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Provincia di Genova

**Notification for the assignment of a European Scholarship for a research project on
“Gender Budgeting”
In memory of Fiorella Ghilardotti**

Introduction

What is Gender Budgeting

Gender Budgeting is a tool of evaluation of the impact of public resources allocation on the life of women and men.

Gender budgeting is therefore a methodology of analysis of budget policies and the impact they have on women and men, which applies an equal opportunity perspective to all the policies, at all levels and phases, from all the subjects generally involved in political decisions with equality, transparency, efficiency and efficaciousness objectives.

The commitment of MP Ghilardotti for the promotion of gender budgeting in the European Union

During her institutional work, MP Fiorella Ghilardotti has introduced in the European Parliament the theory of “gender analysis of public budgets”, one of the subjects indicated in the resolution resulted from the U.N. conference of Beijing in 1995.

In January 2003 the Commission for Women Rights and Equal Opportunities has discussed on the experiences of the Basque government, of the University of Scotland and of Province of Genoa. After that MP Ghilardotti has reported to the European Parliament, asking:

“.... To the Commission, to the member countries, to local and regional governments to implement gender budgeting.... So that gender budgeting strategy becomes a “parliament procedure” inside the European parliament as well as national, regional and local parliaments with special attention to new applying member countries”

“... to member countries to apply and promote the application of instruments and methods of gender budgeting together with gender disaggregated statistics, indicators and benchmark on gender equality in order to promote equality between women and men in programming and applying gender policies and public resources allocation...”

In December 2003 the European Parliament Resolution on Gender Budgeting- analysis of budgets according to a gender perspective- was issued.

The “Schedule for Equality between women and men” (published by E.C. 1/3/2006 and pointed out in the Pact for Gender Priority” attached to the conclusions of Council of 22nd-23rd March) has included the support to “evaluation of gender impact and gender budgeting” among key-actions.

Gender budgeting in Italy

In these years in Italy there have been several occasions for the application of gender analysis to public budgets, that have taken advantage from the input given by the EC, overcoming the lack of national laws.

In 2003 Provinces of Genoa, Modena and Siena have signed an agreement for the exchange of best practices and the diffusion of methodology of analysis to other institutions.

The interest generated by these initiatives has brought to the enlargement of the agreement and to the creation of other protocols of municipalities connected to it: from 2003 to today the provinces of Alessandria, Ancona, Ferrara, Florence, La Spezia, Milan, Parma, Pesaro-Urbino, Turin, and the Municipalities of Aosta, Genoa, Cuneo, Florence, Rimini, Siena, Turin, Sestri Levante, Collegno, Pinerolo has taken part to the agreement for a total of 10,5 mil inhabitants.

The territory networking in Italy has generated interest also at European level because it represents a systematic and coordinated approach among institutions in the application of Gender Budgeting at local level.

The reasons for a scholarship in memory of Fiorella Ghilardotti

The network has been significantly supported by MP Ghilardotti, who has always encouraged and stimulated new and innovative projects.

Besides her unforgettable benevolence, MP Ghilardotti has contributed to the creation of the network with a new political and institutional value system to be applied to any process towards Gender Budgeting in Italy and in Europe.

The proposal to remember MP Ghilardotti with a scholarship for a research project is therefore not only the occasion to honor the person and the politician but it is also the occasion to take advantage from her moral and political heritage, following her commitment towards Gender Budgeting.

Honor Committee

In order to enhance the visibility of the scholarship, the Province of Genoa has set a Honor Committee with: **Mercedes Bresso**, *President of PSE Group to the Committee of Regions*; **Anna Colombo**, *General Secretary of European Parliament Socialist Group*; **Zita Gurmai**, *Vice-president of the European Parliament commission for women rights and gender equality*; **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou**, *Vice-*

president of European Parliament, **Pia Locatelli**, European MP, *President of Socialist International Women*; **Luisa Morgantini**, *Vice-president of the European Parliament*; **Pasqualina Napoletano**, European MP, *Vice-president of the Socialist Group of European Parliament*; **Luisella Pavan-Woolfe**, *Ambassador Representative of the European Commission at the European Council*, **Barbara Pollastrini**, *Ministry for Equal Opportunities*, **Francesca Ratti**, European Parliament Communication Chief Executive, **Rosa Rinaldi**, Employment and Income Assistance Undersecretary, **Amalia Sartori**, European MP, *Presidency of the Group of the European Democrats and Christian Democrats ([Gruppo del Partito popolare europeo \(Democratici-cristiani\) e dei Democratici europei](#))at the European Parliament*, **Margot Wallström**, *Vice-president of European Commission*.

Art. 1

The Scholarship

Province of Genoa, with the network of Municipalities and Provinces adhering to the protocol agreement for the promotion of Gender Budgeting, call for a scholarship at European level for a research on “Gender Budgeting” for the amount of €3.000,00, (pre-taxes)

The amount will be assigned to the winner as follows:

- 1.000 €at the signing of the contract for starting the project
- 1.000 €after six months from the starting of the research, at the presentation of a report on the development of the project.
- 1.000 €at the conclusion of the research.

Art. 2

General Requirements

The project for the assignment of the scholarship can be presented by all European citizens enrolled in post-graduation courses (laurea specialistica), PhD (dottorato di ricerca) or equivalent European studies in the year 2007 and 2008.

The presentation of graduation or doctorate thesis will be admitted. The presentation of collective works will not be admitted.

Art.3

Candidates Documents

Candidates will have to submit the following documents in Italian or English:

- Application containing a synthesis of the project, according to the attached model (attachment 1)
- Short European format CV
- List of publication, if existing
- Presentation letter from a professor supporting the project
- Certificate of enrollment in post graduation courses or PhD or equivalent European studies

Art. 4

Project Contents

Considering the experiences of GB already developed in Europe, the research projects will have to develop new approaches offering a contribution of analysis and knowledge to the GB methodologies already existing

Projects concerning the gender analysis of public budgets at local, regional and national level and proposing methodological as well as innovative approaches will be admitted.

Projects concerning an in-depth analysis of a specific field (e.g. social, employment, culture, sports, transport, etc.) will be admitted as long as they concern the gender analysis of public financial documents.

Candidates can chose the subject to treat (normative aspects, organizational/managerial, in-depth studies, etc.) The concluded and edited research will have to be produced in Italian or English both on paper and information supports.

Art.5

Project Evaluation

The Commission for the Evaluation which will be composed by three officers and experts of the Provincial Administration of Genoa, possibly integrated by an officer of the Provinces and Municipalities of the network mentioned above. The Commission will conclude its work within 60 days after the conclusion of the notification. It will evaluate the projects for the assignment of the scholarship, on the basis of quality, innovation and feasibility criteria.

Art.6

Assignment of the Scholarship

The awarded candidate will be contacted.

The final list of the projects will be published on the website www.provincia.genova.it and www.genderbudget.it

The submitted works will not be returned.

Province of Genoa will be allowed to use the awarded work also for publication under the condition to quote the author.

Art. 7

Presentation of the Application

Applications and attachments will have to be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following wording: *Proposta di progetto di ricerca sul "Gender Budgeting"*, to:

Provincia di Genova

Area Politiche per il Lavoro

Ufficio Sviluppo progetti e ricerca fonti finanziarie

Via Cesarea, 14

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Closing date for submission: 15th February 2008 (as per postmark)

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