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Welcome to the latest edition of the WIDE+ newsletter in which we keep you up-to-date with the latest WIDE+ developments. Have an idea or would like to feedback on this newsletter? Email us at: info@wide-network.org

New Publication available “Strengthening Innovative Solutions to Protect Female Migrant and Refugee Rights”

This new publication provides innovative solutions and lessons learned from a transnational collaboration among national migrant feminist associations and groups across Europe. It provides inspirational and relevant examples of practices we have encountered and good practice we have developed in our joint project of migrant feminists and other feminists. The reports shows how it is possible to promote and protect the rights of migrant women, which includes refugee, undocumented and other women that have been on the move between countries.

This project lead to three main lessons that are elaborated in the report:

1. There are many good examples of migrant feminist work that we can learn from. Learning transnationally gives us a completely new dimension.

2. Building a transnational, migrant feminist movement in Europe is both needed and possible, and we can tell you how it can be done.

3. We need many more opportunities to exchange our work at European level and migrant feminists need to be more often included in dialogue with politicians and media.

This collaboration came about through the joint project: “Strengthening Innovative Solutions to Protect Female Migrant and Refugee Rights”, that started at the beginning of 2018 and ended in November 2019. We worked together, coordinated by
the European network WIDE+, with partners that included networks of local migrant groups, associations that provide services to migrant, refugee and trafficked women and girls, and associations with a mixed membership of migrant feminist and other internationally focused feminist groups. The national coordinators were: in Spain, Calala Fund, Mujeres con voz and Red de Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe en Espana (RED); in Serbia, Atina; in Denmark, K.U.L.U. -Women and Development; and in Sweden, GADIP.

Link to download the publication:
KULU-Women and Development and Babaylan–Denmark organized this seminar that successfully took place January last year of part of the joint project with WIDE+. Read the report here.

As part of this project, Atina organized this conference: “WOMEN ON THE MOVE” with speakers from across Europe. The conference discussed the position of women and girls among refugee and migrant population in Serbia in the context of wider European response. Read the report.

Factsheet on Migrant women rights for the European and Central Asian CSO review of Beijing+25 facilitated by the WIDE+ migration working group available.
States need to address attacks of ultra-right and institutional racism migrant women face, at UNECE State Forum on Beijing+25, Jennifer Kamau, from International Women’s Space and part of the WIDE+ delegation.

Spanish workshop: ‘Citizenship and Participation of Migrant and Refugee Women: Consolidating our political agenda’: the full report in English

These events were organized in 2018 by the Latin American and Caribbean Women’s Network (RED), with the support of Calala Fund and others in Spain.

"Voluntary migrant women’s organisations and groups act as glue between their way of working and the authorities' where rules don’t properly match the problems faced by migrant and refugee women". Read report of the workshop in Sweden, organized by GADIP