

## **Exploring gender oriented policies and their multiplier effects: an empirical exercise with Next Generation EU Funds**

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Although the European Union and member states have developed different social, legal and economic mechanisms in order to eradicate gender inequality, it is an outstanding issue and a matter of relevant concern in our society nowadays. Actually, gender mainstreaming has become one of the priorities in the refunding of the European Union integration project in the aftermaths of the recent economic crisis. In this study we focus on the concept of gender budgeting as commitment tool for the present and coming years in order to give some light on how this goal might be better implemented and achieved. To this aim, we develop a methodological framework based on a multisectorial model computed on the basis of a disaggregated Social Accounting Matrix for Andalusia in 2020, in order to analyze whether alternative gender oriented allocation rules of Next Generation EU funds might impact on labor indicators of a European regional economy, as a counterfactual analysis of the currently approved baseline distribution. After defining several simulation scenarios, we assess the impact of alternative allocation criteria on different educational level groups by gender, as well as their implications in terms of households' consumption. Our results reveal that gender oriented budget policies might positively contribute to reduce the gender gap and report relevant multiplier effects that deserve to be explored.