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Gender Budgeting in the European Union

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Key Topics

- Gender mainstreaming of EU policies
- The concept of gender budgeting
- Gender budgeting in the Member States
- Gender budgeting within the context of the EU budgetary process



Gender mainstreaming of EU policies

The meaning of gender mainstreaming

A gender perspective should be integrated into every stage of the policy process of all Community activities and policies

– design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation –

with a view to promoting equality between men and women.



Gender mainstreaming of EU policies

Main Legal Basis

- EC Treaty
- Sector Specific legal bases

Commission Communication

- A Roadmap for equality between women and men, 2006-2010



The concept of gender budgeting

The meaning of gender budgeting

- An application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process
- Not about establishing separate budgets or spending an equal amount of the budget on men and women
- To meet the differentiated needs of men and women
- Main rationale: increase gender equality



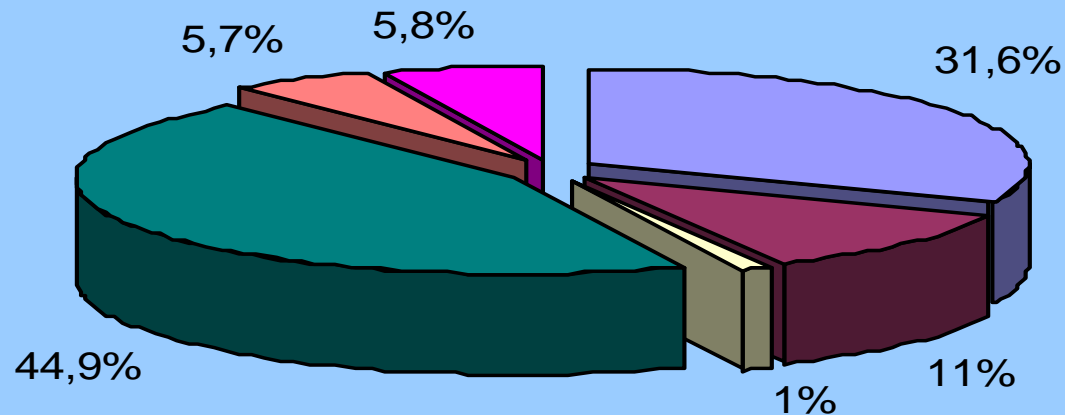
Gender budgeting in the Member States

What is happening in the Member States?

- Interesting and successful initiatives are developing in several Member States
- No single template exists – different approaches are developing within different contexts



What is the budget of 129 billion spent on?



Market - oriented agriculture and high - quality food products

Rural development, fisheries and the environment

Other expenditures including administration

Competitiveness and knowledge - based economy

Cohesion across regions

Health, consumer rights and public dialogue

Safety and security in Europe

Sustainable development, peace and security around the world



Specificities of the EU Budget

- Some gender sensitive policy areas are not the competence of the Commission
- A multi-annual financial framework
- A multitude of different actors
- A system of Activity-Based Budgeting



Main results of the Commission's feasibility study on gender budgeting

- The key aims of gender budgeting are consistent with Commission's policies on gender mainstreaming and better regulation
- Gender specific information is present in the EU budgetary process but not systematically captured
- Several options concerning focus and scope, awareness raising and information gathering, co/ordination structure and strategy