

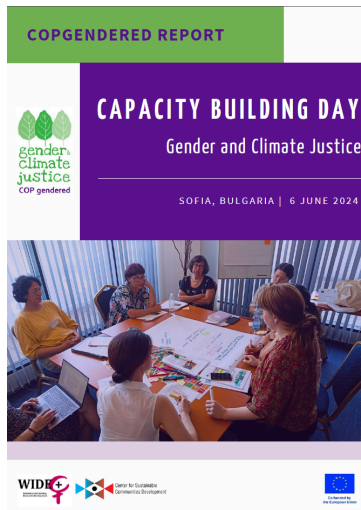
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## Members Update 2024 | Issue 11

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

### COPGendered reports on the Transnational Capacity Building Day and Conference 6-7 June 2024, Sofia, Bulgaria



The reports from the Capacity Building Day and Conference that took place on 6 and 7 June in Sofia, Bulgaria are now [available on the COPGendered project page on our website](#). The events were hosted by WIDE+ member Centre for Sustainable Communities Development.

The [Capacity Building Day report](#) delves into the various explored **methodologies** that can be applied to teach groups of people about climate justice and gender equality.

The [Conference report](#) features key takeaways from the **presentation of the COPGendered thematic briefing papers** on the intersections of gender equality and climate justice.



The activities took place within the Erasmus+ project “Gender and Climate Justice: Knowledge for Empowerment” (COPGendered Project).

The project is led by WIDE+ and involves a consortium of seven organisations: **WIDE+ (Europe), GenderCC in Germany, WIDE in Austria, GADIP in Sweden, KULU Women and Development Denmark, Mundubat in Spain and CSCD in Bulgaria**. The project is funded by the European Education and Culture Agency (EACEA), as part of the EU Erasmus+ programme.

## Members and Partners News

## Sign this petition against the new anti-LGBT+ Law in Bulgaria



A shocking new law was just introduced in Bulgaria and signed into effect in a few weeks, which effectively bans any mention of LGBT+ lives in schools.

There is a petition shared within the WIDE+ caucus. It calls to support local activists and together stand up against ignorance and discrimination. It can be signed by individuals: <https://action.allout.org/en/m/4ed9add3/>

## THE GENDER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUMMER SCHOOL

In the coming two weeks in September, six free online learning sessions will be held, featuring experienced speakers teaching about how international financial institutions (IFIs) impact women's rights, plus the sharing of advocacy and mobilising tactics to rise up against them amongst participants.

Register for free and/or find out more:

<https://www.brettonwoodsproject.org/2024/08/gender-ifi-summer-school-2024/>

## IW\*S: drop-in sessions for refugee women\* in Berlin



## FIERCE has opened applications for the FIERCE Actions



**FIERCE** (Feminist Movements Revitalizing Democracy in Europe) has opened applications for their **open call for FIERCE Actions**.

FIERCE Actions refer to **community-driven initiatives designed to promote democratic participation and innovation from an intersectional feminist perspective**. This involves the following:

- Combat anti-gender rhetoric and protect gender rights.
- Engage marginalized groups in politics through creative activities.
- Reassess democratic participation at all levels.
- Hold feminist assemblies and discussions to tackle participation barriers.

**Up to 16 projects across FIERCE's participating countries will receive funding of up to 3,700€ per action:** Greece, Denmark, Italy, Spain, France, Poland, Slovenia, and Turkey.

Learn more about the open call on their [website](#) or [apply via this form](#).

WIDE+ partner IW\*S is offering new **drop-in sessions for refugee women\* for peer-to-peer support on asylum topics**. The next session will take place on 17 September from 11:00 to 15:00 at IW\*S' location on Manteuffelstr. 63, 10999 Berlin (Basement).

For translations into other languages or for help with German paperwork, **please contact IW\*S** via [iwspace@iwspace.de](mailto:iwspace@iwspace.de) or +49 1520 1721 275.

### Belarusian propaganda targeting Olga Karach and Our House



The recently aired TV show 'To be supplemented' by propagandist Igor Tur, targets **Olga Karach and her human rights organisation Our House**. The show focuses on the 12-year prison sentence and fine imposed on human rights activist Olga Karach for alleged "attempted coup d'état to seize state power by unconstitutional means."

The show **controversially claims that Lithuania is secretly negotiating to extradite Karach to Belarus by early 2026**, where she would serve her sentence. In response, **Karach has formally requested the Lithuanian authorities to confirm or deny these allegations**.

**Our House states that this is part of a broader pattern of Belarusian propaganda targeting Karach and her human rights organization**. Belarusian state media has repeatedly vilified Karach and other exiled Belarusian activists, using derogatory terms

### Monitoring report on the discrimination of Belarusians as an ethnic minority in Lithuania by Our House

The **International Center for Civil Initiatives "Our House"** has published a **report on the mass discrimination faced by Belarusians in Lithuania**. Our House is a Belarusian human rights organisation currently operating in exile in Lithuania.

