

**Question for written answer E-001146/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Imposing gender budgeting and ideological priorities at the expense of the real needs of European citizens

In line with the recent Commission Communication on the Gender Equality Strategy 2026-2030, there are plans to further integrate the gender dimension into the EU budget and develop guidelines for tracking related expenditure in the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

However, the concept of gender budgeting implies a reallocation of public resources based on ideological criteria and not on immediate social and economic needs. In particular at a time when European households and businesses are struggling with increased energy costs, high prices and general financial pressure.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Why does it choose to promote gender budgeting as a fiscal policy tool at a time when European citizens have immediate and pressing needs in light of the energy crisis and high prices?
2. What is the total estimated cost of implementing gender budgeting monitoring and integration mechanisms at Union and Member State level?
3. Does the Commission intend to reallocate resources from critical sectors – such as energy, industry or household support – to finance these policies?

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