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Members Update, issue 8

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

New Collective COVID-19 and Feminism portal

WIDE+ has been regularly updating its page around [COVID-19 and feminism](#), including links to new resource pages in multiple languages. At the same time a new collective portal has been launched that aims to bring together all these resources. WIDE+ supports this initiative, of which it is part. Kindly also check out: feministcovidresponse.com



WIDE+ supports public statement calling for a just, green, feminist COVID-19 response

WIDE+ has signed to this public statement asking for [investment in the care economy for a just, green, feminist Covid-19 response and recovery](#) that is now signed by almost 200 associations. It is still open for more signatories, from organizations and individuals.

The statement calls for, among others:

- Alternative development models that center people and planet, uphold human rights, food sovereignty and climate justice.
- A halt to the hollowing out of the state that has left much of the response to the double disaster of the pandemic and the lockdown to the mobilisation of community spirit and voluntarism led by womxn. We need to stop the exploitation of womxn's unpaid and underpaid labour as a low cost social safety net.
- Drastically change the policies of the IMF. The IMF's minimalist approach to debt relief, emergency financing and social protection for developing countries is nothing short of appalling.
- Governments must end the marginalisation and criminalisation of informal workers, and instead acknowledge, promote and value their critical roles in the economy.
- Governments must develop a system-wide approach to the care economy by investing in care infrastructure and institutions and ensuring decent work conditions for all workers across the care sectors—education, health, care, social and domestic work, social, public transport, housing, water and sanitation.



Share “Our Common Cause”, interview series on feminist movements & struggles across Europe and beyond

We would like to ask you if it is possible for disseminate interviews with feminists on their collective struggles and achievements within their movements. Or to suggest people to contact asking them to place articles on their site, or refer to the site?

We are also seeking further contributions in the aim to making this site a space for a collection of feminist initiatives people can read about. You can read here for more about the format for contributions: [contribute.](#)

About the current interviews available

This new series explores women*s’ experiences of resisting a right wing backlash and promoting feminist ideals. Recently published are interviews with the Peace Mothers in Turkey, Kurdistan and Germany, *Non Una Di Meno* in Italy, *Ni Una Menos* groups in Mexico and Argentina, *Women* Strike* activists in Germany and Spain, the first LGBTQI Pride in Tbilisi (Georgia), as well as the work from *Insight* in Ukraine. The interviews are available at movementsarchive.wordpress.com.

Please contact Jennifer Ramme, the project leader, in case you would be interested in conducting an interview for the website, or have materials available: [ramme\[at\]europa-uni.de](mailto:ramme[at]europa-uni.de)

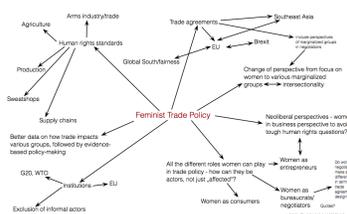
Feminist replies to EU consultation on new Gender Equality in External Action Plan

WIDE+ contributed to the targeted consultation on the EU external action Gender Action Plan (GAP) III 2021 – 2025. The European Union has been planning to launch a new GAP cycle for its External Policy by the autumn of this year, though it is not certain this is still the planned shedule, given COVID-19.

It contributed to the collective reply from: [CONCORD \(through its Gender Reference Group\)](#)
[WO=MEN, the Dutch Gender Platform](#)

Analysis from the recent developments at IMF and WorldBank

Eurodad published its review on the recent virtual [IMF/WB Spring Meetings](#), which showed some adjustments to COVID-19, but overall a lack of ambition.



WIDE+ presented during Polis180 online Policy Kitchen on a Foreign Feminist (trade) Policy. [Further information.](#)

International Association of Feminist Economics past webinars on COVID-19

“Feminist Economics Perspectives on COVID-19” (15 April) [recording, and slides](#)
“Feminist Macro-economics & COVID-19” (6 May) [recording, slides.](#)

[Men and women live longer in countries with higher gender parity.](#)

Specifically, countries where educational gender parity and gender parity in the workplace is higher could expect years of greater life expectancy for both men and women (or mainly women in case of gender parity at work), along with significantly fewer maternal deaths.

Joint press statement on Protecting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Promoting Gender-responsiveness in the COVID-19 crisis

This [statement](#) is signed by 39 Ministers, and supported by 59 states:



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