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

Call for Experts: WIDE+ is seeking experts and expertise on inclusive feminism integrating LGBTQI* rights and an intersecting perspective

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The WIDE+ feminist movement building working group is preparing an online series study session to explore how an inclusive, intersectional feminism approach can be implemented in activism, advocacy and policymaking. WIDE+ works from a feminist perspective that acknowledges diversity and embraces it. We find there is consensus among many groups and policymakers on the importance of an intersectional approach. Even the EU has proposed to work from an intersectional gender equality perspective in its latest Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025.
Promoting an intersectional feminist approach doesn't answer questions on how this can be achieved. The WIDE+ online study sessions aim to provide insights on how to integrate an intersectional lens in feminist activism and policymaking around gender mainstreaming. We are also working to promote an intersectional feminist approach in other ways. For example, WIDE+ has been consulted on ways to promote political participation of lesbians, as a European political network around LGBTQI* rights (that we have been in touch with) finds that lesbians are underrepresented in their network.

While some ingredients to build an intersectional feminist network and analysis seem obvious, some are less clearcut. Some of the questions we have been trying to formulate answers on are:

- How to gender mainstream LGBTQI* organizations?
- Is the economic situation of lesbians and non-conforming gender persons different from that of heterosexual women?
- How can we build and create datasets that escape the binary model, but integrate various intersections?
- How to integrate classist and racist discriminations with gender discriminations in order to combat these discriminations together?
- How can we promote more intergenerational collaboration in feminism?

These are some of the questions we are reflecting on and there are many more. We are very interested to find more resources and experts beyond the collection that we have gathered so far. We would like to ask you to share your suggestions with us, and also extend an invitation to one of our upcoming online events as a speaker. If you have ideas, kindly write to Gea Meijers, gea.meijers23@gmail.com.

**New Horizon call for European research - "Feminisms for a New Age of Democracy": WIDE+ is interested**

Recently the EU launched an open call for the [Horizon programme](https://ec.europa.eu/info) which aims to support innovative research, including applied research in collaboration with NGOs and others. The EU is now accepting [calls](https://ec.europa.eu/info) to promote research and innovation that aims to:

- Promote gender equality theoretically and practically through policy recommendations, tools, and solutions for civil society organizations and other stakeholders. As a result, support the quality of democratic governance in more inclusive European societies.
• Understand how feminism and gender are used in extreme populist discourses, and counter gender-equality repressive strategies and policies.

The deadline for this call is 7 October. This is a research and innovation call, in which an academic institution can take the formal lead. WIDE+ would be very interested to join such a consortium. WIDE+ has been approached by the Feminist Hiking Collective to join them in finding a consortium leader. There are in our WIDE+ network many academics or those collaborating with academics. If you know or are interested in this call and would consider a collaboration with WIDE+ and others, we would be grateful to be invited. Kindly write to Gea Meijers, gea.meijers23@gmail.com.

Launch event of a new publication, "A Gender-Transformative European Green Deal? How to Deliver Policies for People and Planet", 16 July, 9:30AM CEST

WIDE+ coordinator, Gea Meijers, along with Action Aid, contributed a chapter to this new report which maps the gender gaps and opportunities of the European Green Deal. Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF) and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), together with a wide range of authors from CSOs, academia and independent experts, produced this report.

There will be a launch event for the report, on 16 July 2021, 9:30am-11am CEST. In the event, the main findings of the report will be presented, along with discussions with policymakers on how to enhance gender sensitivity in the European Green Deal.

For further information and to register for the event click here.

MEMBERS AND PARTNER NEWS

An update: Finalised documents and resources from the

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WWG on FfD Commitments for the Economic Justice and Rights Action Coalition launched at the Generation Equality Forum

The Women Working Group on Financing for Development (WWG on FfD) commitments in the area of Economic Justice and Rights publishes today its main commitments it aims for. WIDE+ is a member of the WWG on FfD who has been one of the civil society leaders in this Action Coalition. As a member, it has been actively monitoring the preparations for this Action Coalition. The Action Coalition presents a package of advocacy commitments to accelerate progress to the Beijing+25 Forum.

Three resources anchoring these commitments are:
1. Blueprint for Feminist Economic Justice
2. Issue Brief: Feminist and Decolonial Global Green New Deal
3. Issue Brief: The Private Sector & Multilateralism

Generation Equality Forum projected to raise billions for gender equality, and other updates summarised by Gender and Development Network (GADN)

WIDE+ member, GADN, provides a succinct summary of the Generation Equality Forum (GEF), outlining commitments made and the next steps forward. The GEF launched a Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality, driven by six Action Coalitions, committing US$40billion of investments into gender equality. This is by far, the largest injection of funds supporting global gender equality. Nevertheless, questions are raised around how and where the funds will be allocated, whether there will be transparency in the management of the funds, and if the funds will even reach grassroots women’s organizations.

GENERAL NEWS
**HLPF 2021 Position Paper from Women's Major Group (WMG)**

Gathering the intersectional analyses of feminists worldwide, the position paper reviews systemic barriers and recommendations for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building a just recovery and feminist response to the pandemic. It is used as an advocacy tool throughout the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development from 6-15 July.

Also from WMG, a handy webinar and infographics series on "SDGs & UN Human Rights mechanisms from a feminist perspective", a useful resource in understanding how to interact with UN human rights mechanisms and to utilize SDGs in advocacy work.
Human Rights-Based Approach Toolbox Adopted by the EU

The EU has updated its 2014 Toolbox on the rights based approach (RBA) in line with its commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals and to reducing all forms of inequalities, including gender inequality. The renewed human rights based approach (HRBA) will help make interventions more inclusive and sustainable. The approach is translated into practice by the updated Toolbox, which puts forward five working principles, equally relevant for both the processes and aims of EU external action:

- Applying all human rights for all;
- Meaningful and inclusive participation and access to decision-making;
- Non-discrimination and equality;
- Accountability and rule of law for all;
- Transparency and access to information supported by disaggregated data.

The new toolbox will be presented in detail at an International Partnerships InfoPoint conference on 16 September, during the Democracy week.

UN CEDAW Committee Urges Turkey to Reconsider Withdrawal from Istanbul Convention As Decision Takes Effect

How the EU-Mercosur Free Trade Agreement will Accelerate Economic Stagnation, Inequality and Vulnerability

The proposed trade agreement between the European Union and the South American trade bloc MERCOSUR poses serious risks to sustainable growth and economic development. Read the working paper by Global Development Policy Center.

Gender and COVID-19 Vaccines: Listening to Women-Focused Organizations in Asia and the Pacific

Feminist Fridays Session 5: Labour Migration and Intersectional Feminist Organising, 16 July, 3 PM CEST