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU. Evaluations have shown the importance of taking the gender equality objectives into account in all dimensions and in all stages of the preparation, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of operational programmes, in a timely and consistent manner and therefore requires gender impact assessments, gender budgeting and monitoring of results from a gender perspective to be part of the programming cycle.

(d a) the projects have been subject to a gender impact assessment;

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# **Gender Disaggregated Data**

### **RRF**

- Recital 36
  - Spending under the Facility should be subject to a discharge procedure by the European Parliament. Data collected for monitoring purposes shall be collected disaggregated by gender and by income levels.
- Article 23
  - 2. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring the implementation of the activities and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner and disaggregated by gender and income levels. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funding.

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<NumAm>41</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>
<Article>Article 7 - paragraph 1 - point d</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) collection of data and statistics, development of common methodologies and, where appropriate, indicators or Amendment

(d) collection of data and statistics, including gender disaggregated data, monitoring of eligible reforms, development of common methodologies, including gender and climate mainstreaming and tracking, and, where appropriate, indicators or benchmarks;

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benchmarks;

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<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation/DocAmend>
<Article>Article 14 - paragraph 2/Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring the implementation of the instrument and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner. To that end,

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2. The performance reporting system shall ensure that data for monitoring the implementation of the instrument and results are collected efficiently, effectively, and in a timely manner *and*, *whenever* 

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possible, in a gender-disaggregated form. To that end, proportionate reporting requirements shall be imposed on recipients of Union funding.

### **Dedicated Shares**

### **Invest EU**

Amendment <NumAm>336</NumAm>

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<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>

<Article>Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point c</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (c) an SME policy window which comprises access to and the availability of finance primarily for SMEs, including for innovative SMEs and SMEs operating in the cultural and creative sectors, as well as for small mid-cap companies;
- (c) an SME policy window which comprises access to and the availability of finance primarily for SMEs, including for innovative SMEs and SMEs operating in the cultural and creative sectors, as well as for small mid-cap companies, at least 30% of the volume of loans under this policy window shall be attributed to women led SME's;

<Amend>Amendment <NumAm>149</NumAm>

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<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation/DocAmend>

<Article>Recital 21 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21 a) Article 8 of the TFEU lays down the principle for gender mainstreaming in all EU activities. A proper implementation of gender mainstreaming requires the allocation of adequate resources and transparency in the budges lines dedicated to promote gender equality and to combat gender discrimination. The InvestEU Programme should integrate the gender perspective in all its workings and decision making processes, make sure that committees and projects teams are gender balanced and ensure that the

implementation of this fund contributes to the promotion of gender equality in compliance with EU gender mainstreaming obligations. The projects funded under InvestEU should promote equality between women and men, in particular in research and innovation, by addressing the underlying causes of gender imbalance, by exploiting the full potential of both female and male researchers, and by integrating the gender dimension in the research and innovation content; as well as by paying particular attention to ensuring gender balance in evaluation panels and in other relevant advisory and expert bodies. Activities should also aim at implementation of principles relating to equality between women and men as laid down in Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty of the European Union, in Article 8 TFEU and Directive 2006/54/EC on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation.

### **Care Economy**

#### **TSI**

<Amend>Amendment

<NumAm>10</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>
<Article>Recital 10</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

(10)With a view to helping Member States address reform needs in all the key economic and societal areas, technical support should continue to be provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare. Specific emphasis should be given to the actions that foster the green and digital transitions.

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With a view to helping Member (10)States address reform needs in all the key economic and societal areas, technical support should continue to be provided by the Commission, upon request from a Member State, in a broad range of policy domains, which include areas related to public financial and asset management, institutional and administrative reform, business environment, the financial sector, markets for products, services and labour, education and training, sustainable development, public health and social welfare and child care, as well as the development of infrastructure in these domains. Specific emphasis should be given to the actions that foster the green and digital transitions. The Technical Support Instrument should also encourage the convergence towards the accession to the euro area of the Member States whose currency is not the euro.

<Amend>Amendment <NumAm>193</NumAm>

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<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation

<Article>Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- (1a) 'sustainable reforms' means measures that:
- (i) modify in a lasting and sustainable way the structure of an economy, the institutional and regulatory framework in which societies operate, and the ability of

public services in particular schools and childcare institutions as well as healthcare services, public administration and civil society to adapt to change, including improving their resilience to crises;

- (ii) enhance cohesion, convergence and reduce the regional disparities in accordance with Article 174; and
- (iii) are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially the fifth goal concerning the gender equality, the Paris Agreement, and the European Pillar of Social Rights;

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<NumAm>32</NumAm>

<DocAmend>Proposal for a regulation</DocAmend>
<Article>Article 5 - paragraph 1 - point d</Article>

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) education and training, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, up- and re-skilling, in particular digital skills, media literacy, active citizenship, the fight against poverty and excessive income inequality, gender equality, the promotion of social inclusion, adequate and inclusive social security and social welfare systems, accessible and affordable public health and healthcare systems, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

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(d) education, *life-long learning* and training, *youth policies*, labour market policies, including social dialogue, for the creation of jobs, up- and re-skilling, in particular digital skills, media literacy, active citizenship, the fight against poverty and excessive income inequality, gender equality, the promotion of social inclusion, *accessible* and inclusive social security and social welfare systems, accessible and affordable public health, healthcare systems *and child care*, as well as cohesion, asylum, migration and border policies;

# **RRF**

- Article 14a
  - 6. Investment and reform measures supported by the Facility shall respect the
    principle of gender equality and shall ensure a gender-balanced impact with
    regards to employment effects and financial benefits, with a view to balance
    investments in female- and male-dominated sectors, including investments in

the Care Economy. The aggregated effect of measures in national plans shall be accounted for in national gender impact assessments submitted to the Commission and shall be an essential component of the evaluation of the Facility;

### Recital 5a

• Women have been at the forefront of the COVID-19 crisis, forming the majority of healthcare workers across the EU, and balancing unpaid care work with their employment responsibilities, made increasingly difficult for single parents, 85% of which are women. Investment in robust care infrastructure is also essential in order to ensure gender equality, women's economic empowerment, build resilient societies, combat precarious conditions in a female dominated sector, boost high-quality job creation, prevent poverty and social exclusion and allows more women to take part in paid work.

### Article 4 a

• 6.Investment and reform measures supported by the Facility shall respect the principle of gender equality and shall ensure a gender-balanced impact with regards to employment effects and financial benefits, with a view to balance investments in female- and male-dominated sectors, including investments in the Care Economy. The aggregated effect of measures in national plans shall be accounted for in national gender impact assessments submitted to the Commission and shall be an essential component of the evaluation of the Facility;