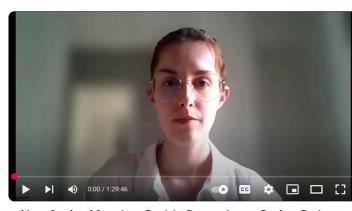


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Webinar recordings available from recent online discussions on trade, migration and democracy



Chaotic times in global trade: Looking from a gendered lens - 28 May 2025

This webinar touched upon the different impacts of the **current chaotic situation in the international trade space from a gendered lens**, with a focus on marginalized constituencies.

It was organized by the Gender and Trade Coalition and co-convenors WIDE+, Regions Refocus, Third World Network, FEMNET - African Women's Development and Communication Network, IT for Change, and Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID).

You can find the recording here  <https://gendertradecoalition.org/events/chaotic-times-in-global-trade-looking-from-a-gendered-lens/>

Gendered Crossings: Feminist Perspectives on Borders, Racism, Violence and Survival - 9 June 2025

Part of a new WIDE+ webinar series: 'Feminist Alternatives for Europe's uncharted future', this webinar brought together activists and practitioners to unpack the multifaceted realities of migration, human trafficking, and gender inequality today.

You can find the recording here  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9uxcSHudFo>

Gender perspectives on the EU-Mercosur agreement - 11 June 2025

Organized WIDE+ and Saskia Bricmont, Member of the European Parliament (Greens-EFA), this webinar provided a **gendered perspectives of the effects of the newly agreed EU-Mercosur trade agreement** and how this could affect both partners: the EU and the Mercosur countries, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Bolivia.

You can find the recording here  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_OLrpztcRXU

Under Threat in Europe: Democracy, Feminisms and Women's Rights - 18 June 2025

Part of a new WIDE+ webinar series: 'Feminist Alternatives for Europe's uncharted future', this webinar looked at three democratic areas under threat in three European countries from a feminist perspective: sexual and reproductive rights in Poland, freedom of opinion in Hungary, and academic freedom in Germany.

You can find the recording here  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8fGWUpoV0k>

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Brussels on 5–6 June - Your feedback is wanted!

As part of the Erasmus+ project "**Gender and Climate Justice: Knowledge for Empowerment**" - or COPGendered for short -, WIDE+ and partners hosted two international events in Brussels:

- 5 June – Conference: Global Financing for Gender and Climate Justice: Utopia or Reality? A Feminist Reflection
- 6 June – Workshop: Gender and Climate Justice: A European Feminist Dialogue to Explore Future Action

As part of the evaluation and reporting process, we are collecting feedback from participants.

Were you there? Share your feedback and reflections with us in the following survey:
<https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/T65FR8W>



WIDE+ at the FIERCE final conference



On 20 June, the final conference of the FIERCE project was held at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels: **Feminist futures for revitalising democracy across Europe.**

The conference took stock of the knowledge and results created throughout the three-year project that studied impact of **feminist and anti-feminist/anti-gender movements** across eight countries (France, Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Turkey, Denmark, Poland, and Spain). The red threads of the conference were a reflection on how to counter the far right, anti-gender movements by starting to better study and understand them. As well as a stock-tacking exercise of current feminist activism, in which an intersectional approach seem to be the common denominator. However this did not mean the term was preferred by all groups. There was also discussion about groups calling themselves feminist, but who are actually promoting racist or transphobic views.

Gea Meijers, General Coordinator at WIDE+, was invited to speak at the following panel: **Feminist futures for revitalising democracy across Europe**: Taking stock of the project results for democratic innovation and policy implications.

The panel was moderated by Maria Sangiuliano (FIERCE project partner, Smart Venice) and the other speakers were Mélissa Camara (MEP, Member of the FEMM and LIBE Committees), Tsippora Sidibé (Founder of Tant que je serai noire (TQJSN)) and Ségolène Pruvot (FIERCE project partner, European Alternatives).

