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Members Update, issue 5

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

Videos available of WIDE+ webinars the past months: Online gender based Violence, COVID19 and care, the EU-Mercosur trade agreement

You can find on our website the recordings of all our recently concluded webinars (in English or with English subtitles/interpretation):

- [Tackling online gender based violence through EU laws and policies, 25 February 2021.](#)
- [Global care chains and vulnerabilities in the covid19 crisis, 3 March-2021.](#)
- [Authoritarian regimes using covid19 to curb civic rights labour standards and womens rights, 10 March 2021.](#)
- [A gender just trade policy and the EU-mercosur agreement, 21 April 2021.](#)

The screenshot shows a Zoom webinar with several participants in a grid view. The central focus is a presentation slide titled "BLIND SPOTS IN CURRENT DEBATES" with the following bullet points:

- Recognition of the importance of (live-in) care work mostly symbolic;
- Implemented measures ensured that elderly care recipients did not lose their live-in-care-givers;
- Living and working conditions of live-ins became even more precarious in many cases;
- The burden of care-continuation was put on the care workers' shoulders;
- Extended rotations had various (dangerous) implications, f.e. complete isolation in the home of the employer;
- Exposure to risks of contagion on journeys;
- Cancellation of circulation caused financial hardship for those who stayed behind;

Below the slide, there is a section for a webinar titled "Webinar: Tackling Online Gender-based Violence Through EU Laws & Policies". It lists speakers: Sylvia Spurek, Laia Serra Perelló, Spideralex, Seyi Akiwo, and Jelena Hrnjak. The moderator is Montse Pineda Lorenzo. The event is scheduled for Thursday, 25 February, 3pm CET in English & Spanish.

Open Letter to the United Nations



WIDE+ supports Open Letter To The UN - Tax Justice For Women's Rights 2021

WIDE+ joined over 100 associations and networks [in a letter to the UN](#) that was sent during the previous Commission of the Status of Women held in March to call on the UN member states to:

1. Ensure that tax and fiscal policies ***recognise, represent, reduce and redistribute unpaid care work***, including by constructing national care work policies.
 2. ***Reduce unfair tax burdens on women*** and adopt progressive, redistributive and gender equal taxation – including new forms of taxation of capital and wealth – combined with less reliance on consumption taxes.
 3. ***Remove gender bias and discrimination in tax*** policies to ensure that tax revenues are raised and spent in ways that promote gender equality.
 4. ***Ensure adequate financing of gender-responsive social services*** that promote women's rights, and reduce inequalities, including by gender budgeting.
 5. Establish an inclusive ***intergovernmental UN Global Tax body***, to ensure equal taxing rights of nation states and stop all forms of tax abuse by multinational corporations and the wealthy elites.
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MEMBERS AND PARTNER NEWS

Listen to member Atina today in webinar: "When Pandemics Collide: COVID-19 and Gendered Health Inequities of the Forcibly Displaced", 3 PM CET

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in multiple pandemics coinciding at once for women. Globally, we have seen increases in gendered inequities of health for women, including gender-based violence, limited access to family planning services, and poor sexual and reproductive health outcomes. These poor health outcomes are further exacerbated among women impacted by forced migration. This panel will explore the extent of these issues, with perspectives on challenges and solutions from those directly on the ground delivering services to women who are forced migrants, globally. With:

- Goleen Samari, Assistant Professor, Program on Forced Migration and Health, Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.
- Lily Jacobi, Advisor, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research, Women's Refugee Commission.

- **Marijana Savić, Founder and Director, Atina**, Human Rights Advocates Program, ISHR, 2018-2019.
- Shaden Khallaf, Senior Policy Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

[Registration](#)

Feminist proposals for a just, equitable and sustainable post-COVID-19 economic recovery: Briefing from GADNETWORK UK

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed systemic and entrenched inequalities at the global level. Against this backdrop, feminists worldwide have been devising and calling for alternative solutions in key macroeconomic policy areas. This briefing proposes a new macroeconomic model for a just, equitable and sustainable post-COVID-19 recovery. To read the briefing, [follow this link](#).

