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## Members Update 2023 | Issue 14

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

### “Participation of migrant women in democratic life through the community of practice”, NGO Atina report on Second WE EMPOWER International Training



In October, representatives of the [WE-EMPOWER](#) project partners, activists from the WIDE+ migration and gender working group, members of the Advocacy Group of women with experience in migration gathered around Atina, and other migrant women came together to **exchange and learn through a series of interactive workshops using the community of practice**. The training took place on 18 and 19 October in Belgrade, in Serbia.

This second international project training centered around the concept of **participation with the method of community of practice**, as it is vital in enabling the inclusion of everyone in the decision-making process.

WE-EMPOWER is a collaboration of the feminist organisations GADIP (Sweden), NGO Atina (Serbia), KULU Women and Development (Denmark), Romanian Women’s Lobby (Romania), Alianza por la Solidaridad (Spain), and Red De Mujeres Latinoamericanas

Y Del Caribe (Spain) and is funded by the EU Erasmus+ programme.

**To download the full report, click [here](#).**

## NGO Atina report on the international WE-EMPOWER event: "Democracy Embraces Diversity: Celebrating and Empowering Migrant Women's Participation"



To follow up with the WE-EMPOWER International Training, NGO Atina, Oxfam Italia Intercultura and WIDE+ organised a public event: **"Democracy Embraces Diversity: Celebrating and Empowering Migrant Women's Participation"** on Friday, 20 October 2023, in Belgrade, Spain. The event aimed to disseminate the further the analysis developed by the project partners and have an exchange on the situation in Serbia on hosting female refugees and combating discrimination.

The event was divided into three panels. WE EMPOWER project partners discussed the findings of research on the political and democratic participation of migrant women in several European countries. Key officials in the public administration, representing different institutions discussed the steps for the participation and integration of migrant women in Serbia. And the meeting closed with the experiences of migrant women themselves, with two representatives of the members of the Advocacy Group of women with the experience of migration gathered around NGO Atina.

**To download the full report, click [here](#). There is also a recording of the event available on [YouTube](#).**

## Report on the first WE-EMPOWER Training 20-23 March 2023 in Brussels: "Improving Visibility of Migrant Women"

## towards the EU and in Media"

The first international training event of the WE-EMPOWER project was held on 21 and 22 March 2023 in Brussels, Belgium. The report is now also available.

Representatives of project partners, experts, other feminist (migrant) associations and activists from the WIDE+ migration and gender working group, young mostly migrant volunteers, as well as Brussels-based organisations attended the training. 34 people took part to build capacities and share knowledge on topics of communication and EU processes, institutions and policies that are relevant for migrant women and gender nonconforming persons.

**Download the full report [here](#).**



## Members and Partners News

**WIDE and Südwind - Online Talk with Climate Activist Joanna Sustento from Philippines: 15 December, 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM CET**





**Joanna Sustento** is a survivor of Super Typhoon Haiyan (2013). She will talk about her journey into the climate movement and the current situation of the climate movement in the Philippines. She is a mobilizer and helps to make the climate movement bigger. In doing so, she is active for „Roots“, a global initiative of Greenpeace that works with people and communities who are on the frontlines of the climate crisis.

**Friday, 15 December 2023, 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM CET** (postponed from 17 November and 1 December)

***This online talk is part of the series: Feminist South Perspectives on the Climate Crisis, organized by Südwind and WIDE.***

**Register here [to receive the zoom link to join the talk.](#)**

## **Report on Alianza por la Solidaridad WE-EMPOWER Multiplier Event: Training on Migrant Women's Rights in Spain**



[Alianza por la Solidaridad](#) published a report on the various training events for migrant women that they held between July and November 2023 and which successfully reached an outstanding number of migrant women in different areas of Spain.

This initiative focused on **equipping migrant women with essential knowledge and skills, from understanding the legal and political landscape that defines their participation** in Spanish civic life to strategies for effective civic and political advocacy.

The series of trainings was organised under the Erasmus+ funded project WE-EMPOWER, in which WIDE+ is also one of the collaborating partners.

To download the full report, click [here](#).

## Short Documentary "Women on the Move" by NGO Atina Advocacy Group available on YouTube



*"No woman can feel fully empowered when she's alone in a foreign country. But being a part of this group and "Atina" helped me a lot, especially this group of girls."*

- Hava, Advocacy Group Member

[NGO Atina](#) published a short documentary featuring women who have experienced refuge firsthand. In the film they share their personal stories and how they have found empowerment in the advocacy and activist work to fight for other women in similar circumstances that might otherwise not be heard or receive recognition in Serbia.

The group counts 16 permanent members who radiate energy and strength that can motivate everyone, and can be seen in the **documentary film "Women on the Move" ([YouTube](#))**.

