

“Gender budgeting is a prerequisite for policies that aim to ensure equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities for all people.”

Barbara Prammer

Public spending – such as on playgrounds, public transport, or social projects – has a profound impact on daily life. For those aiming to advance equality, effective tools are essential, and gender budgeting is one such powerful instrument. Where does funding go, who benefits, and how can budgets be made gender-inclusive?

Austria became the first country worldwide to include gender budgeting in its constitution. Since 2009, federal, state, and municipal budgets are required to strive for gender equality. Existing international legal frameworks along with the Austrian constitution provide a clear mandate, and this event seeks to bring it to life. Together with experts from the EU, federal, and municipal levels, we will discuss the prerequisites for a feminist and gender-equitable fiscal and budgetary policy.

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The Benefits of Gender Budgeting

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PROGRAMME

09:00	REGISTRATION
10:00	WELCOME REMARKS Andreas Babler , Chair of the SPÖ and Head of the Social Democratic Group in Austrian Parliament
10:15	OPENING TALK Eva-Maria Holzleitner , Chair, Social Democratic Women Doris Bures , President, Karl-Renner-Institute László Andor , Secretary General, FEPS
10:45	KEYNOTE SPEECH Budgeting for Equality: Mapping the transformative potential of gender-responsive budgeting Diane Elson , Professor Emerita, University of Essex
11:15	KEYNOTE SPEECH Gender Budgeting in Austria: Current Landscape and Future Perspectives Katharina Mader , Chief Economist, Momentum Institute
12:00	LUNCH BREAK
13:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS
15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:15	PLENARY CLOSING SESSION
16:00	END OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Moderation till lunch: **Sonja Kato**, www.sonja-kato.at

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

WORKSHOP I

Challenges and opportunities: Embedding Gender Budgeting in Austrian Public Policy

With particular attention to the Austrian case, this session examines the history and evolution of gender budgeting, drawing on successful case studies to highlight key lessons learned. Participants will explore what can be applied to future political and structural negotiations around gender budgeting, identifying challenges and opportunities for advancing gender equality in fiscal policies.

The workshop will also focus on current issues that need close attention, such as ensuring effective implementation and overcoming barriers to gender budgeting while drawing valuable insights from best practices to inform future efforts.

Speakers:

- **Helmut Berger**, Former Head of the Parliamentary Budget Service
- **Elfriede Fritz**, Legal Expert, Former Chair of the Equal Treatment Group in the Federal Ministry of Finance
- **Marina Hanke**, Member of Vienna State Parliament and Chair of Vienna SPÖ Women
- **Jana Schultheiss**, Economist, Chamber of Labour

Facilitation: Janine Heinz,
Social Democratic Group in Austrian Parliament

WORKSHOP II

Driving Progress and Overcoming Challenges: The European Parliament's Role in Advancing Gender Budgeting

This session will explore how the European Parliament influences the adoption and implementation of gender budgeting across member states.

The workshop will address both the successes and obstacles in promoting gender equality through fiscal policies, including legislative initiatives, funding priorities, and advocacy efforts.

Speakers:

- **Marion Böker**, Director, Consultancy On Human Rights & Gender Issues
- **Elisabeth Grossmann**, Member of the European Parliament (S&D, Austria), Substitute in the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee

Facilitation: Ruth Manninger,
Social Democratic Women

PANEL DISCUSSION

Gender Budgeting at Local and Global Levels: Lessons from Municipalities and International Bodies

By examining successful initiatives at the local level, the discussion will highlight how municipalities can serve as testing grounds for innovative gender-responsive policies. At the same time, the panel will look at global frameworks, particularly those of the EU, to identify how international standards and strategies can influence local practices.

Speakers:

- **Annika Dalén**, Gender Equality Officer at the city of Umeå, Sweden
- **Eva-Maria Holzleitner**, Chair, Social Democratic Women
- **Michaela Schatz**, Department of Budget Affairs, Gender Budgeting Unit, City of Vienna
- **Kata Tüttö**, Deputy Mayor of Budapest & member of the European Committee of the Regions
- **Zita Gurmai**, PES Women President

Moderation: Laeticia Thissen,
Senior Policy Analyst, FEPS