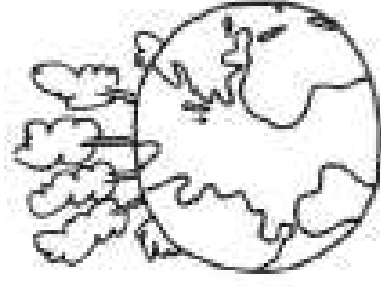


EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY FOR A FEMINIST EUROPE

*Another world is
on her way. Can
a quiet day
can hear her
breathing.*

- Arundhati Roy



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25 YEARS OF
FEMINIST
ACTIVISM
ACROSS EUROPE & BEYOND
29.05.2015



**EWL = the largest coalition for
women's rights in Europe**



Our vision

EWL envisions a society in which all women's contribution to all aspects of life is recognised, rewarded and celebrated - in leadership, in care and in production; all women have self-confidence, freedom of choice, and freedom from violence and exploitation; and no woman or girl is left behind.



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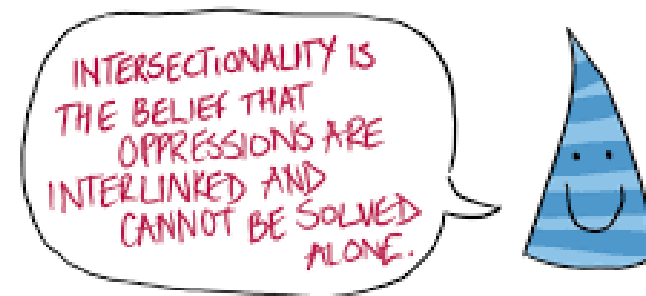


TOGETHER FOR A

FEMINIST EUROPE

Forward Looking Panel

- Brief presentation of the EWL Position paper on Tackling multiple discrimination of Roma women » 2012
- EWL Strategic framework 2016-2020



OPPRESSIONS ARE NOT ISOLATED.
INTERSECTIONALITY NOW!



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EWL Position paper on « Tackling multiple discrimination of Romani women »

- Focus on the experience of **Roma women** who are often exposed to **multiple discrimination on grounds of gender and ethnic origin**.
- Discrimination can occur within the mainstream society in a context of **growing anti-Roma racism and sexism**; or in their own communities by reason of their sex
- Evidence on the specific situation of Roma women looking at how multiple grounds of discrimination intersect



Addressing the vulnerable situation of Roma women

- **Bullying, leaving school early, no quality education...** → creates vulnerability to VAW
- **Exclusion from employment, racism in workplace** → lack of economic independence increases vulnerability to VAW
- **Discrimination in the health care system** → forced sterilisation, early motherhood, absence of contraception
- **Inadequate housing conditions**
- **Underrepresentation of Roma women in decision-making and administrations** → Roma women's needs not on the agenda

Roma women at higher risk to being exposed to violence against women

- Domestic and intimate-partner violence
- Arranged marriage, forced marriage and child marriage
- Trafficking and prostitution
- Racist-sexist violence against roma women



The great majority of violence against Romani women goes unreported

- ✓ **VAW is still accepted, trivialised**
- ✓ **Fear of further stigmatisation**
- ✓ **Perpetrators of VAW are rarely held accountable → discourages women from seeking legal help**
- ✓ **Romani women fear further victimisation by the police**
- ✓ **General stigmatisation of Romani women and girls + lack of alternative housing and shelters for abused women → no escape!**



EWL Position paper on « Tackling multiple discrimination of Romani women »

- All these factors need to be addressed to ensure Roma women's participation in public life: Roma women should be included as part of the solution to change.
- Roma inclusion policy and gender equality policies need Roma women activists and advocates. Funding is weak for NGOs.
- Gender mainstreaming is essential in Roma inclusion policies.
- Specific funding to measures addressing specific needs and initiatives of Roma women is essential

▶▶ EWL's VISION

We believe in a Feminist Europe.

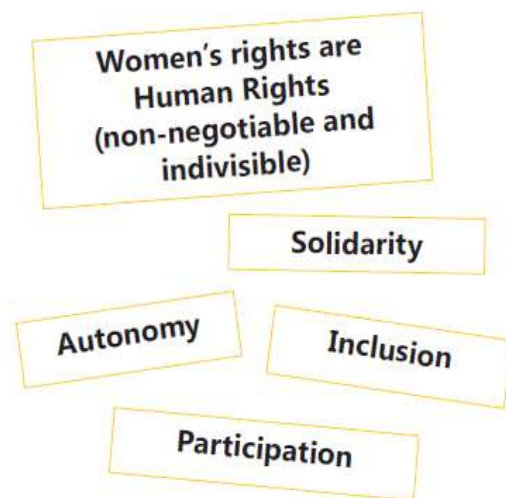
We want a holistic, transformational socio-economic vision, based on well-being, equality, social justice, and a powerful voice against women's poverty. We envision a culture in which women enjoy equal rights and participation in reimagined power and decision-making structures, in which all forms of violence against women has been eliminated, and women have been liberated from all forms of oppression. We envision a society in which women's contribution to all aspects of life is recognised, rewarded and celebrated - in leadership, in care and in production; all women have freedom of choice, self-confidence, and freedom from exploitation; and no woman has been left behind.

