

# The European Women's Lobby

Working together for women's rights and gender equality in Europe



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# Why a European Women's Lobby?

- ✓ No real equality between women and men
- ✓ Discrepancies of legislation and reality
- ✓ Need for women's organisations to ally, share information, develop common action
- ✓ Women's voice and advocacy at European level
- ✓ **Together, we can make a change!**



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# The voice of women in Europe

- ✓ The largest umbrella organisation of women's associations in the EU
- ✓ National co-ordinations in 31 European countries and 20 Europe-wide member organisations (migrant women, women farmers, women lawyers, trade unions, etc.)
- ✓ Concentrating on European level, but activities range from local to international level
- ✓ **Aim to promote women's rights and gender equality in Europe**



# EWL membership



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# Working with...

- ✓ European Parliament
- ✓ European Commission
- ✓ Council of Ministers
- ✓ Advisory Bodies
- ✓ European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
- ✓ Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
  
- ✓ **NGOs:** Social Platform, European Civil Society Contact Group



# EWL secretariat in Brussels



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# Women and decision-making



- ✓ Members of the European Parliament: 35%
- ✓ Women in national parliaments: 22%
- ✓ Women in national government: 26%



# EWL 50/50 Campaign: No modern democracy without parity



I VOTE.  
I CHANGE.  
I VOTE FOR EQUALITY.



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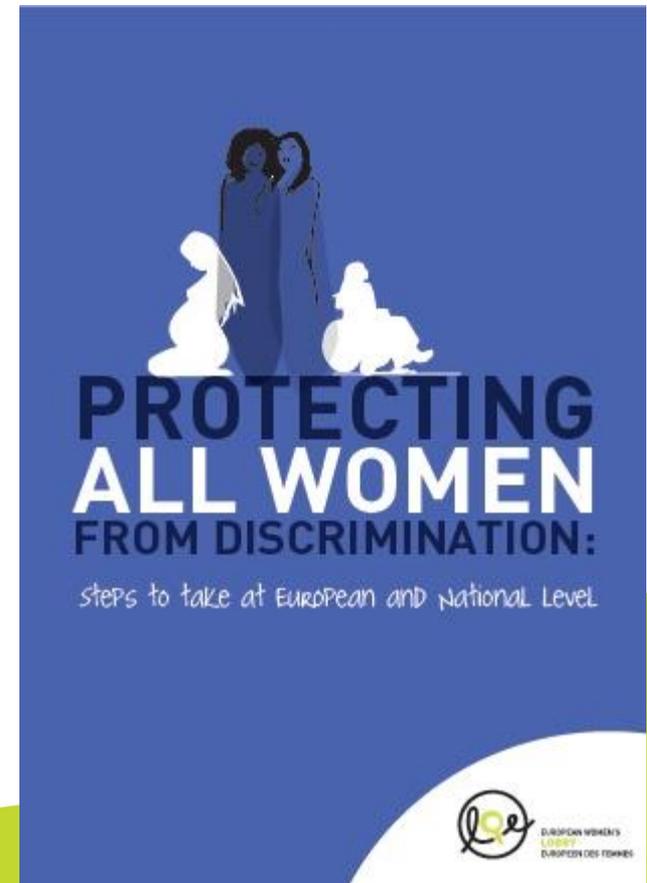
# EWL European Political Mentoring Network 2013-2014



# Immigration, Integration and Asylum Women's Diversity, Anti-discrimination



**EUROPEAN NETWORK  
OF MIGRANT WOMEN**



# Economic and Social Policy from a feminist perspective

- ✓ Women earn an average of 18% less than men
- ✓ Women are four times more likely than men to work part-time
- ✓ 17% of women are at-risk-of-poverty



# EWL Actions on socio-economic policies

- Gender pay gap
- Women's pensions

## Ticking clocks -

Alternative 2012 Country-Specific Recommendations to strengthen women's rights and gender equality in the Europe 2020 Strategy



