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

Join WIDE+ Members in Ad-hoc Working Group to Exchange on the Upcoming CSW66

The 66th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW66) will happen from 14 - 25 March 2022. The Priority Theme is, 'Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes'; and the Review Theme is, 'Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session).

Last year, WIDE+ members across Europe set up an ad-hoc working group to informally share updates and collaborate with other members. We are keen to do this again, with members coming together to exchange in an informal, ad-hoc working group before and during the CSW66. If you are keen to be part of this working group, please contact WIDE+ coordinator, Gea Meijers, meijers@wideplus.org.

European Parliament Agreed to Criminalise Gender-Based Cyberviolence: WIDE+ Recommendations Included in Adopted Text
WIDE+ is pleased that the European Parliament has adopted a legislative initiative report on tackling gender-based cyberviolence at the end of 2021. The text outlines the lack of an adequate legal framework to address the issue, and the vote signals a big push for the Commission to criminalise a non-exhaustive list of cyberviolence that includes cyber harassment, sharing images of sexual assault, and unlawful access to messages or social media accounts.

Together with WIDE+ member, Creación Positiva, WIDE+ previously sent a letter of recommendations to the rapporteurs of this report, Dr Sylwia Spurek and Ms Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi. The final text adopted by the European Parliament had included some of the recommendations made in this letter, such as the importance of having a working definition of gender-based cyberviolence that can capture the scope, extent, types, gendered and intersectional nature of this form of violence; the urgency for the EU to ratify the Istanbul Convention; and calls for greater accountability of Internet intermediaries.

WIDE+ hopes that the future directive proposed by the European Commission will live up to our feminist demands that can ultimately make digital spaces safer for all women and girls.

Watch WIDE+ Migration and Gender WG Message for International Migrants Day, 18 Dec 2021
18 December 2021 marked the International Migrants Day, which celebrates the contributions of migrant communities across the globe. The WIDE+ migration and gender Working Group celebrated this day with a video message. Martha Salazar (KULU, WO-MI, WIMN), Silvia Dumitrache (ADRI), and Gea Meijers shared in a video with messages of solidarity.

Martha recommended two publications by the International Women*s Space in Berlin which hosted the working group recently: “in our own words” and “We exist, we are here”. Silvia called for decent working conditions following an urgent warning signal in which an employer killed its migrant woman worker. Gea celebrated the work of the migration and gender Working Group, which is a powerful example of the strength and knowledge migrant women and feminist have if they join forces. Migrant women cannot be kept invisible in policy and public spaces and need to be recognized for the leadership and expertise.

Watch the video [here](#).

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**MEMBERS AND PARTNERS NEWS**

**Invitation to Webinar on Gender-Responsive Budgeting, 20 January, 2-3pm CET**

Organized by the UK Women’s Budget Group, this is an introductory webinar to gender-responsive budgeting. The webinar can be followed in French, Spanish and Arabic as well. The session will cover the following:

- What is gender-responsive budgeting (GRB)?
- Why is GRB important? (and how to convince others!)
- How can GRB be used? Case studies and examples;
• Barriers to effective GRB and how to overcome them;
• An overview of the Global Partnerships and Learning programme.

To register for the webinar, go to this link.

Launch of Book, "Paradoxical Right-Wing Sexual Politics in Europe", co-edited by Jennifer Ramme, WIDE+ Member

Far-right ideologies and hatred increasingly threaten democracies in Europe. How did this happen? The book "Paradoxical Right-Wing Sexual Politics in Europe" examines the paradoxical role that sexual politics have played in this process. WIDE+ member, Jennifer Ramme (European University Viadrina) is one of the editors of this book, along with other academics, Cornelia Möser (CNRS, Paris) and Judit Takács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences).

The studies gathered here from Eastern, Western, Northern, and Southern Europe analyze right-wing sexual politics from a multidisciplinary perspective and show feminist and LGBTQI counterpositions. To get a copy of this book, head to this link.

GENERAL NEWS

Latest Research on Gender-Based Violence in Europe from WAVE Network & EIGE

The Country Report 2021 by the Women Against Violence in Europe (WAVE) network, "Women’s Specialist Support Services in Europe and the Impact of COVID-19 on Their Provision", shows the situation of women’s specialist support services in 46 European
countries. The report seeks to highlight which European countries, within and outside the EU, meet the minimum standards of the Istanbul Convention in terms of service provision.

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) also recently published an assessment report on measuring femicide in the EU and internationally. The report gives a comprehensive overview of definitions, data collection systems, methodologies and variables in gathering data on femicide.

A New Database by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre on Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs)

This is the first-ever global analysis of lawsuits brought or initiated by business actors to intimidate human rights defenders into silence.

More than 3,100 attacks globally have been made against community leaders, farmers, workers, unions, journalists, civil society groups and other defenders who have raised the alarm about irresponsible business practices. Read more about the SLAPPs and the research here.

Self and Collective Care Toolkit for All Women Activists by JASS & Raising Voices

Report by Demos Helsinki and partners: Turning the Tide - Landscape Analysis of an Emergent Economic Movement in Europe

This report is based on a desk study and interviews with several selected practitioners to generate a list of 128 new economic organisations and examine their different pathways for achieving impact. It also provides recommendations for these actors in driving a new economic landscape.

Blogpost by Global Women's Institute: Survivor-centered Justice - Why Is It Essential for Ending Gender-based Violence?

Survivor-centered justice starts with listening to women about what justice means to them. Read this post by Global Women's Institute explaining how a survivor-centred justice approach looks like, why it is crucial in tackling gender-based violence.
Working Paper by Data Governance and IT For Change: Beyond Data Bodies - New Directions for a Feminist Theory of Data Sovereignty

Like why it is crucial in tackling gender-based violence, and important gaps in this knowledge.

Brief by Gender Budget Watchdog Network: Eight Thematic Areas and 36 GRB Initiatives - Successful Stories of the GBWN’s Sub-Granting Scheme

Two Publications from BRICS Feminist Watch:
1) Engendering BRICS’ South-South Cooperation Agenda: Potential and Pitfalls
2) Women and G20: Inclusion or Exclusion