EWL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2016-2020

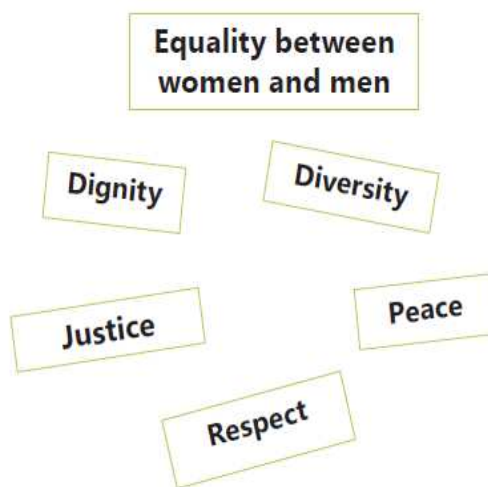
▶▶ EWL's MISSION

We are a credible source of expertise and experience on equality between women and men, women's rights and equality between women and men, representing the diversity of the women's movement across the European Union. We represent an inclusive, confident, loud, independent feminist voice and bring real women's voices into the EU political arena. We build consensus and mobilise our members' collective experience to work on major issues affecting women, to realise women's rights, equality between women and men and social justice. We act as a catalyst connecting different actors and organisations to bring change at EU level.

▶▶ EWL's 5 KEY PRINCIPLES



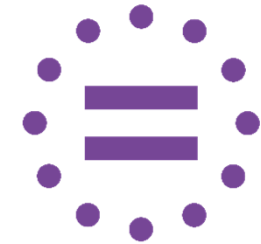
▶▶ EWL's 6 CORE VALUES



8 strategic aims to achieve our vision!



To ensure sustainable and strong institutional mechanisms for equality between women and men at EU level



1995 - 2015

20 years of the Beijing Platform for Action

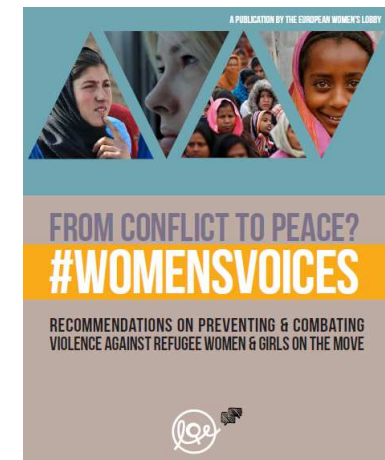
A European Women's Lobby review of the activities of the European Union



We want an EU Strategy for equality between women & men because it's our future.



To put an end to all forms of violence against women and girls and promote a society of peace, human security and dignity



Asylum is not gender neutral: the refugee crisis in Europe from a feminist perspective

[Brussels, 21 September 2015] Today is International Day of Peace. However, the persistence of war and conflicts globally urges us to redefine (...)



To challenge and change the culture of sexism and stereotypes and promote positive roles for women and men

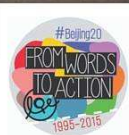


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THE BEIJING
PLATFORM
FOR ACTION

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO GROW UP
FREE FROM STEREOTYPES

FROM WORDS TO ACTION
WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

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SEMAINE DES FEMMES DE BRUXELLES - WEEK VAN DE VROUW BRUSSEL
OPENING NIGHT

THE EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY
CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY 2015

