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Members Update, issue 13

"Migrant women in Europe resisting under COVID19", 2 WIDE+ webinars, in English and Spanish, 8 and 15 July

The webinars will reflect on the different experiences of migrant women and girls resulting from COVID19 measures, since they have increased abuse, precariousness, isolation, etc. for migrant women. Each webinar provides perspectives from different speakers and **you can join for both or one of the webinars.**

The series will detail how migrant women and girls -refugees, workers or part of family reunification, undocumented, etc.- have worked together to provide essential support, safe spaces, and collective action through campaigning and advocacy. It will outline experiences in Germany, Spain, Serbia and Belgium and Europe, including providing political recommendations, in particular for the EU recovery fund. One of the speakers will be **Alexandra Geese, European Parliamentarian and initiator of the review on the EU recovery fund** (see below). We are still confirming the date for her presentation.

DATES of the webinar:

8 July, 2020, 16.00-17.30 CET => [Register here](#)

15 July, 2020, 14.00-15.30 CET => [Register here](#)

Speakers Webinar 8 July:

Silvia Zúñiga, from the group "**Feminists for Nicaragua**", Basque country, Spain.
Tatiana Retamozo, Latin American and Caribbean women's network in **Spain (RED)**.
Oluwakemi Abiodun Oye (Kimi) on behalf of **Atina's** Advocacy group, Serbia.
Nurhidayah Hassan, on behalf of WIDE+ on our new briefing paper **tracking EU funds for migrant women's associations.**

Speakers Webinar 15 July:

Speaker from **Siempre, Belgium**

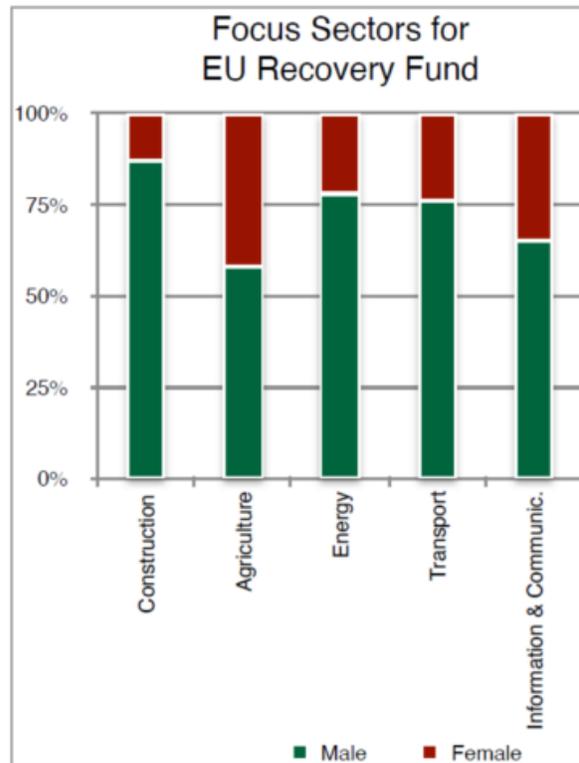
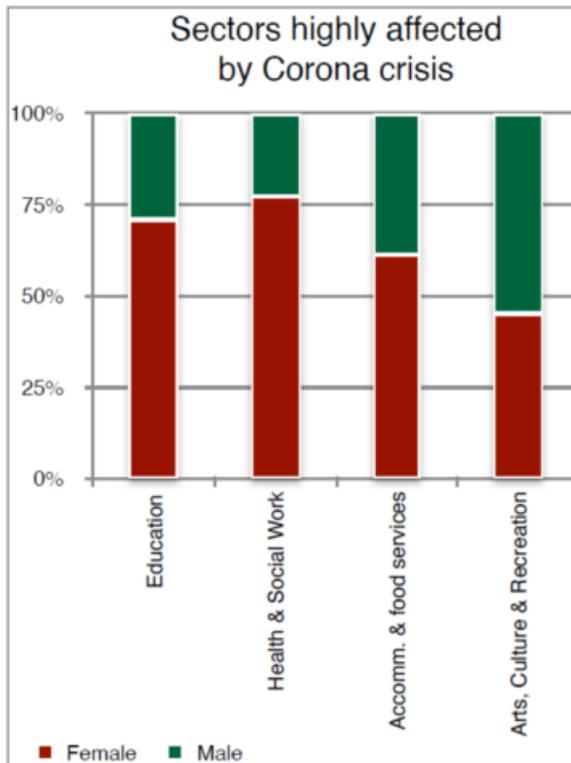
Jennifer Kamau, International Women's Space, Germany.

Marcela de la Peña Valdivia, Chaska international, Belgium

Julissa Jauregui from Alianza por la Solidaridad, Spain.



European Parliament Gender study: EU economic stimulus package is blind in one eye



Initiated by **MEP Alexandra Geese**, the Greens/EFA Group has commissioned a gender impact assessment of the European reconstruction programme “Next

Generation EU". This study was conducted by the economists **Dr Elisabeth Klatzer** and **Dr Azzura Rinaldi** who conclude that the economic stimulus package puts women at a disadvantage.

