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# Gender budgeting in Latin America and the Caribbean: What can we learn from 25 years of history?

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25-year history (Mexico, 1997 - Present)

They emerge as a mechanism to ensure **compliance with commitments** to gender equality and as an instrument to **improve transparency and governance**.

## UN Women

- supports since 2000: Global, regional and country programs (close to 60 initiatives in LAC).
- one of its priority areas of work



**Indicator 5.c.1** *Percentage of countries with systems in place to monitor and allocate public funds for gender equality and women's empowerment*

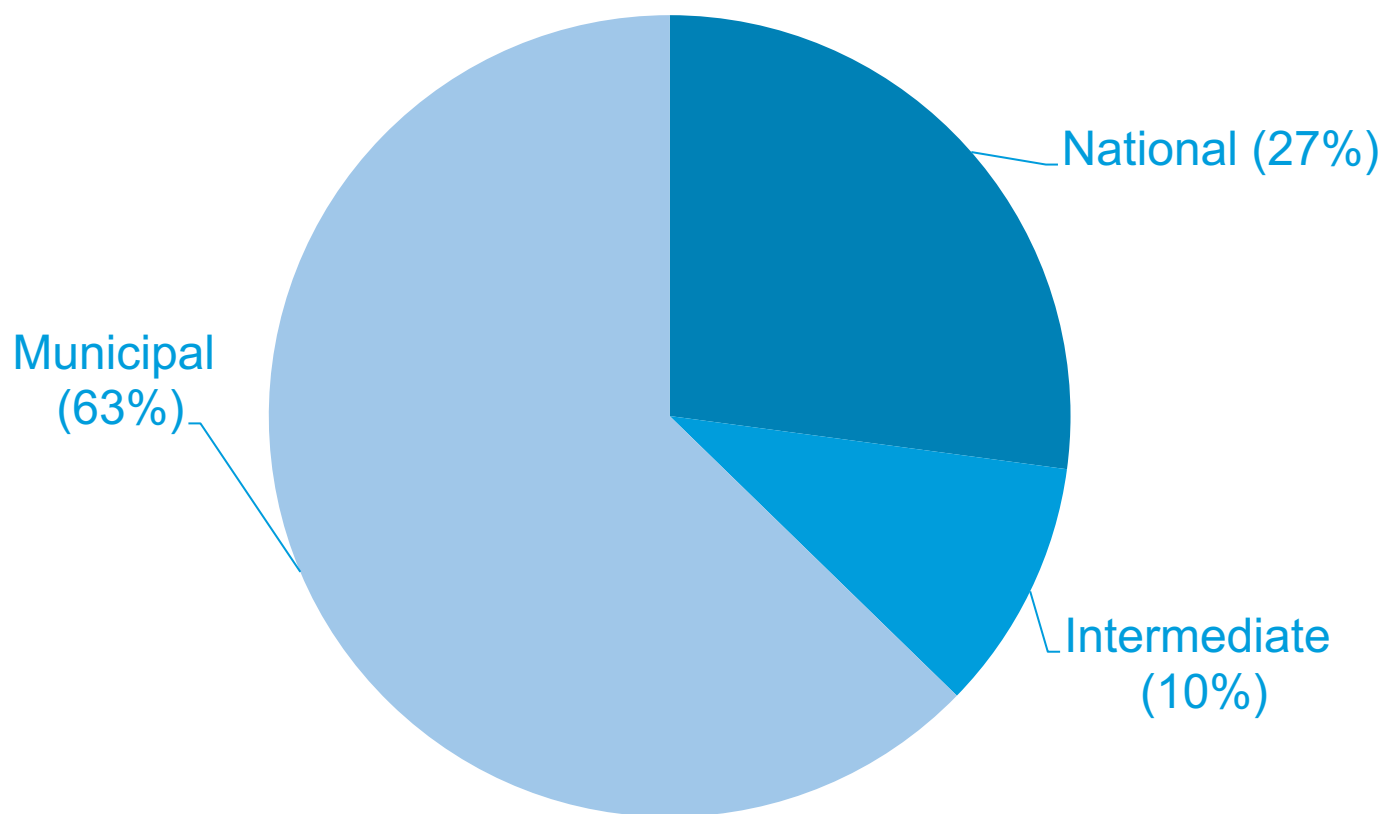
- It measures 3 criteria:

