

NEWSLETTER

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY - April 2009 -

Meetings agendas in brief

- ✓ Maternity leave directive - 16 April
- ✓ Budget 2010 - Section III - Commission - 16 April
- ✓ Public Hearing on "Women in Turkey" - 30 April

Details of the meetings:

Thursday 16 April 2009
0900-11.00

Thursday 30 April 2009
0900-11.00

The FEMM committee will organise a public hearing on the Role of women in Turkey in the social, economic and political life. This is the third public hearing in this mandate period. FEMM has adopted two initiative reports focusing on women in Turkey with Emine Bozkurt (PSE) as Rapporteur. State Minister of Women's and Children's Affairs in Turkey, Nimet Çubukçu, has been invited. Other speakers are Yakin Ertürk, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, Yeşim Arat, Bogazixi University, Istanbul, and Nebahat Akkoç, President of Ka-mer.

DRAFT REPORT

Maternity leave directive

FEMM will vote the 136 amendments to the proposed Directive on maternity leave. These amendments show the FEMM Members' wish to further improve the Commission's proposal in a way to guarantee an optimal situation for mothers and children, including possibilities for both mothers and fathers to reconcile work, private and family life. Many amendments aim to guarantee an income equivalent to full salary during maternity leave and to adapt mother working patterns to the family situation.

Adoption in committee: 16 April

Adoption in plenary: May

DRAFT OPINION

Budget 2010 - Section III - Commission Rapporteur:

Edit Bauer (EPP-ED)

Edit Bauer (EPP-ED) will present her draft opinion.

Adoption in committee: 1 September, in plenary 20 October

REPORT

Equal treatment for self-employed workers & their spouses (Rapporteur: Astrid Lulling PPE-ED)

The amendments to the Commission proposal by the Rapporteur, were adopted in FEMM by 23 in favor and 2 abstentions. The report aims at ensuring equal treatment and better maternity protection for independent workers by introducing a mandatory registration of assisting spouses and their affiliation to social security systems.

Adoption in plenary: May

PUBLIC HEARING

"Role of women in social, economic and political life in Turkey" 30 April



The role of women in Turkey in social, economic and political life

Chairperson: Anna ZABORSKA

Thursday 30 April 2009
9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Room ASP 3G2, Brussels

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