Partner Feminista 2030 has introduced a feminist tool to monitor public policies and the 2030 Agenda on Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Catalonia.

This tool monitors (mainly local) institutions, advocating for them to be more gender-responsive. It brings together feminist collaborative work from civil society organizations in order to create indicators from a feminist and intersectional perspective:

<http://www.agenda2030feminista.org/monitoratgedsir/>

[Map of Europe on vaccines for undocumented migrants](#)

PICUM has compiled a map that shows which countries are including undocumented migrants in their vaccination strategies, and which ones are explicitly excluding them. It's crucial to note that practical barriers to the vaccines exist in virtually all countries.

[Essential Autonomous Struggles](#)

[Transnational](#) (E.A.S.T.) is a network composed mostly of women, migrants, workers, and activists born out of the struggles on social reproduction triggered by the pandemic crisis of Covid-19. They call for a March 8 strike to make all essential labor visible and to use the strike's force to make our demands heard for the post-pandemic reconstruction.

Read newest [Gender Budget Brief](#) focusing on the adoption of the 2021 budget in the Western Balkans and Republic of Moldova.



[Does Europe care for Care?](#) Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in cooperation with FEPS monitors the EU Gender Equality Strategy and related EU policy developments through a progressive lens focusing particularly on its care dimensions. See video and policy brief.

[EURODAD Blog on how the pandemic is deepening gender inequalities](#)

[EURODAD blog on key ingredients for a feminist recovery](#)

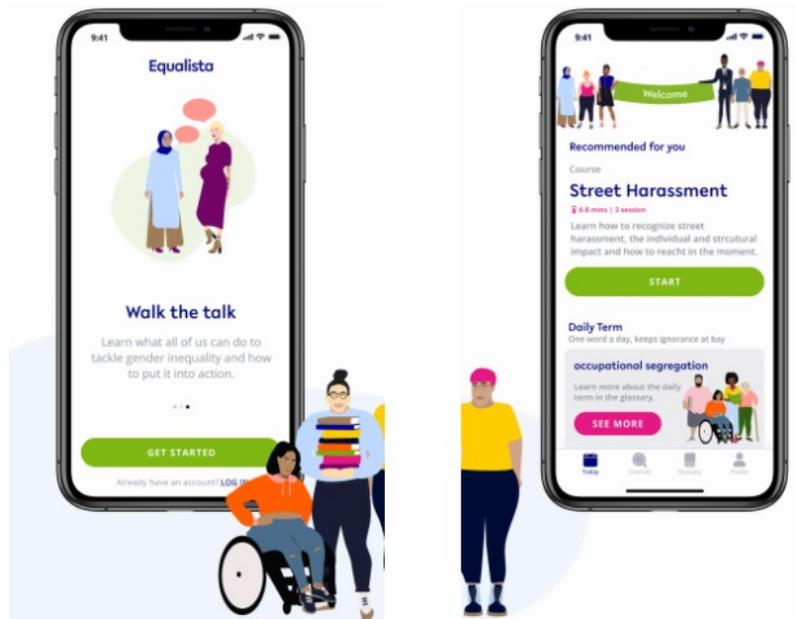
[New UNCTAD resource on how multinationals can advance gender equality in developing countries](#)

We are happy to share a briefing paper published by GI-ESCR on women's rights and public services: "From gender-responsive to gender transforming public services". You can download this briefing paper and learn more about GI-ESCR's advocacy work on women's rights and gender equality [here](#).

On the occasion of International Women's Day, IT for Change launched a new podcast series, [Feminist Digital Futures](#), that aims at re-imagining social media from a feminist standpoint, through a series of conversations with scholars, activists and leaders from the Global South.

The European Commission's annual report on Gender Equality 2021 has become [available](#).

Op-ed: [Can the EU assert its leadership and truly deliver on gender equality in 2021](#) (and beyond) in its external policies? Read this excellent op-ed by Céline Mias (CONCORD and CARE international).



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