

Panel Discussion

Budgeting for Women's Rights: Where is the commitment?

Gender and development in the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

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Women's organizations play a crucial role in advancing women's human rights, yet they are marginalized when it comes to the distribution of resources. "Gender responsive budgeting" would be a tool to meet women's needs, but how does the reality in EU development politics look like?

In this discussion, experiences of civil society organisations, especially of women's rights organisations in developing countries, will be shared. Do they have access to EU funding? Are feminist organizations included in political dialogue processes with EU institutions? Are women's needs on the ground taken into account? Which lessons can be drawn for the implementation of the EU Gender Action Plan until 2020, as well as for the negotiations of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)?

The panelists will expose their views on how to advocate for the allocation of a maximum of available resources for targeted action as a meaningful contribution to fulfil women's rights and reach the SDGs.

Panelists:

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