

Motions

Motion number	9
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	Joanie Willett and Katharina Kley
Member party	Mebyon Kernow, UDB, Plaid Cymru, Patto per l'Autonomia, EA, PNC, Femu a Corsica, ERC, BNG, Més-Compromís, Més per Menorca, PSM, AxSí, SSW, SNP, SP, Nueva Canarias, DPA, DEB, FNP, Siciliani Liberi, LSV, CLT, LZR, YP, Unser Land, Partit Occitan, Oljka, AF
Title [of the Motion]	Women empowerment
<p><u><i>The EFA and EFA parties will take measures to empower women and increase the presence of women at all levels of political representation.</i></u></p> <p><i>a. Considering that democracy without women is not real democracy,</i></p> <p><i>b. Considering that the absence of women in decision-making and leadership is largely a result of inherently biased structures and systems,</i></p> <p><i>c. Considering that discriminatory laws, processes and practices result in greater barriers to political and economic opportunities for girls and women, and consequently, women are less likely than men to have access to the education, contacts and resources needed to become effective leaders,</i></p> <p><i>d. Considering social norms play a part in the creation and maintenance of gender stereotypes that disadvantage girls and women, and the absence of women in decision-making and leadership reinforces stereotypes among the citizenship but also amongst potential candidates, undermining efforts to build the skills and networks women need to change the status quo,</i></p> <p><i>e. Considering that 2023 and 2024 are intense electoral years in most EFA parties,</i></p> <p><i>f. Considering that the European Commission is committed to supporting efforts to promote greater participation of women in the European Parliament elections,</i></p> <p><i>g. Considering that as of 1 January 2022, the global share of women in lower and single houses of national parliaments reached 26.2 per cent, up from 22.4 per cent in 2015 and that at this pace, it would take another 40 years for women and men to be represented equally in national parliaments,</i></p> <p><i>h. Considering the recommendations of the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions on gender balance in member's participation in local, regional, national and European institutions,</i></p> <p><i>i. Considering the upcoming new regulations of the European authority on the financing of European political parties and foundations, and aware of the fact that</i></p>	

the lowest score recorded indicators on gender equality are in power in decision-making,

The European Free Alliance calls for:

- 1. EFA parties to implement mentorship and training programmes to empower women participation in politics at all levels of political representation.*
- 2. EFA parties to*
 - a. Adopt a statement on gender equality in the parties' statutes or founding documents.*
 - b. Adopt internal quotas for women's participation and candidatures.*
 - c. Set targets for women's participation in party congresses or/and conventions.*
 - d. Expand and train the pool of women candidates in skills such as message development media relations or communicating with voters.*
 - e. Promote women in campaign leadership positions.*
 - f. Ensure women's visibility in campaigns by providing them additional media exposure.*
 - g. Identify party positions that are priorities for women, which could also attract more women's vote.*
 - h. Monitor elections, including the recruitment of women as party agents to be present at polling stations.*
 - i. Share experiences with other parties across regions and countries.*
- 3. The EU Institutions to*
 - a. study and promote double preference voting conditioned on gender.*
 - b. give visibility to elected women and women in leadership positions in all their publications, media relations, events, public interventions, ...*
- 4. The media to contribute to change mentalities regarding the role of women and take action against cultural stereotypes.*

Reasoning:

The European Free Alliance as a federation of political parties is committed to make progress in women representation in politics.