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Dear WIDE+ members and friends,

Warm feminist greetings! In partnership with our member Creación Positiva, WIDE+ Migration and Gender Working Group has sent a letter of recommendations to Members of the European Parliament, Dr Sylwia Spurek and Ms Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi on addressing legal and policy gaps in tackling gender-based cyberviolence.

**WIDE+ and Creación Positiva submit an  
open letter to the European Parliament to  
combat gender-based cyberviolence:  
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[The letter of recommendations](#) has been drafted and supported by many women's rights organizations and experts including [NGO Atina](#), [Donestech](#), [Glitch UK](#), Laia Serra Perelló, and others. It is a timely initiative given that the two MEPs are currently driving a legislative process to combat gender-based violence, with specific reference to cyberviolence.

Gender-based cyberviolence is part of the continuum of widespread violence against

women and girls and is a serious violation of women's human rights. All forms of systemic and social discrimination, including gender, racial and economic ones, are reproduced and magnified online. **These discriminations intersect, resulting in more extreme consequences for migrant women, young women, women from ethnic minorities and indigenous and racialized women, LGBTIQ+ people, women with functional diversity and women from other vulnerable and marginalized groups.**

Overall, the letter recommends the importance of having a working definition of gender-based cyberviolence that can capture the scope, extent, types, gendered and intersectional nature of this form of violence. At the same time, it outlines the importance and urgency for the EU to ratify the Istanbul Convention, and calls for Internet intermediaries to be held accountable for all forms of cyberviolence that occur on their platforms. The online space is a public space and fundamental human rights have to be protected above other priorities.

If you want to show support for the letter and write to your MEPs, kindly reach out to us at: [info@wide-network.org](mailto:info@wide-network.org).

**Join us in a 3-day social media campaign starting today, 9 June, 12 PM CEST, to end gender-based cyberviolence! Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at @FeministWIDE to re-tweet and share our posts! Use the hashtags #NoToCyberviolence and #EndGBV.**



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