**Criterion 1:** Integration of gender equality objectives/measures in government programs and their respective budget allocations

**Criterion 2:** Integration of gender budgeting in public financial management systems.

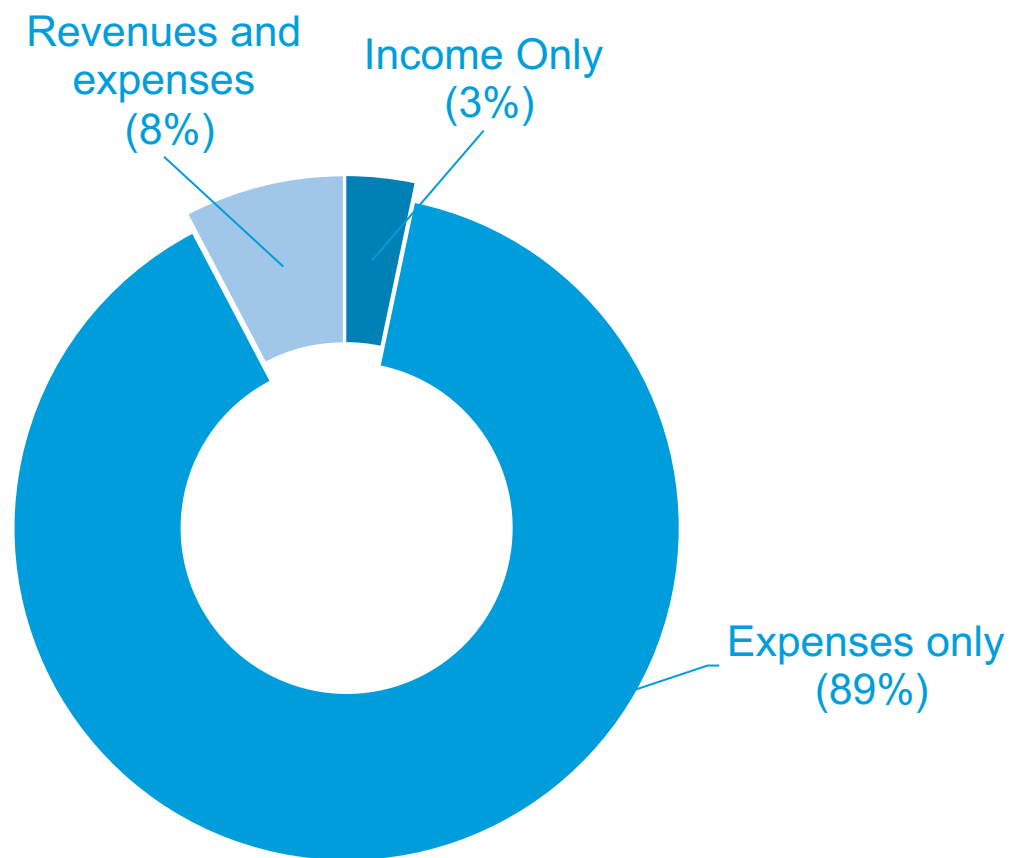
**Criterion 3:** Budget allocations for gender equality are publicly available (transparency).

