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

**WE-EMPOWER Event: "Migrant Women breaking down Barriers in Politics", 1 March, Madrid, Spain, (ESP/ENG)**

You can join us for a public event in Spanish and English titled: "Migrant Women breaking down Barriers in Politics". The event is hosted by Red Latinas in collaborations by WE-EMPOWER project partners, including WIDE+. The event will take place on Friday 1 March from 10 AM to 2 PM CET in La Corrala Cultural Center in Madrid. To register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5n7nPKE0fXwk9skSjHlntKdfJrl7j9yrHa0QTGT3o3oWgg/viewform?usp=send_form
WIDE+ signed joint statement opposing the EU-Chile Advanced Framework Agreement - EU plenary vote will take place in February 2024

On 13 December 2023, the EU and Chile signed the Advanced Framework Agreement (AFA). This deal raises profound concerns among CSOs when it comes to expected impact on human rights and the environment in Chile. Notably, the exploitation of Chile’s raw materials, especially Lithium, will be increased by the agreement without the policy space for Chile to manage its natural resources and raw material supply chains. The AFA will further reinforce neo-colonial terms of trade by, among others, increasing irresponsible mining accompanied by numerous social and ecological implications and undermining Chile’s economic development.

In response, over 100 organisations, including WIDE+, have sent an open letter to Members of European Parliament calling on them to reconsider their support for the deal and to vote against it. However, on 24 January MEPs in the International Trade committee recommended to approve EU-Chile Advanced Framework Agreement by 66 votes in favour (12 against, 4 abstained). The final plenary vote will take place in February.

CB4VOL Project - Volunteers meet with project partners to develop an international campaign, 18 - 20 January 2024,
From 18 - 20 January 2024, Alianza por la Solidaridad hosted the CB4VOL volunteers in Toledo, Spain, to work on their international campaign. The four consortium partners Alianza por la Solidaridad (Spain), Association Asticude (Morocco), YWCA (East Jerusalem), and WIDE+ each joined the meeting with their CB4VOL group of 6 volunteers who co-facilitated different sessions throughout the three day work meeting (the WIDE+ volunteers are the group of 6 volunteers on picture).

After the kick-off on the first day which focused on team building, the participants designed all components of their joint campaign with which they aim to raise awareness on the topic of digital gender-based violence.

The volunteers agreed on the key message to promote safer space online for youth & young women, defined (sub-) target groups, and designed communication and
branding strategies. The main hashtags for the campaign will be #SafeHerNet and #RespectfulClicks.

Following the work meeting, the volunteers from all four partners are now proceeding with the development of the campaign content which will be adapted to different platforms and regional/national languages of the participating associations. The campaign launch will follow in the beginning of March and all content will be disseminated throughout the months of March and April 2024.

The CB4VOL project "Across Borders, Strengthening Youth Volunteering for Gender Equality and Social Inclusion" (2022-2024) is co-funded by the European Union. It aims to strengthen the capacity of the partner organisations to develop volunteering at the local level, promoting youth participation in local communities, raising awareness and sensitising on gender equality and social inclusion.

To read more about the project, click [here](#).

**WIDE+ new Project Coordinator: Emma Rainey**

![Emma Rainey](image)

Emma Rainey is the new Project Coordinator at WIDE+. Having worked in the Brussels civil society sector for over a decade, Emma has been involved in several feminist and gender equality projects. This includes co-founding Young Feminist Europe, campaigning for reproductive rights in Ireland with BXL-Irish for Choice, as well as working as the Project Coordinator of the EU-funded Brussels Binder Beyond project. Emma often works as an independent researcher and gender analyst. And she is currently completing the Gender Studies - Intersectionality and Change Master's from Linkoping University. You can get in touch with her at emma[at]wideplus.org.

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**Members and Partners News**

Gender and Trade Coalition publishes a brief video with feminist analyses of Gender and Trade Interlinkages
The Gender and Trade Coalition of which WIDE+ is a Steering Group Member produced a short video to showcase feminist analyses around regional trade agreements and topics like agriculture, digital trade, migration, masculinity and post-war recovery, etc. It draws on the members' 10-part webinar series which can also be rewatched on the Gender and Trade Coalition website.

