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Members Update 2024 | Issue 10

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

With this newsletter being the last one ahead of a short break, WIDE+ wishes you a lovely summer. We'll be back with the next Members Update at the end of August.

COPGendered: Delve into the nexus of gender and climate justice in our series of briefing papers covering 6 topics



Our series of briefing papers on **Gender and Climate Justice** is now available. The briefing papers delve into specific themes on the nexus of gender and climate justice, covering the following six topics:

- **Gender and Climate Justice**
- **Climate Justice, Gender and LGBTIQ**
- **Climate Justice, Gender and Energy**
- **Climate Justice, Gender and Transport**
- **Gender and Climate-Induced Migration**
- **Climate Justice, Gender and Extractivism**

The briefing papers have been developed as a part of the COPGendered project led by WIDE+ and a transnational consortium of seven partners, mostly member associations, with: Gender CC now Life E.V., WIDE Austria, GADIP, KULU Women and Development, Mundubat, and CSCD. The primary aim is to equip learners with tools, knowledge, and methodologies to understand and

address the critical connections between gender inequality and the climate crisis.

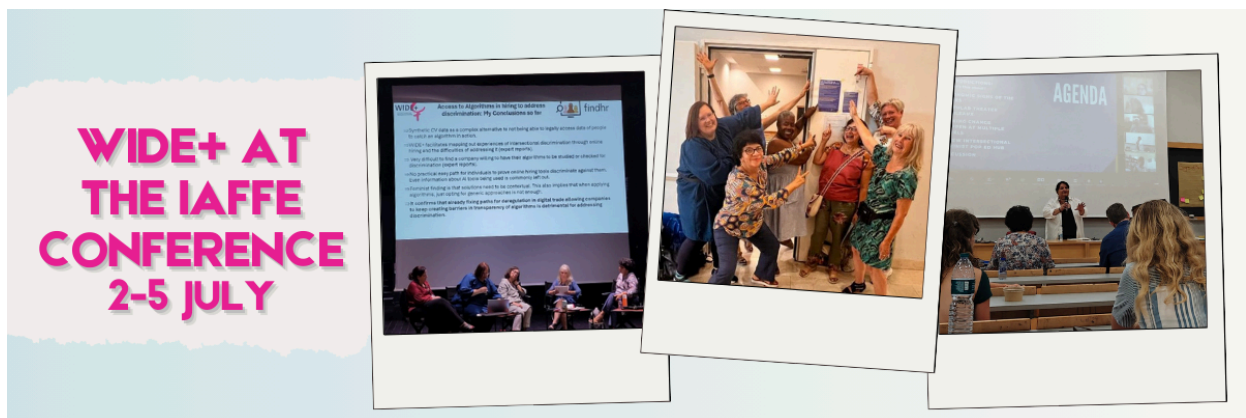
All briefing papers are available on [our website](#) and can be downloaded in the following languages: **Bulgarian, Danish, English, French, German, Spanish and Swedish.**

You can read more about the COPGendered project at: <https://wideplus.org/copgendered-project/>

As a WIDE+ member or partner, you can also order **printed copies** of the briefing papers in English and in French. Please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/Cu3Fkse1KoZVM5rU6> to order your copies. Copies will be posted upon availability.

WIDE+ will send the copies free of charge in case there is a minimum order of 25 copies (this can be copies of one specific briefing paper, some or all of them) as well as plans on how to use them in awareness raising activities.

WIDE+ at the IAFFE Annual Conference in Rome, 3-5 July



From 3 to 5 July, WIDE+ joined the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference in Rome, where WIDE+ members (co-)organised the following two workshops:

- **"Feminist Popular Economics Education for Organizing & Movement-Building – a hands-on workshop"**, in collaboration with popular education hub and others.
- **"Trade policies in the context of macro-economic policy making: feminist reflections on impact, resistance and alternatives"**, facilitated by WIDE+.

The first workshop reflected on popular educational methods to teach feminist economic issues. This workshop was made possible by WIDE+ members Silke Steinhilber, Heike Wach and Edme Dominguez, among others.