## TERRITORIAL SCOPE OF THE EXPERIENCES



# Gender Budgeting in Latin America - How are we doing?

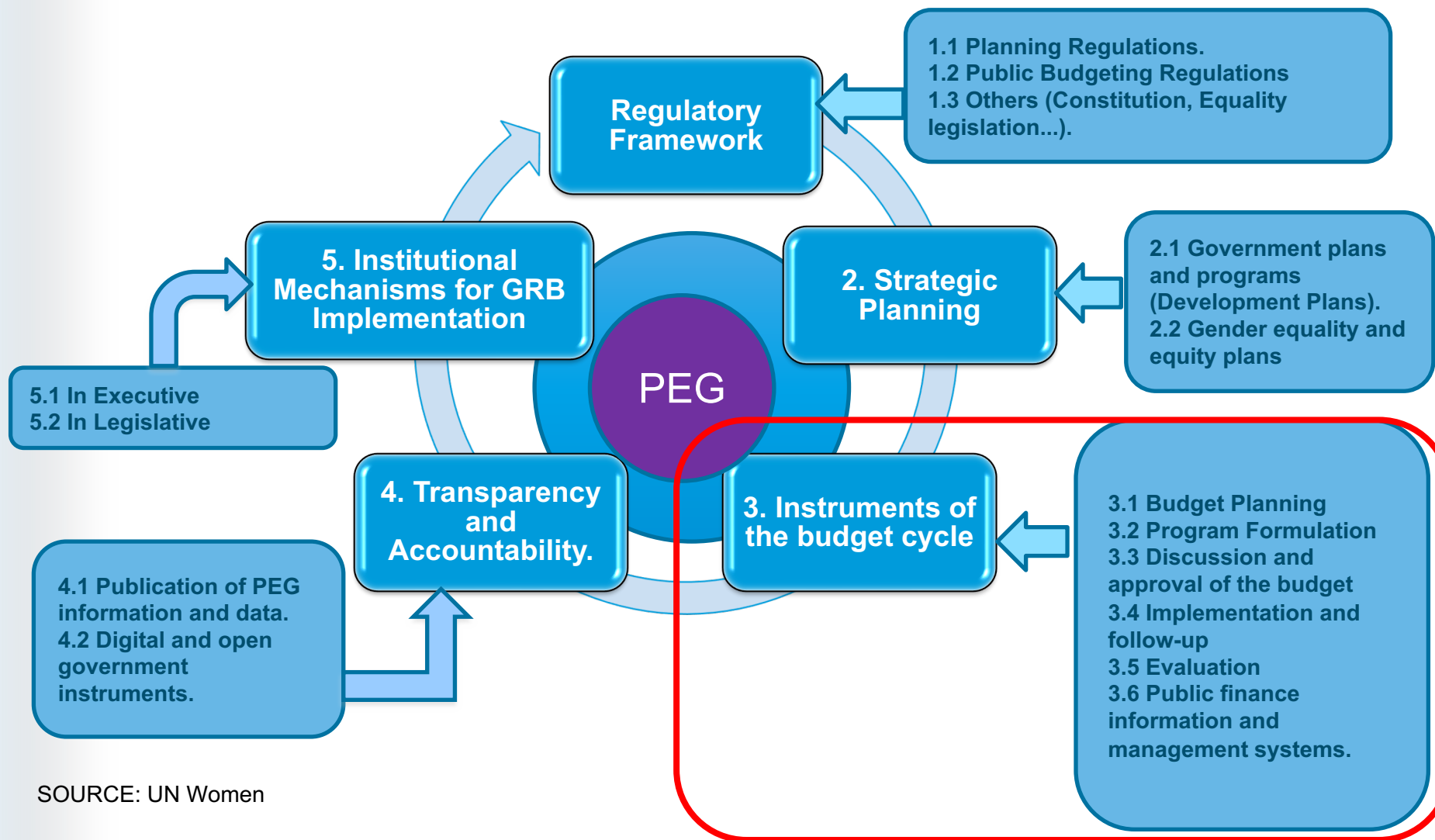
## BUDGETARY SCOPE OF THE INITIATIVES INCOME AND EXPENSES



SOURCE: Coello *Gender budgeting in Latin America: a view from institutionalist and feminist economics*.

