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

Agenda WIDE+ General Assembly 2023, 4:00-5:30 PM CET, 8 November, 2023

4:00 pm - Opening and introduction
4:05 pm - Listing of voting members for quorum, including number of votes in total and per member

4:10 pm - Approval of minutes of General Assembly 2022
4:15 pm - Approval of WIDE+ Annual Report WIDE 2022 (report will follow)

4:25 pm - Approval of WIDE+ Balance and profit-loss overview WIDE2022
All the receipts, the bookkeeping document and bankstatements can be accessed here: Overview page Financial Account 2022, for the password to the internal page, kindly contact Gea Meijers (gea.meijers23@gmail.com). The audit committee report(s) will be added later.

4:35 pm - Elections into Board and Caucus
To apply for the Board (as deputy or board member), kindly use: WIDE-deputy-board-application-form-2021 WIDE-board-application-form-2021, and for the caucus, write to Gea Meijers (gea.meijers23@gmail.com) with subject 'application caucus'.

4:50 pm - Approval of new Members
We welcome applications, kindly use: membership form, and you can find further information here: https://wideplus.org/about/join-wide-as-member/.

5:00 pm - End. There is the possibility to extend the meeting up to 5.30 PM CET and members can suggest other agenda items up to: 25 October 2023
Kindly fill out this small survey to help us find out if you want to join our General Assembly. The WIDE+ secretariat will make sure you receive the access link and all documents that will be available at a later stage.

CB4VOL face-to-face volunteer meeting in Maastricht on 16 September, 2023: Campaign Preparation

Six dedicated volunteers held a productive meeting in Maastricht on 16 September for the CB4VOL project. This is a project in which WIDE+ learns to develop in a more structured way a youth volunteer programme. Earlier this year a group was formed with around 10 volunteers working together to implement a joint campaign on an issue of discrimination faced by young women as well as building their capacity in social activism.

The first objective of the meeting was to come up with a specific campaign objective. The group decided to center the online campaign The consensus was to center the campaign around speak up and share the voices of migrant women who face discrimination and other related problems because of not having free language classes, and b) help citizens and NGOs to become more aware of these issues migrant females face. The campaign starts from the assertion that being able to learn a local language is a human rights migrants should have. And secondly, especially women and gender non-conforming persons should have this access to reduce intersected vulnerabilities and discrimination. For example, female migrant students can often only fi a certain type of job under less secure conditions with lower pay if they do not know the local language.

Post the Maastricht meeting, an action plan for the campaign was meticulously devised.
This plan essentially encompasses two pivotal components: a) Executing a robust online campaign via various social media platforms to heighten awareness about the imperative need for language classes among female migrants; and b) Drafting a public letter to apprise thematic organizations, including partners of WIDE+, as well as local associations and NGOs, about the prevailing circumstances pertaining to this crucial issue.

Presently, the groundwork is underway. The project team is actively seeking out female migrants for interviews, with the aim of gathering their personal narratives. These stories will serve as the cornerstone for the upcoming social media campaigns. Once the narratives are collected, the online campaign will be launched in the middle of October this year.

If you have or know of a story, kindly reach out to Gea Meijers who will put you in touch with the volunteer team leaders (gea.meijers23@gmail.com).

**WIDE+ signs on to the statement: "Marrakech Declaration to End Austerity"**

The **Statement**: "Marrakech Declaration to End Austerity" has been signed by WIDE+ among many Civil Society Organisations and experts worldwide.

Policy-makers in Ministries of Finance and International Financial Institutions across the world continue implementing a set of economic policies that are targeted at slashing public spending, and instead promoting privatizing and deregulating (see the [End Austerity report, 2022](https://www.brightstar.org.uk/)). Ordinary people suffer from the results: broken public services, shrinking social protection and pensions, and a cost of living crisis. All this human suffering from austerity is unnecessary: there are alternatives. It's time to raise our voices!

Read the complete statement [here](https://www.brightstar.org.uk/).
To learn more about the End Austerity Campaign, click [here](#).
Or access the full End Austerity Report 2022 [here](#).

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**Members and Partners News**

**GADIP Webinar: "Feminism and Transgender Rights in Colombia" on 6:00 PM CET, 12 October 2023**

Explore the intricate dynamics of the transgender debate in Colombia as Emilia Morales presents her key findings from her research. Discover the clash between trans and radical feminist movements in Colombia during "Feminism and Transgender Rights in Colombia: A Deep Dive".

This webinar is organised by WIDE+ member GADIP.

The webinar is free to attend, but registration is required through [this link](#).