In the second workshop, Christa Wichterich, Dr. Patricia Munoz Cabrera, Edmé Dominguez, Mirela Arqimandriti and Gea Meijers each respectively reflected on issues such as:

- **International migration chains of care** and bilateral agreements between countries.
- The impact of **trade policy and human rights conventions on Lithium extractivism** in Chile and resistance against it.

- **The different trade agreements signed by Mexico** and how they enhanced the **inhumane labour conditions in the maquiladoras**
- **The labour conditions Albania** and related implementation challenges of trade agreements with Albania.
- **The discriminatory impacts of AI algorithms** and how EU trade policy is contributing to making it harder to address this.

Read more about the workshops on [our website](#).

WE-EMPOWER transnational training report | Madrid, Spain



From 29 February to 1 March, the **third transnational training within the WE-EMPOWER project** was held in Madrid, Spain. A total of 65 people participated in person in the training and related events, including close to 20 international representatives from project partners and over 40 migrant women who are members of Red Latinas.

The two days in Madrid were filled with **workshops on digital tools** for political participation, such as Moodle, a public event with **two roundtable discussions** featuring national and international experts in migration, an **interdisciplinary performance** on gender equality and **a visit to the Empowerment Center for Domestic & Care Workers**.

Key topics that were tackled included **issues and challenges faced by migrant women, such as bureaucratic hurdles, political exclusion, and inadequate support and resources from public institutions, among others**.

Background: WE-EMPOWER is a transnational collaboration that aims to empower migrant women to participate in civic and democratic life in Europe. The project unites seven women-led and migrant women-led organisations across Europe in a consortium that is led by WIDE+. It is co-funded by the European Union's ERASMUS+ programme.

[Read the full report here.](#)

Members and Partners News

Atina: Marijana Savić received this year's TIP HERO (Trafficking in Persons Hero) award



Marijana Savić from Serbian WIDE+ member NGO Atina received this year's **TIP HERO (Trafficking in Persons Hero) award**. The U.S. Department of State annually awards individuals from around the world this award in recognition of their overall work in this field.

Marijana is an activist dedicated to advancing the **rights of women and girls in Serbia** and has been working with **victim protection** for over twenty years. She was recognised for "**prioritizing the vulnerable, her innovations in work, and promoting long-term economic reintegration for victims to prevent re-victimization,**" stated the U.S. Department of State during the award ceremony.

Read more about Atina, the work of Marijana and the award [here](#).

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International Women* Space, co-hosted the European Colour of Surveillance Conference



WIDE+ partners International Women* Space, Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice, and Weaving Liberation co-organised the **2nd European Colour of Surveillance Conference in Berlin** on 26 and 27 June. The conference focused on liberation practices in times of fascism, with a focus on migrant justice organising.

The event brought together **racial, social, migrant justice and digital rights organisers** to build and share **resistance practices against racialised criminalisation and surveillance**. It featured panel discussions, workshops, and networking spaces.

While day one focused on **organising for worker and migration justice in Germany** amid rising digital surveillance and repression, day two **linked European surveillance to imperialist practices in Palestine** and explored local and international resistance connections.

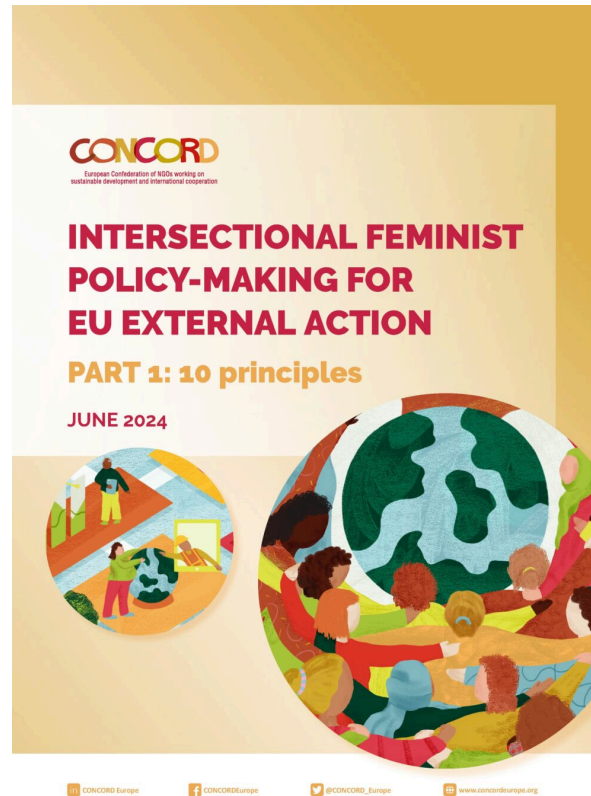
The conference concluded with reflections on the next steps to combat racist surveillance, organise across intersecting struggles and foster international solidarity.