The Gender and Trade Coalition was initiated in 2018 by feminist and progressive activists to put forward feminist trade analysis and advocate for equitable trade policy.

To watch the video on YouTube, click [here](#).

Blog posts about WO=MEN Feminist Foreign Policy Community Festival, 31 October 2023, in The Hague
On 31 October 2023 WO=MEN and several of the network's members opened the doors to their meeting rooms and other spaces in The Hague for the first ever Feminist Foreign Policy Community Festival. The programme consisted of nineteen unique festival events and over 250 people attended throughout the day.

Now, three months later, WO=MEN shares a selection of articles and blog posts about their successful Feminist Foreign Policy Community Festival.

Blog Hivos: Are we just talking the walk instead of walking it?
Blog WILPF: Afghanistan and Yemen at the FFP Community Festival
Blog CMI: Reflections on the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy conference 2023
Blog Pooja Singh (Global Board Member at Restless Development): Reflections from the Feminist Foreign Policy Conference

Kvinna till Kvinna Report Launch 14 February 2024: The State of Women Human Rights Defenders

The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation kindly invites interested stakeholders to join the launch of their report The State of Women Human Rights Defenders 2023 – Hope and Resistance Go Together on 14 February 2024, 2.00 PM CET on Zoom.

The report reveals an escalation of harassment, defamation, and threats targeting women's and queer rights activists, impacting 75% of respondents.

Threats and harassment against activists are primarily driven by governments and authorities, reflecting the current global shift towards authoritarianism where important voices are either silenced or silencing themselves. The foundation biannually maps the situation for women’s rights activists and queer rights activists – their space to act as well as the threats and hatred they receive. 458 activists from 67 countries answered their global survey.

Please RSVP to maria.lorenzo.heredero[at]kvinnatillkvinn.se by 12 February
General News
New Critical Trends Report by the Feminist Action Nexus for Economic and Climate Justice

The Feminist Action Nexus for Economic and Climate Justice launched a Critical Trends report on 18 January 2024 posing the question: *Where are we in progress towards transforming systems for feminist and economic justice?*

The report illustrates the significant gap between the current global order and the feminist vision for economic and climate justice put forward by the Feminist Action Nexus and their allies. It promotes the transformation away from fossil-fuel capitalism by advancing a comprehensive feminist agenda towards regenerative economies that center care for people and the planet. *To download the full report or browse the interactive version, click here.*

EIGE publishes 2023 Gender Equality Index Report

The *European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)* published the Gender Equality Index 2023 which gives the EU and the Member States a score from 1 to 100 (100 meaning full equality between women and men).

The thematic focus of the Gender Equality Index 2023 is the European Green Deal's socially fair transition and its implications for gender equality.

*To download the 2023 Gender Equality Index Report, click here. Or for the interactive EIGE webpage, click here.*

Countdown 2030 Europe - Trends Analysis of European Donor Support to Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights & Family Planning

Call for Participation! Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF); 12 - 14 September, 2024 - in Chiang Mai, Thailand
The 2022/2023 Trends Analysis of European Donor Support to Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights & Family Planning found an overall increase of ODA (Official Development Assistance) and funding of SRH/FP (Sexual & Reproductive Health & Family Planning).

However, it became evident that some European donors mainly benefited themselves from their own expenditures. The analysis also concludes that there would be more funds available from European donors that could be allocated to support sexual and reproductive care, thus, increasingly prioritizing this crucial issue. To download the full report, click here.

APWLD invites feminists and activists from all across Asia and the Pacific region to register for the 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF), under the theme Feminist World-Building: Creative Energies, Collective Journeys.

The Forum is a three-day tri-annual event which brings together feminists, activists and Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) for building a feminist analysis; strengthening linkages and solidarities within and across feminist and women’s rights movements; and sharing herstories and narratives of feminist resistance and alternatives.

For more information on the event, click here, or access the applications form here.

ILGA Call for Project Proposals working with racialised LGBTI Communities - Application deadline: 2 April 2024, 9 am CEST
ILGA launched a new call for project proposals to support the groups and projects that address the intersectional impact of injustice, racialisation, racism and specific harms affecting the lives of racialised LGBTI communities across Europe.

**Deadline for applications is Tuesday, 2 April 2024, 09:00 CEST.**

To learn more about the requirements and ILGA's work, click [here](#).