## New GADN Briefing Paper on the Rollback on Women's and Girls' Rights



In reaction to the current rollback on women's and girls' rights, the UK government adopted the International Women and Girls Strategy which recognises the escalating threats and has committed to act against them.

This briefing paper by the [Gender and Development Network \(GADN\)](#) is a reaction to the UK government's strategy. It highlights recommendations for the UK government on how to meaningfully and impactfully address rollback across the areas of international action; research and evidence; internal systems; and supporting women's rights organisations and movements.

**To download the full briefing paper, click [here](#).**

### Gender and Trade Coalition brief video with feminist analysis of trade

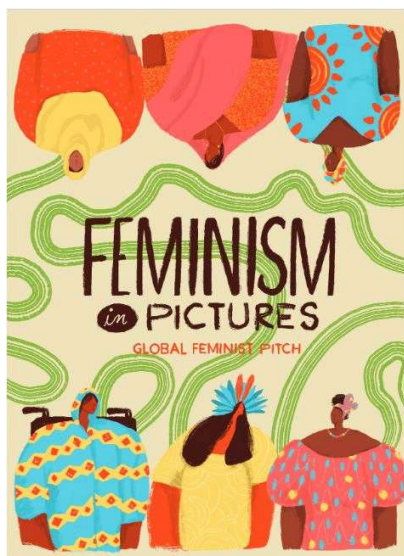
The Gender and Trade Coalition of which WIDE+ is a Steering Group Member produced a short video to showcase feminist analysis around regional trade agreements and topics like agriculture, digital trade, migration, masculinity and post-war recovery, etc. It draws on member's 10-part webinar series: [Gender and Trade Interlinkages video](#)

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## General News



### New publication of graphic novels by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, "Feminism in Pictures: Global Feminist Pitch"



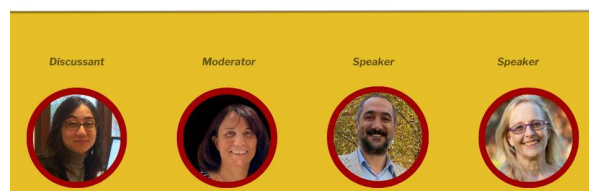
"Feminism in Pictures" is the result of a collaboration with seven incredible feminist illustrators from Brazil, Iran, India, Georgia, Pakistan, Turkiye, and Kenya for the Global Feminist Pitch 2023. They have created seven graphic novels that portray stories of feminists, feminist movements, and significant feminist moments from their regions. These graphic novels are evidence of the continuing streams of feminist resistance and resilience in diverse global contexts.

Download the full publication [here](#).

### IAFFE Online Event: Militarism and Gender Equality in the MENA Region



IAFFE Online Regional Event  
**MILITARISM AND GENDER EQUALITY  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA (MENA) REGION:  
A DISCUSSION**



### New Report by Global Fund for Women: Impact of the Generation Equality for Feminist Movements



A new report with feedback from over 700 grassroots feminist organizations in the pilot countries where the Framework is being implemented. They assessed the relevance, transparency, and accessibility of the Beijing+25 (GEF) commitments; identified gaps between needs and commitments; and determined the extent to which GEF is aligned with the country-level needs of feminist movements from a community-led perspective, instead of a commitment-maker perspective.

Download the full report on the Impact of the Generation Equality for Feminist Movements [here](#).

### AWID Call for Activities for the 15th AWID International Forum, 2–5 December 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand



The AWID International Forum brings together feminist, women's rights,

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December 14, 2023  
Time: 7 am Pacific Time/10 am Eastern Time/5 pm Cairo Time

Online

This will be a thought-provoking session exploring the **intricate relationship between militarism and gender dynamics** in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region. You are invited to join in this discussion which will cover both direct and indirect gendered impacts of military spending.

**When? 14 December 2023, 7 AM Pacific Time/10 AM Eastern Time/5 PM Cairo Time**

To register, click [here](#).

gender justice, LBTQI+ and allied movements, in all diversity and humanity, to connect, heal and thrive. The Forum is a place where Global South feminists and historically marginalized communities take center stage, strategizing with each other and allied movements, funders and policy-makers, in order to shift power, make alliances, and usher in a different, better world. The event will take place from **2–5 December 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand; and online.**

AWID issued a **Call for Activities** (Closing Date 15 January 2024). To learn more about themes, formats and the forum in general, click [here](#).

**AWID Laughing in the Face of Corporate Capture: a Feminist Perspective**



While many organisations have been criticising the **increasing corporate capture** of COP28, AWID asked feminist humorists to express their opinions on the topic. The outcome is a collection of entertaining yet educating material picking corporate capture into pieces.

Read, watch, laugh an learn [here](#).



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