# Gender Budgeting in Latin America - What has been done?

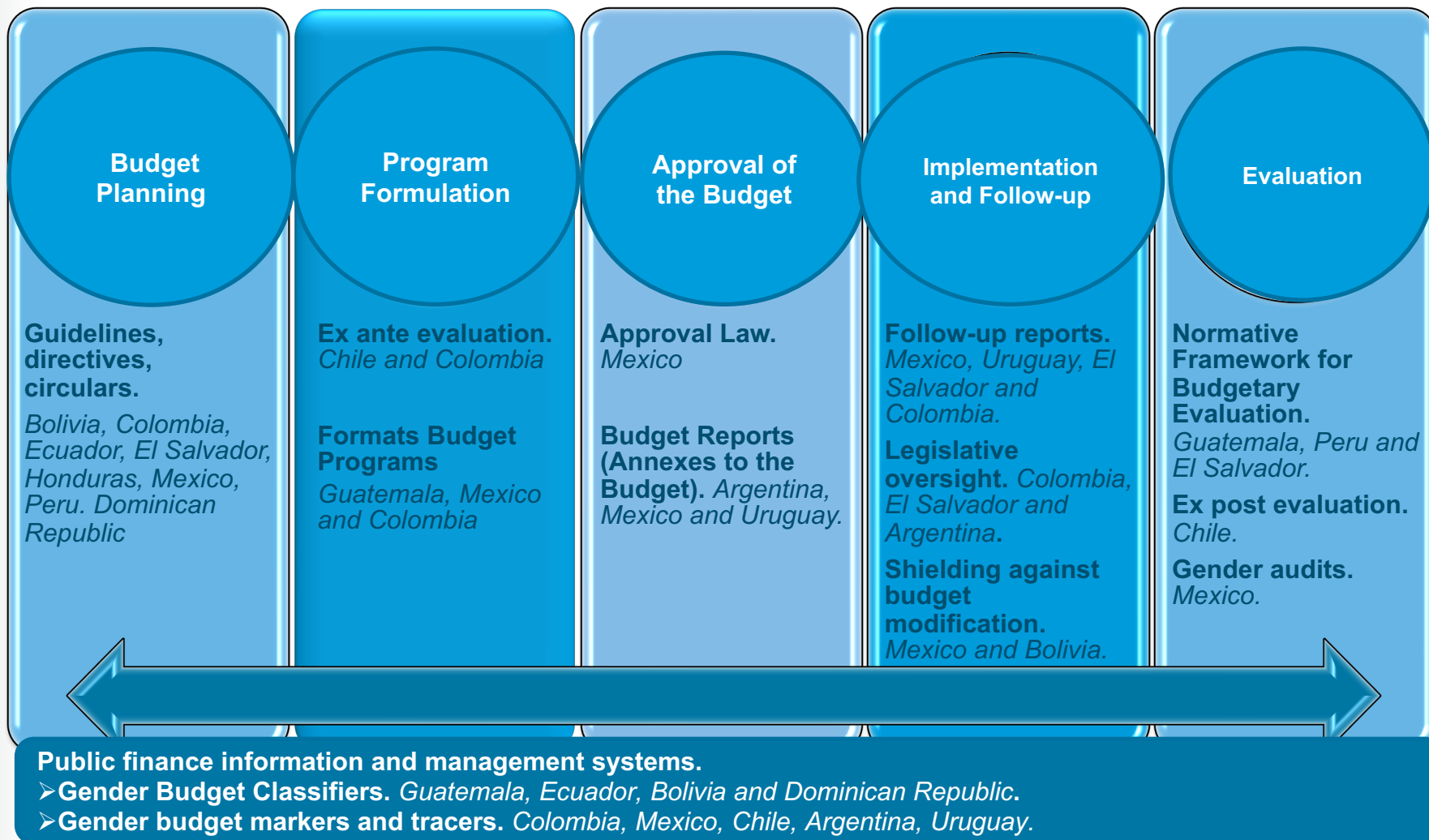
## Roadmap for the Implementation of Gender Responsive Budgeting



# Gender Budgeting in Latin America - What has been done?

## Roadmap for the implementation of Gender-Sensitive Budgeting Budget cycle instruments

SOURCE: UN Women





## Gender Budgeting in Latin America: What have we learned?

- From all the advances in the region, we have sufficient elements to build a roadmap.
- Key role of the Ministries of Economy and Finance and Parliament in influencing budgetary instruments
- Good use of the instruments requires accompaniment. Fundamental role of women's mechanisms.
- Difficulty in assessing impacts
  - ✓ Discontinuity in the timing of initiatives
  - ✓ Still relatively low amounts of gender investment
  - ✓ Weakness in budget evaluation exercises in general.
- Importance of transparency and data publication and the involvement of civil society





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# MORE INFORMATION

<http://gender-financing.unwomen.org/en>

<http://www.presupuestoygenero.net/>

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