Gea Meijers reaffirmed the importance of an intersectional approach in practice: "*What is so common for all these anti-gender movements that we see is their interrelations between different pushbacks. It is about attacking democracies and its values of soft power and cooperation, including development cooperation, attacking women and LGBTQI* rights, blatant racism, xenophobia, and climate change denialism among others. If we just focus on one element of the far right, we miss out on responding to their overall strategies of dividing and conquer.*"

The last panel offered also a reflection on how the FIERCE collaboration of feminist academics and activists could continue after the formal ending of the EU funded project.



WIDE+ endorses open letter: No Digital Justice Without Fiscal Justice

WIDE+ endorses the open letter by the Global Digital Justice Forum calling for urgent action to realign the global digital economy and its financial architecture with principles of fairness, inclusivity, and accountability.

The letter highlights the failure of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS Summit) to provide public financing guarantees for bridging the global divides in connectivity and digital infrastructural capabilities. Meanwhile, inequalities in the digital paradigm have only deepened. There is little coordination between the Financing for Development process and the WSIS mechanisms.

As the WSIS+20 Review is coming closer, the Global Digital Justice Forum calls on stakeholders in the process to reckon with the reality that: **There can be no digital justice without fiscal justice**.

[Read the full letter here.](#)

Members and Partners News

Joint letter by WIDE Netzwerk in Austria and Frauen*solidarität against the planned massive cuts in Official Development Assistance (ODA)



On 22 May, WIDE Netzwerk in Austria and Frauen*solidarität published a joint letter **against the planned massive cuts in Official Development Assistance in Austria.**

The letter calls on the addressed development policy spokespersons to make an effort in budget negotiations to ensure that the announced cuts do not occur, especially in view of the alarming situation of women and children and other vulnerable groups worldwide.

[Read the full letter here.](#)

Publication by WIDE Netzwerk: The EU-Chile Trade Agreement, extractivism and human rights, written by Patricia Muñoz Cabrera

The **EU-Chile Agreement** comes at a time of unprecedented environmental damage and social tensions caused by successive waves of resource extraction in the Atacama Desert in the north of Chile. Already in its 2016 Outlook, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development wrote that "Chile's natural resource-based economic model was starting to show its limits." **In her paper, Patricia Muñoz Cabrera (WIDE+)** critically assesses the incorporation of gender equality in trade agreements, with emphasis on trade in critical minerals.

A major critique in her paper is that the gender equality narrative informing the EU-Chile trade agreement remains rhetorical and disconnected from the social and ecological harm done by centuries of unsustainable extraction of critical minerals in Chile.

[Click here to read the full paper.](#)

Publication by WIDE Netzwerk: Survival amidst Gold Mining and Conflict. A Report from Sudan, written by Sara Omer Hamad Mohamed

Sudan's gold sector reveals a complex intersection of armed conflict, environmental degradation, and gendered labour exploitation. As warlords and external actors reap profits from illicit gold flows, millions of Sudanese – particularly women – bear the human cost.

The economic and political situation in addition to climate change intensifies the existing challenges faced by women involved in artisanal gold mining in Sudan. Despite their arduous labor, financial returns are minimal. Women workers lack formal recognition and protection as miners, while dealing with various health issues due to the environmental hazards.

[Click here to read the full paper.](#)

Dina Loghin - representative of Romanian Women's Lobby - has been elected president of European Women's Lobby



On 8 June 2025, Dina Loghin was elected president of **European Women's Lobby (EWL)** for a 2 year mandate. Previously, she was the Vice-President of the EWL (2023-2025), representing **Romanian Women's Lobby Association (ROWL)**.

Dina co-founded the establishment of the Romanian Women's Lobby.