As a result of the pandemic, **women lose their jobs disproportionately** often, but the **financial aid proposed from the EU flows mainly into male-dominated sectors**. This is gender-blind. If we do not make the economic stimulus packages fairer, they will set women in this crisis back by decades in all countries (see graph above).

The authors recommend that, in addition to the focus on digital and green transformation, there should also be a further emphasis on **investment in paid care work**. While investments in digital and climate-friendly technologies are important, they will only provide limited employment in these industries, which are already experiencing skill shortages. Whenever women are forced to leave the labour market, household incomes and thus the GDP will fall.

For a summary of the study click [here](#).

Cross-Regional Webinar on Post-Cotonou Agreement: 23 June (8 PM CET), 2020 by Gender Trade Coalition

[Join us for this webinar](#). As part of the Gender and Trade Coalition's (GTC) continuing [webinar series](#), we invite you to join us for a cross-regional discussion on the Post-Cotonou Agreement. WIDE+ is a member of the GTC steering committee.

This impending agreement will define trade and development relations between Europe and 79 African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) countries for the next 20 years. Europe's negotiating positions push a liberalization agenda with access to raw materials, effectively reinforcing neo-colonial patterns that ACP governments are concerned to transform. In the context of the global pandemic, state capacity is being drained by negotiations that have shifted online, becoming more secretive and exclusionary of civil society as a result.

This cross-regional panel will outline what is at stake in the negotiations, share lessons for mobilization, and propose alternative progressive and feminist approaches. This discussion is organized by Regions Refocus, co-chair of the Gender and Trade Coalition.

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States need to Participate Meaningfully in the Process of the Legally Binding Instrument to Regulate Corporate Power

WIDE+ has signed on to this important Civil Society statement that can be read and undersigned in [English](#), [Español](#) and [Français](#) Veuillez consulter notre déclaration complète ici en français:

Join the Feminist Fortune Cookies project by WIDE+ members

Sending feminist well-wishes to unknown feminists across the world, starting with feminists within our networks...would you like to join? WIDE+ member Evgenia Ivanova is developing an online and mobile tool to reach people around the world that will subscribe. This is a project with volunteers inside and outside the WIDE+ network. For more: Evgenia at [evgenia.iva\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:evgenia.iva[at]gmail.com). If interested, please respond this week.



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Update from Members

GADN UK submissions to the UK International Development Committee on Coronavirus

GADN has submitted two papers to UK body ([click here](#)).

- on the central role of women and women's rights organisations as frontline responders during this pandemic; it calls for the urgent need to resource and support this critical work.
- in conjunction with Akina Mama Wa Afrika and FEMNET on some of the key macroeconomic challenges the pandemic has exposed.

KULU Denmark reports on the Informal high level event on 'Finance for Development in the Era of COVID19 and Beyond', May 28

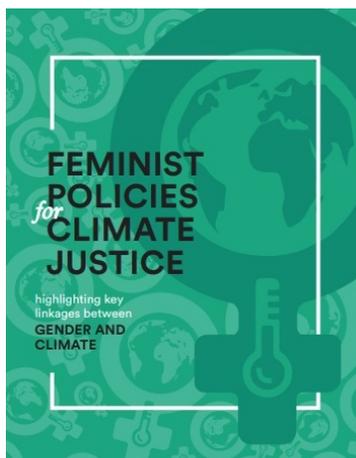
During this meeting with 50 Heads of States, IMF, World Bank, a private sector creditor group, the European Commission, and UN Regional Economic Commissions as well as Oxfam on behalf of other CSOs.

Developing countries, incl. Gambia, Togo, Belarus and African Union, were calling for greater ambition and certainty on debt instruments from the G20, World Bank, and IMF in order to avoid sovereign debt crises. The developed countries did not offer any support beyond the debt moratorium proposed by G20. [Click here](#), for more.

You can register for the regular updates from KULU in these and related global development and United Nation processes, by writing to [kommunikation\[at\]kulu.dk](mailto:kommunikation[at]kulu.dk).

[WHO \(World Health Organization\) COVID-19](#)

Response urges leaders to strengthen the **participation of women** in decision-making and prioritizes the importance of continuing to support **sexual and reproductive health**.



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[Women's Major Group](#)

policy paper for HLPF2020 and beyond on sustainable development.

[Feminist policies for](#)

[climate justice](#) by CONCORD Sweden's working group on gender equality. It's in English, so no need to learn Swedish this time

[Toolkit to help women organisations plan](#)

[virtual meetings](#), with: Why?; Planning methodology & accessibility; Logistics: nuts & bolts of software; Digital safety; Frequently asked questions; More resources

Webinar recording soon available: [What should feminists know about WTO amidst COVID-19?](#), organized by APWLD.



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