

# **Report of the Gender Working Group**

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**1. The “Roadmap towards women's rights and gender equality of the EU” was finalized. Guest: Elisabeth Horstkötter, advisor in the Green Group in the EP.**

**The roadmap consists of the green key points and demands to the European Commission and the EP concerning womens rights: binding targets in gender mainstreaming, equal representation in economic and political life, job creation, conciliation of work and family life, zero tolerance towards violence, integration matters, women in peace prevention...**

**Gender Budgeting and best practise models (Sweden, Austria) were discussed more deeply. Participants should reply within 2 weeks after the GWG (directly to [Elisabeth.horstkoetter@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:Elisabeth.horstkoetter@europarl.europa.eu)), then the text will be published.**

**2. The next GWG in Barcelona march 2009 was prepared. Topics will be: Beijing + 15 (we want to invite a guest on this topic), gender aspects of the economic and social crises, equal pay for work of equal value. A smaller working group to elaborate a resolution for Barcelona was established.**

**3. The gender aspects of the resolution and the amendments for the council in Malmö were discussed. Both amendments by the Austria Greens concerning the “Future of the EGP” (gender balance and future of the working groups) will be supported by the GWG. The GWG again pointed out that gender balance does not mean 40 : 60 but 50 : 50. The next committee should put effort in changing the EGP statutes.**

**The GWG also criticized that the gender aspect is not included automatically in the EGP papers. This is not a satisfying situation - especially because the EGP has adopted several resolutions during the last years (as indicated in the EGP Gender Report) that suggest automatic gender checks for all EGP papers.**

**4. Finally the GWG urges for fun and motivation in gender policy!**