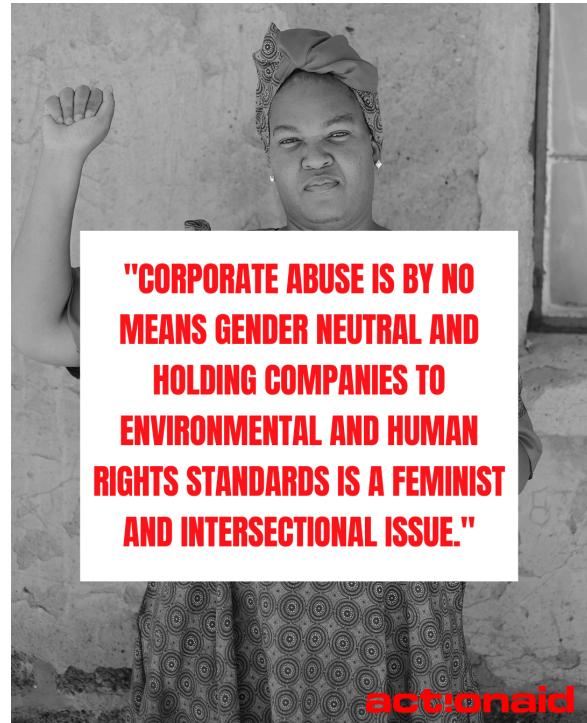
[Read the full announcement on ROWL's website.](#)

ActionAid: Gender Justice Over Corporate Profits: A Gender Analysis of the Omnibus Proposal

ActionAid EU, Netherlands, and France have published a report **analysing the Omnibus Proposal from a feminist perspective**.

The Omnibus proposal, published by the European Commission in February 2025, attacks key points of the Corporate Due Diligence Duty (CSDDD) adopted in April 2024. The CSDDD aimed to hold large EU-companies accountable for the implementation of human rights and environmental due diligence. The potential approval of the Omnibus proposal would **affect the well-being of people and communities who are negatively impacted by corporate activities will be threatened**. Women and gender-non-conforming individuals are most at risk.

For more, [ActionAid's latest report](#).



WIMN: Open Letter on Remittances to the UN Network on Migration

Roula Seghaier, International Coordinator at Women in Migration Network (WIMN), recently sent an **open letter on remittances to the UN Network on Migration** (UNNM). The letter addresses a recent UNNM statement, "[Investing in Impact: The Power of Remittances for the SDGs](#):

"We welcome your recognition of the vital role that women migrant workers play in both origin and destination countries' economies. Their labor sustains themselves, their families, fuels industries, and

contributes significantly to global development. **Yet, this acknowledgment must also confront the harsh realities of exploitation, systemic injustice, and the profound human costs borne by migrant women in the name of “contributing to sustainable development.”**

[Read the full letter on WIMNs website.](#)

Regions Refocus: Feminist Trade Agenda



Ahead of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), Regions Refocus has published its [Feminist Trade Agenda](#).

The agenda presents 16 policy proposals aimed at advancing efforts toward feminist trade justice. All proposals are based on their ['explainer' series](#) produced in 2024.

General News

Food for thought - articles, reports, papers and more:

Video by Friends of the Earth International: [For a Feminist Just Transition](#)

Publication by APWLD: [Another World is Possible, A Feminist World is Possible: Policy Brief on Macroeconomic Transformations, Women's Human Rights and Development Justice](#)

Publication by Regions Refocus: [Structural Pillars of Financial Imperialism](#)

Publication by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: [Human Rights and Global Supply Chains](#) with an interactive map on corporate due diligence legislation worldwide and 10 arguments in favour of an effective EU supply chain law.

Policy Brief by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: [Rebalancing EU Regulation - Progressive responses to the deregulation push](#)

Toolkit by EIGE: [Words Matter: Supporting Gender Equality Through Language and Communication](#)

Events and webinars:

Hybrid conference by FIERCE on 20 June: ["Feminist Futures for Revitalising Democracy Across Europe" with a key session dedicated to the main results of the FIERCE project.](#)

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