



## Conference: “Gender Budgeting in the ESF – Opportunities, Examples and Limits”



**The European Community of Practice on Gender Mainstreaming (Gender-CoP) and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), Germany, would like to invite you to the Expert Conference “Gender Budgeting in the ESF – Opportunities, Examples and Limits” in Berlin on September 27, 2012.**

Equality between women and men has gained in importance in the Structural Funds, and in particular in the European Social Fund, following the mandatory implementation of the Gender Mainstreaming strategy and specific actions over the last three programming periods.

Gender Budgeting is a central approach in order to support the implementation of the Gender Mainstreaming strategy within the Structural Funds. The interest in implementing Gender Budgeting in the structural fund programming period 2014+ has increased, and Member States have started to create framework conditions for the implementation of the Gender Budgeting approach. However, there are still very few approaches to Gender Budgeting Strategies in the structural policy by EU institutions, Member States or Regions. In order to enhance the use of Gender Budgeting in the Structural Funds, this conference aims to:

- Highlighting Gender Budgeting as good practice and as a useful and feasible approach to support the Gender Mainstreaming strategy within the ESF
- Promoting the transfer of experience and results of the Gender Budgeting strategy in the ESF in the Member States and Regions of the EU
- Elaborate recommendations for the implementation of Gender Budgeting for the structural fund programming period 2014+.

Within the framework of the Expert Conference the debates will focus on the experience already gained with the Gender Budgeting strategy in the ESF as well as on approaches going beyond the ESF; joint recommendations will also be elaborated for the implementation of the strategy during the next structural fund programming period.

We would be pleased to welcome you in Berlin on September 27, 2012!

# Programme

**Facilitation:** Vicki Donlevy, Ecorys, United Kingdom (tbc)

- 10.00 a.m.      **Registration**
- 10.30 a.m.      **Opening speeches**  
**Wolfgang Husemann**, Head of department "European Funds for Employment", Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany, **Manuela Geleng**, Head of Unit "ESF policy, legislation and financial engineering", European Commission, DG Employment, **Anna Tengqvist**, coordinator of the Gender-CoP
- 11.00 a.m.      **Key note: Gender Budgeting as a strategy towards gender equality in Europe - shaping transformation processes and framework conditions**  
**Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer**, Austria
- 11.30 a.m.      **Gender Budgeting within the national German ESF Operational Programme**  
**Susanne Strehle**, Head of Unit "ESF Implementation", Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs, Germany
- 11.50 a.m.      **Implementation of Gender Budgeting within the Federal German ESF**  
**Dr. Regina Frey & Benno Savioli**, Agency for Gender Equality within the ESF, Germany
- 12.20 p.m.      **Monitoring requirements for Gender Budgeting within the ESF**  
**Dr. Markus Maimann-Kaup**, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany
- 12.40 p.m.      **Panel discussion and open floor**  
**Dr. Elisabeth Klatzer, Susanne Strehle, Dr. Regina Frey, Benno Savioli, Dr. Markus Maimann-Kaup**
- 13.15 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 14.15 p.m.      **Parallel Workshops**
- Workshop I**  
Different approaches of Gender Budgeting
- Workshop II**  
Framework conditions and success factors for successful Gender Budgeting
- Workshop III**  
Gender Budgeting and Monitoring
- Workshop IV**  
Gender Budgeting and gender sensitive governance
- 16.15 p.m.      **Coffee break and "Gallery" with results and recommendations from the workshops**
- 16.45 p.m.      **Closing remarks related to the results and recommendations of the conference and perspectives of Gender Budgeting within the Structural Funds Period 2014+**  
Anna Tengqvist, Gender-CoP
- 17.00 p.m.      **End of the conference**

## Practical information

**DATE:** September 27, 2012, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**VENUE:** Visitor and Conference Centre (Besucher- und Konferenzzentrum) BMAS, Kleisthaus, Mauerstrasse 53, 10117 Berlin, Germany. Find detailed directions to the venue on <http://www.gendercop.com/gb-conf2012/>

**TARGET GROUPS:** Managing Authorities of the Member States/Regions; Decision-makers of the EU Commission and the European Parliament; National decision-makers for the implementation of the structural funds, ESF Heads of Mission and Programme Managers as well as experts in charge of monitoring and evaluation, Representatives of the social partners, non-governmental organisations and gender equality organisations on the monitoring committees; Representatives of national and international gender equality organisations and networks; Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting experts; Scientists

**CONFERENCE LANGUAGE:** English

**REGISTRATION:** Please, register online not later than *September 20, 2012*, on <https://www.anmeldung.bmas.de>. Code: **ESF-genderbudgeting**

**HOTEL RESERVATION:** Conference participants are offered a special rate at the "Titanic Comfort Hotel Berlin Mitte", [www.titanic-hotels.com](http://www.titanic-hotels.com) (68-83 Euros/night, breakfast included). Please make your reservation before *August 29, 2012* on: Tel. +49 30 76 77 18 70 Fax +49 30 76 77 18 720 E-mail [J.Benyskiewicz@titanic-hotels.de](mailto:J.Benyskiewicz@titanic-hotels.de). Booking code: **ESF Gender**.

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