CONCORD: 10 principles for Intersectional Feminist Policy-Making for EU External Action

CONCORD has adapted **10 principles for an intersectional feminist foreign policy, tailored to the EU's external action.**

The principles reflect the **paradigm shift** that CONCORD believes is needed: **a feminist foreign policy that balances power structures and addresses intersecting inequalities and harmful norms.** This approach would prioritise marginalised groups, promote collaboration, human rights, human security, and commit to long-term peace, sustainable development, and environmental integrity. It emphasizes power and resource-sharing and caring as central principles.

Access the publication [here](#).



General News

Workers in informal employment stand in solidarity with care workers and call for high-quality care services for all

Recently, the International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF), StreetNet International, HomeNet International, the International Alliance of Waste Pickers (IAWP), Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India, and Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) released a statement welcoming ILO's report Decent work and the care economy, prepared for the 112th Session of the International Labour Conference.

The aforementioned organisations **support the IDWF's definition of care and the 5R framework proposed by the ILO to recognise, reduce and redistribute women's unequal share of unpaid care work**, reward care workers fairly for their tremendous contribution, and ensure the representation of care workers.

Find the statement here: <https://buff.ly/4fdlOIF>

Find ILO's full report on Decent work and the care economy here: <https://buff.ly/3Wih5se>

European Data Journalism Network: International comparisons on femicide are impossible

16 members of the European Data Journalism Network (EDJNet), coordinated by the Mediterranean Institute for Investigative Reporting, formed a group to build an up-to-date data map on VAW and femicides.

The EDJNet investigation faced a **staggering lack of up-to-date data** and of data with similar characteristics, making it difficult to make national comparisons. They found that, among other factors, **underreporting by police authorities, negligence of law enforcement authorities and the pending adoption of an EU directive to combat VAW and domestic violence** form major barriers.

Read more on [EDJNet: Femicides in Europe](#) and [How many femicides? International comparisons are impossible](#).



Mama Cash and Equality Fund Brief: RESOURCING THE FEMINIST MOVEMENTS DRIVING CLIMATE ACTION



Feminist movements are pivotal in advancing climate justice, yet organisations led by women, girls, trans, and intersex people remain significantly **underfunded**.

Mama Cash and Equality Fund's brief, "Funding our Future: Resourcing the feminist movements driving climate action," underscores the need for dedicated climate finance for feminist groups and provides actionable steps for government donors.

Access the full brief [here](#).

Submit your communications on women's rights to the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women has opened for **communications submissions relating to women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields in any country anywhere in the world**. Any person or organisation with a claim, complaint, appeal, or petition containing such relevant information can submit their writing to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Deadline: 1 August

Read more about the procedure and criteria [here](#).

**The French Agency for Development's call for projects:
"BODILY AUTONOMY IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH"**

The French Agency for Development (AFD) has opened a **call for projects under the theme of bodily autonomy in sexual and reproductive health**.

The project call is open to national and international non-profit organisations, civil society organizations (CSOs) worldwide. The lead organisation of the applicant consortium must have an annual budget of 2.8 million € for a project of 3 years and 2.1 million € for a project of 4 years. This criterion is not applicable to consortium members. AFD aims to select one CSO consortium.

Deadline: 30 August 2024 at 8AM CEST

Read more about the call and the application criteria here: <https://www.afd.fr/en/call-for-project-bodily-autonomy-in-sexual-and-reproductive-health>

In case of interest in applying together with WIDE+, please contact us at info@wide-network.org.



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