SCREENING OF
THIS IS MY HOME NOW
BY SADDIE CHOUA

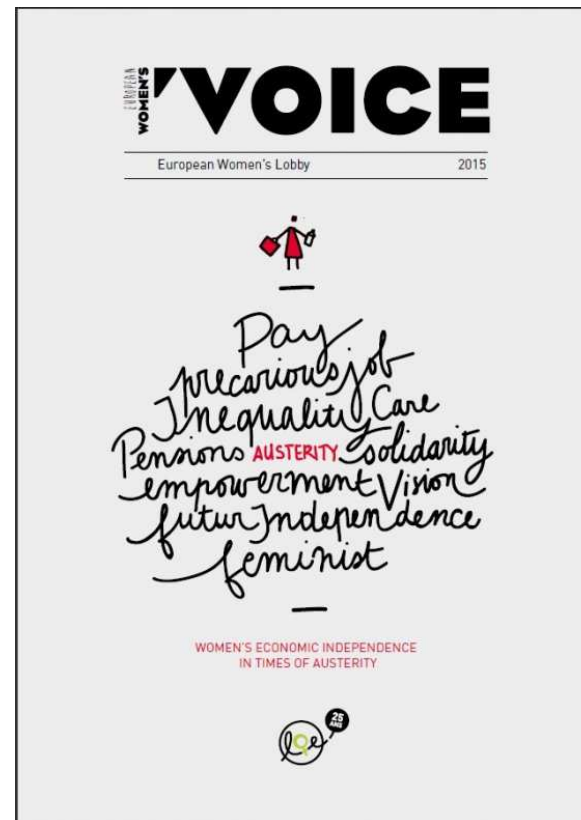
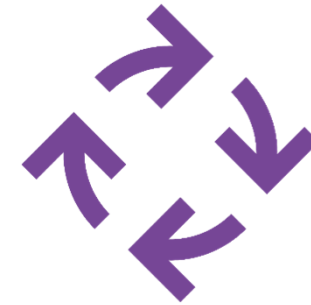
Q&A followed by a reception

2 MARCH 2015 - 18:30

CINEMA GALERIES - BRUXELLES

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To promote the feminist transformation of a sustainable economy based on new economic models based on equality, well-being, care and social justice



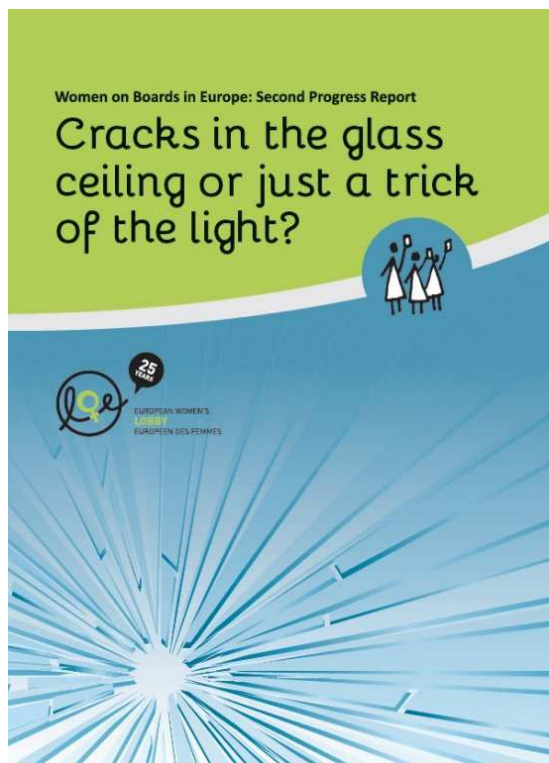
To position women at the heart of political, social and economic participation and decision-making



European Women's Lobby MANIFESTO

European Parliament elections 2014

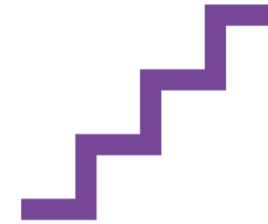
Act now for her future, commit to gender equality!



WOMEN OF EUROPE AWARDS 2016



To work together effectively at different levels and in different contexts



To promote and debate diversity, advancing consensus, and strengthen our collective voice



**European Call of Women's Organisations for COP21:
For a just, transformative and gender-responsive climate agreement!**

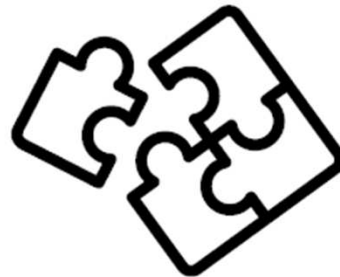


To raise more, better and sustainable funding for women



FINANCING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

competition or cooperation?



IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS AGENDA FOR
GLOBAL WOMEN'S MOVEMENT SOLIDARITY

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Challenges and threats

- The **myth of “equality being already there”** in Europe prevents gender equality from becoming a standalone goal for the EU. Weakening of institutional mechanisms for women’s rights.
- **EU policies don’t transform into change**, because of a lack of political will, of a lack of systematic gender mainstreaming in all areas, and a lack of strong architecture for gender equality.
- The **recent climate of austerity** reinforces the idea that women’s rights are “the icing on the cake”.
- **Financial cuts** are threatening the very existence of women’s organisations and other anti-discrimination organisations.