Highlighted issues in the report include "pressure on human rights defenders and activists, attempts to deport Belarusian democratic activists and conscientious objectors back to Belarus, mass unfounded accusation of Belarusians as a threat to national security on fabricated grounds, discrimination against Belarusian businesses, and more."

[Read the full report here.](#)

### The Gender Trade Coalition publishes third explainer article on Migration and Trade



The Gender Trade Coalition to which WIDE+ is a steering member, just published their third explainer article on **Migration and Trade**. The article is **produced together with the Women in Migration Network for the Gender and Trade Coalition**.

The article looks at the **relations between trade and migration, how trade policies impact migration and how trade governance is related to migrant labor exploitation**.

Read the **full article here**, and learn more about the **explainer series here**.

Belarusian activists, using derogatory terms and threats.

**Karach is an active partner of WIDE+'s feminist movement building efforts.**

[Read the full statement by Our House.](#)

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## General News

### Feminists demand wealthy countries #PayUp their climate debt!



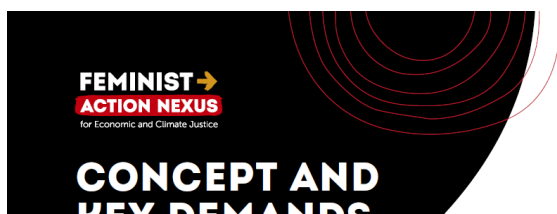
The **#PayUp** campaign, supported by various civil society groups, **calls for the Global North to provide at least US \$5 trillion annually in public climate finance to the Global South.**

Largely driven by the Global North's economy and reliance on fossil fuels, **climate change disproportionately impacts countries in the Global South**, with local populations suffering severe consequences like **climate-induced poverty, infrastructure destruction, crop failure, hunger and displacement.**

The US\$5 trillion figure is considered an initial payment towards a much larger, ongoing climate debt. The statement highlights the **need for transparent, grant-based finance to support grassroots and Indigenous communities**, emphasizing the **broader historical context of colonialism, imperialism, and exploitation** that has contributed to the current crisis.

[Read the full statement here.](#)

### Feminist Action Nexus: Key Concepts and Demands



### 'The Growing Movement to Make Global Philanthropy More Feminist lacks the concrete implementation



Despite growing recognition, **feminist movements remain critically underfunded**, with women's rights organizations receiving less than 1% of global aid in 2022 (AWID).

The **Gender Funders CoLab**, a coalition of major private foundations, is working to address these gaps by fostering public-private partnerships and pooling resources to support feminist movements, particularly in the Global South. Yet, **more action is urgently needed to advance gender justice.**

**“There is a lot of talk about doing this work globally, but not many dollars match that talk,”** says Kiersten Marek, founder of Philanthropy Women. **“I would argue that there is a ‘say/do’ gap in gender justice funding, both in the U.S. and globally.”**

Read the full article [here](#).

### Our Power Together - Impact Report: 10 Years of Powering Gender Justice





The **Feminist Action Nexus for Economic and Climate Justice (Action Nexus)**, born out of the Generation Equality Forum, aims to transform the global systems and dynamics that disproportionately impact women, girls, and gender-diverse people.

Active from 2021 to 2023, the nexus developed a **comprehensive feminist agenda** advocating for **regenerative economies** that prioritize both people and the planet, and calling for **systemic changes across governance, policy, climate action, finance and resource distribution**.

The focus remains on creating an **inclusive and equitable future through grassroots movements, fair economic practices, and environmental sustainability**.

Read more about the nexus' key demands and concepts [here](#).

### Opinion Piece by Oritro Karim: The Price Women Pay for Climate Change



This opinion piece highlights the **disproportionate impacts of climate change on women and girls**, particularly in developing countries. Women, who due to the patriarchal nature of society often hold less societal power and resources, are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change. This includes **increased poverty, gender-based violence, discrimination, and health**



The **'Our Power Together' report**, released by **Gender Funders Colab** for their ten-year anniversary, looks back at their progress and achievements in advancing gender justice over the past decade.

The report reflects on the **collective power of funders, activists, and organizations** working together to create meaningful change, stressing the **need for continued investment in feminist movements** and commitment to build on the progress made over the past ten years and address remaining challenges.

Read the full report [here](#).

### Not all gaps are created equal: the true value of care work, article



**Women and girls shoulder 75% of unpaid care work globally.** Every day, they perform **12.5 billion hours of unpaid labor**, which, if compensated at minimum wage, would contribute an estimated \$10.8 trillion annually to the global economy. In low-income countries, women in rural areas spend up to 14 hours a day on unpaid caregiving tasks. This responsibility limits their ability to pursue education, employment, and personal growth, **reinforcing deep gender and economic**

**risks, such as reproductive health issues like higher chances of miscarriage and maternal mortality.**

The piece calls for **climate solutions that address these gender inequities and include female perspectives, emphasizing the urgent need to tackle these intertwined crises.**

**inequalities worldwide.**

Systemic change is needed to recognize and address this imbalance, and for **more human economies** to be built - economies that work for everyone and not just a fortunate few.

Read the full article [here](#).

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