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## Members Update, issue 20

Welcome! Do you have any suggestions of what to share with members? Email us at: [info@wide-network.org](mailto:info@wide-network.org)

## Invitation to members to brainstorm in applying for Erasmus+ project

WIDE Austria and WIDE+ are inviting members to brainstorm with us in order to develop an Erasmus+ exchange project for the coming two years starting end of 2021.

We are seeking between 1 to 8 partners coming from countries eligible for the EU Erasmus+ funding. The aim of the funding programme is to encourage exchange of good practices in the field of adult education (non-formal education). WIDE members have used this programme in the past for exchange meetings among members and to develop a joint publication, but we can also consider digital activities for example.

Erasmus+ offers limited funding but enables trips to attend partnership meetings. The deadline of the next round of application will be March or April next year. We want to have the time to develop a proposal together; that is why we are sending this invitation.

**The topic of the next round has not been published yet. At this moment** we are considering to work together around “**Gender and climate justice**”, as it can be linked to many relevant issues members are working on (backlash, feminist economic issues, care economy, etc.)

**We are in the first exploratory phase and would like to invite interested member**

**to join us in this exploration. We could also consider institutions or other association where individual members are working.**

Kindly find more information about our ideas and the programme here: [Draft Proposal Erasmus-WIDE-Austria](#). If you are interested, please write to Gea Meijers, [Gea.Meijers23@gmail.com](mailto:Gea.Meijers23@gmail.com).



## Background interview and actions from member Jennifer Ramme on the Polish's women's protest for access to abortion.

Poland's political party PiS are once again trying to criminalize abortion, this time -most likely through their interventions- the constitutional court has banned abortion almost completely. WIDE+ is in solidarity with the huge protests by many people in Poland and in Europe (see for example the letter we supported earlier this year: [link to letter](#)).

We would like to share this initiative from WIDE+ member Jennifer Ramme about recent protests in Berlin: [video](#).

She also recently published, as part of the [COMMON Causes](#) series, about the history of abortion protests in Poland. This interview with Malgorzata Tarasiewicz tells about

how the Solidarnosc trade union delegalized their women section after the women workers spoke up for their rights and opposed the abortion ban.

[solidarity trade union delegalized their workers women section 30 years ago](#)

### Webinar "Strategies and resistance of migrant women to the crisis: COVID-19 and structural violence" 19 November, 2020

In the context of WIDE+'s current project to protect female migrant rights, Red Latinas will organize this webinar (in Spanish and English). Further information will follow, but members are invited to note the event in their agenda.

## Webinar: "Cyber Bullying & Online Violence Against Women", Thursday 5 November 16.30-17.30 CET

This WUNRN organized webinar highlights the increase in Violence Against Women & Girls Online & Cyberbullying, building on the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and WUNRN advocacy. The webinar is supported by WIDE+, Atina and APPG.

One of the speakers is Andrijana Radoičić, who is coordinator of direct support for victims of human trafficking within Atina. She will also represent the WIDE+ network in the webinar.

Dr Dubravka Simonovic, the United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women will also speak and participate.

To register for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_g9I2r4jaTci5PQqnDmONYw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g9I2r4jaTci5PQqnDmONYw)



## Cyber Bullying & Online Violence Against Women

Webinar, 5 November 16.30-17.30 CET

- **Dr Dubravka Simonovic**, United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women
- **Baroness Hussein-Ece**, APPG Population Development and Reproductive Health
- **Maria Arena**, Chair of the Sub Committee On Human Rights in European Parliament
- **Simona Lanzoni**, second Vice President of Grevio-Coe & member of Fondazione Pangea and Reama network.
- **Andrijana Radoičić**, WIDE+, ATINA Coordinator support for victims of human trafficking.
- Convenor and moderator of this online session is **Sadia Mir**, WUNRN EU Gender Specialist.

## WIDE+ joined statement to IMF to immediately stop promoting austerity around the world

WIDE+ joined over 500 associations in a global call to urge the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to halt with austerity. The statement that was prepared by Bretton Woods Project ask of the IMF to advocate policies that advance gender justice, reduce inequality, and decisively put people and planet first.

Since COVID-19, despite its own warnings of deepening inequality, the IMF has already started locking countries into new long-term austerity-conditioned loan programs in the past few months. Beyond the conditionality in these recent programs, a significant number of the IMF's COVID-19 emergency financing packages contain language promoting fiscal consolidation in the recovery phase. And with governments struggling to pay increased debt servicing and expected to continue to need extraordinary levels of external financing for years to come, IMF loan programs - and the conditions that accompany them - will play a highly influential role in shaping the economic and social landscape in the aftermath of this pandemic.

To read the letter: [click here](#).

If you want to support the messages from the letter, you can use the hashtag #EndAusterity directed at @IMFNews on Twitter.

## Building on 20 Years of Women, Peace and Security: The Norwegian National Commemoration of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, morning 9 November, 2020 (also online)

The Norwegian national commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (UNSCR 1325) will take place on 9 November. The event is co-organised by the [Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) together with the [Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Research](#) (University of Oslo), [FOKUS – Forum for Women and Development](#), and the [PRIO Centre on Gender, Peace and Security](#). FOKUS is a WIDE+ member association. [You can watch the event here](#) It is not necessary to register, but if you register you will get a confirmation email and a calendar invitation.

The sessions in the morning are in Norwegian with English interpretation:

Session 1, 09:00-10:30: Panel with the political leadership of the ministries that have signed the Norwegian Government's Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

Session 2, 11:00-12:00: Emerging Issues, New Voices: An Inter-generational Approach to Women, Peace and Security



[The gendered impact of the COVID-19 crisis and post-crisis period](#), study requested by the FEMM Committee of European Parliament.

View the debates from the [European Gender Equality Week](#) 26-29 October 2020 of the European Parliament.

**Webinar: "[A feminist exploration: Visibility & symbolic politics](#)",  
05.11.2020, 17:00-18:00  
CET.**

Organized by Heinrich Böll Stiftung, this webinar will reflect on the visibility of LGBTIQA\* refugees and its relation to power structures.

*Picture: speaker Faris Cuchi Gezahegn by [Ciwan Veysel](#) (all rights reserved)*

Available recordings and presentations from the **conference "Confronting the Climate Crisis: Feminist Pathways to Just and Sustainable Futures" 7-9 Oct. 2020.** Check out the [website](#) and on the [Youtube channel](#).

This study outlines some of the key gendered effects thus far and suggestions for how these may extend into the post-crisis period.

It reflects on the lack of sex-disaggregated data, the role of healthcare workers and care workers, domestic violence, the impact of quarantine on feminised sectors of the economy, the additional unpaid labour on women as a result of lockdown, access to maternity, sexual and reproductive health services.

Uploaded here: [Over 550 organisations call for debt cancellation and debt justice](#). Please share widely! (Also in French and Spanish)

European Parliament (EP) Committees organized debates as part of the first ever Gender Equality week in the EP. For example, the international trade committee keenly contributed with a session. Also relevant: [Presentation on "Placing care at the heart of the EU's recovery efforts" \(EMPL\) \(28 October 2020\)](#)

[Public Hearing on "Women and digitalisation" \(FEMM, in association with AIDA\) \(28 October 2020\)](#)

Read the final report: [Creating a Caring Economy: a Call to Action](#), from the UK Women's Budget Group Commission on a Gender-Equal Economy. It lays out a roadmap to building a **#CaringEconomyNow**



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