# The impact of austerity measures on women's rights and gender equality



## The price of austerity -

The impact on women's rights and gender equality in Europe



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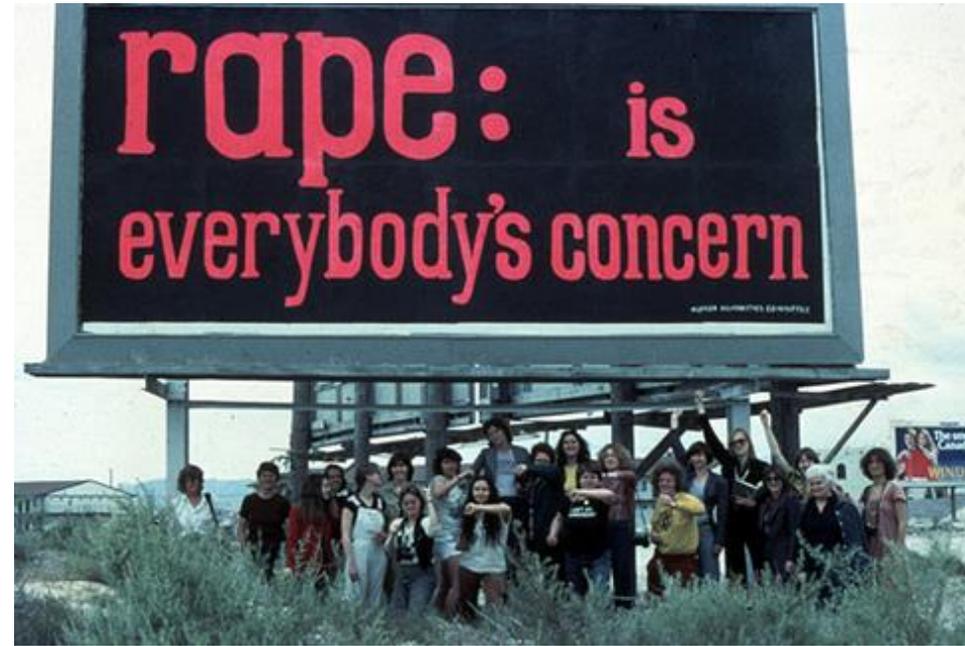
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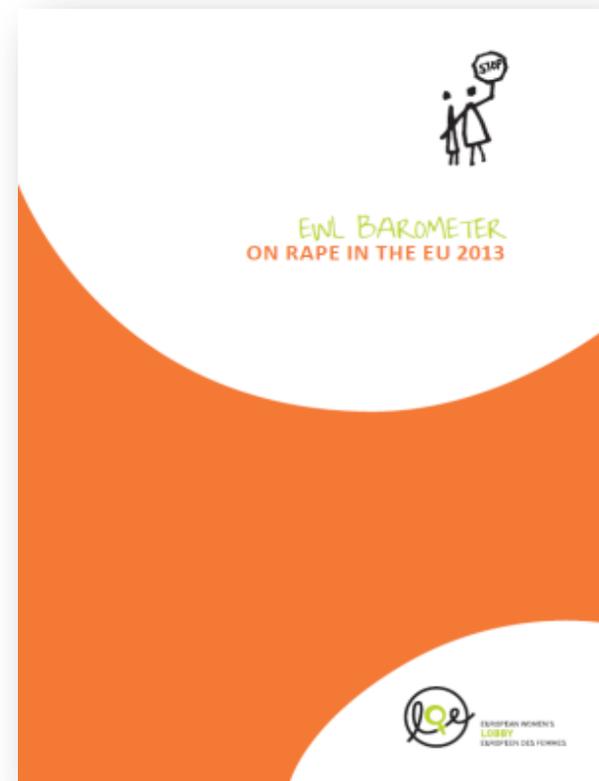
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# Violence against Women

- ✓ An estimated one in five women has been a victim of domestic violence
- ✓ 7 women die every day from male domestic violence
- ✓ 9 out of 10 women in prostitution would like to exit prostitution but feel unable to do so



# EWL observatory on violence against women



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# #EndVAWinEurope

# MAKE MY YEAR!

**Act now to  
end violence  
against women  
in Europe.**



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## BRUSSELS' CALL

*Victor Hugo*

HE WOULD HAVE SIGNED...

## WHAT ABOUT YOU ?

"THEY SAY THAT SLAVERY HAS DISAPPEARED FROM EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION. THAT IS INCORRECT. IT STILL EXISTS, BUT NOW IT WEIGHS ONLY ON WOMEN, AND IT IS CALLED PROSTITUTION."

Victor Hugo, 1862.



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TOGETHER FOR A EUROPE  
**FREE FROM PROSTITUTION**

#Endprostitution  
#brusselscall





# Women's Watch 2012 - 2013

**A feminist appraisal of the situation of women's rights in 30 countries** looking both at legislation and statistical data regarding:

- ✓ Women in decision-making
- ✓ Women's economic independence and care responsibilities
- ✓ Violence against women and women's sexual and reproductive health and rights



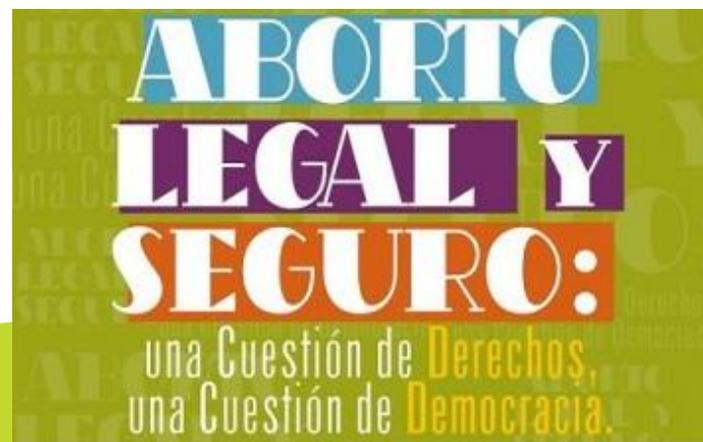
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# 2014: Challenges ahead

- ✓ Impact of the crisis and austerity measures on women and on women's organisations (funding)
- ✓ Weakening/disappearance of institutional mechanisms for gender equality and women's rights
- ✓ Climate of conservatism and anti-feminism
- ✓ Impact of neoliberalism & consumer society on women's representations, roles and stereotypes
- ✓ Backlash against women's rights, especially Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights



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