**First-ever Feminist Foreign Policy Community Festival in the Netherlands hosted by WO=MEN on 31 October 2023 in The Hague**

On Tuesday, 31 October 2023, the WO=MEN Dutch Gender platform is hosting the first-ever Feminist Foreign Policy Community Festival with CARE Netherlands, Cordaid...
and Hivos. WO=MEN is a member of WIDE+ and similarly WIDE+ is a member of WO=MEN.

Participants will share knowledge and experiences about everything related to Feminist Foreign Policy (FFB). The day promises to be inspiring, full of in-depth and cross-themed discussions, networking and a party. The Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs' Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy Conference on 1 - 2 November 2023. This demonstrated a great enthusiasm and need for more collaboration and networking opportunities around FFP.

To register, click here and find more information about the event here.

**NGO Atina Handbook "Stronger Together with feminist supervisory support: Collected Experiences from the Supervision Sessions of the Organization Atina"**

This handbook is targeting organizations where women support women with the experience of violence. WIDE+ member NGO Atina hopes that it serves as an inspiration for directing care toward women practitioners and designing new support models adapted to the work of individual organizations.

The handbook: “Stronger Together with feminist supervisory support: Collected Experiences from the Supervision Sessions of the organization Atina” is available on Atina’s website here and currently only in Serbian.

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**General News**
New publication: Leaflet 7 reasons to stop EU-Mercosur Trade agreement

After more than 20 years of negotiations, the European Union and Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay) reached a free trade agreement in 2019. If ratified, it would become one of the largest trade deals in the world. This corporate-friendly deal would boost the trade in harmful products between the two regions by removing most of the tariffs on goods. It would have disastrous consequences on the environment, the climate, people's health and human rights.

Friends of the Earth Europe compiled 7 reasons why the EU-Mercosur agreement is a toxic deal that we must stop now. Download the leaflet in English, Spanish, Portugese and French [here](https://wideplus.org/?mailpoet_router=endpoint=view_in_browser&action=view&data=\WzE0MCwiMjJiMWE\0VkJTNTg3MzF\0vwwLDAsMTI3LDFd).
Kvinna till Kvinna report launch
"They came together not to be silenced"

The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation launched their new report. The study looks at gender-based violence in conflict-affected countries, the long-term consequences of this violence, the work of women’s rights organisations to address the needs of victims/survivors and prevent further violence, and the obstacles that stand in the way for victims/survivors to access support and justice.

Download the full report [here](#).

**Job Opening 'Senior Attorney for Europe' at Women’s Link Worldwide**

Women’s Link Worldwide is hiring a Senior Attorney for Europe. To learn more about the job description and requirements, click [here](#).

**Women’s Budget Group: "A Feminist Approach to Macroeconomics"**

This WBG’s briefing calls for a feminist approach to macroeconomics that recognises unpaid care work and protects women from the disproportionate effects that the current cost-of-living crisis has on them.

It further explains the fundamentals and interlinkages of macroeconomic policy, unpaid care work, the importance of social infrastructure and the role of fiscal policy on the way to improve the well-being of people by creating a green and caring economy framework, securing access to food, shelter, education, health and social care for everyone.

Read the full briefing paper [here](#) or find the explainer poster [here](#).

**Women, Business and the Law 2023: World Bank report**

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The Gender Snapshot 2023: Report by UN Women and UN DESA on SDGs

Halfway to the end point of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the world is failing to achieve gender equality, making it an increasingly distant goal. If current trends continue, more than 340 million women and girls will still live in extreme poverty by 2030, and close to one in four will experience moderate or severe food insecurity.

Read the full report [here](#) or take a look at the data visualisation document [here](#).

**EIGE report with comprehensive analysis of legal responses to counter femicide in the EU**

UN Women and UNIDO guide on “Gender Equality in the Sustainable Energy Transition”

This guide provides an overview of key and emerging issues in the gender and sustainable energy nexus, illustrated by research findings and case studies. To read the full guide, click [here](#).

**Monetizing Misogyny: #ShePersisted research paper**
With this report, the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) provides a comprehensive analysis of legal responses to counter femicide.

It is estimated that, globally, around 47,000 women and girls were killed by their intimate partners or other family members in 2020, and around 2,600 were killed in Europe (UNODC, 2021). However, the number of victims is much higher. Orphaned children and bereaved parents and siblings of killed women are rarely considered direct victims of femicide. As a result, their needs and rights – both during and after the criminal proceedings – are often overlooked.

Women in politics are particularly targeted with hate and gendered disinformation campaigns, which can be understood as an early warning mechanism for two very interconnected, harmful dynamics at play: the erosion of democratic institutions and the backsliding of women’s rights.

This research by Lucina Di Meco has shown how digital platforms have turned a blind eye to these problems, overlooking demands for accountability and transparency and failing to allocate adequate resources to address the harmful impact of their products.

To access the full research paper, click here.

Read the full EIGE 2023 report here.