Challenges and threats

- **Attacks of ultra-conservative, anti-feminist and religious groups**, who systematically call gender equality into question and use religion, tradition or culture to legitimate violations of women's rights.
- The **2014 European elections and recent national elections** brought more populist, racist and misogynist decision-makers, directly threatening policies for women's rights & minorities.
- **Some governments increase controls on NGOs and citizens**, withdraw political space, or 're-register' NGOs, as an excuse to control or reduce funding and creating competition amongst NGOs. Attacks on female human rights defenders / activists.



Challenges and threats

- **The neoliberal system and the consumer society are impacting detrimentally on women's and girls' empowerment**, by commodifying their body and sexuality and perpetuating gender stereotypes throughout all spheres of society.
- **Stereotypes** are still prevalent in all spheres of society: toys, education, labour market, media... They impact on women's and girls' health, legitimise violence and everyday sexism, convey restrictive messages about women's role in society.
- We are worried to see that **the cult of individualism** has become so widespread that structural violations of women's rights are not taken seriously. "The personal is political"!



Positive developments & opportunities

- **Women and girls in Europe are now present in all spheres of society:** in education and employment, in political and business decision-making, expressing their views as artists, journalists, researchers, or community leaders.
- **A new generation of young feminists** is mobilising widely.
- **Some men are engaging** in the feminist movement, to support women's organisations' demands.
- **Feminist economists** are challenging the current system we live in, by proposing new ways of measuring wellbeing and protecting our planet and the next generations.

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The desktop view of the website features a purple header with the logo '25 YEARS' and 'loqe' (European Women's Lobby / European des Femmes). The navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'NEWS', 'OUR WORK', 'MEMBERS', 'LIBRARY', 'TAKE ACTION', 'ABOUT US', and 'FORUM'. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area has a purple banner with the headline 'Asylum is not gender neutral: the refugee crisis in Europe from a feminist perspective' and a photo of a group of people holding a banner that reads 'SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEE SEEKERS' and 'AZILANTWA'. Below this, there are sections for 'RECENT NEWS' (featuring an article about a joint event on Gender Equality in Business) and 'MEMBERS MAP' (showing a map of Europe).

The mobile view of the website is shown on a smartphone screen. It features a purple header with the logo '25 YEARS' and 'loqe'. A 'MENU' button is visible in the top right. The navigation menu is collapsed. The search bar is also present. The main content area shows the same headline as the desktop view, followed by a 'JOB VACANCY' section for a 'Governance and membership officer' position. The bottom of the screen shows standard mobile navigation icons.

Publications



Synthesis Report: Mapping Women's Social Entrepreneurship in Europe

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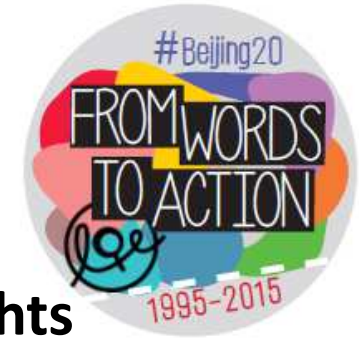
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EWL demands: Commit!



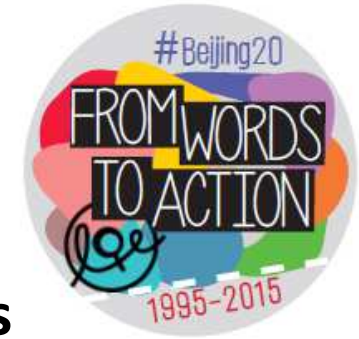
- **COMMIT to the realisation of women’s human rights!**
- Reaffirm your commitment to all interconnected and universal human rights, including CEDAW and the Beijing Platform for Action, and systematically ensure a women’s rights perspective in all policies.
- Reaffirm your commitment to existing United Nations & CoE agreed language and instruments on women’s rights and equality between women and men, including the Cairo Programme of Action (on sexual and reproductive rights) and the 1949 UN Convention (on prostitution and trafficking).

EWL demands: Accelerate!



- **ACCELERATE** the implementation of all women's rights instruments (the Beijing Platform for Action, CEDAW, regional and national laws and programmes).
- Keep women's rights on the highest level of the political agenda, at all times, including by strengthening institutional mechanisms for women's rights.
- Elaborate comprehensive and ambitious strategies to realise women's and girls' rights which should not only develop and implement legislation, but also make a concrete change in mentalities and values.
- Make sure that all policies are designed to not leave a single girl or woman behind.

EWL demands: Invest!



- **INVEST in women's and girls' rights, and in women's organisations.**
- Ensure that national & regional (CoE) budgets include increased dedicated investment to secure women's rights.
- Equally include women's organisations and experts in all regional & global discussion on all issues, and in your national delegations to the intergovernmental meetings.
- Abide by your duty to develop democratic societies and civil dialogue, and protect all human rights activists.
- Deliver a new model for development and peace, with women's and girls' rights, and feminist economics and values at its core.