

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY FOR A FEMINIST EUROPE



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Did you know that in the EU...

- ✓ 2 % of the presidents of the largest companies are women
- ✓ 63% of Members of the European Parliament are men
- ✓ There are 4 men for every woman who gets news coverage
- ✓ Women earn an average of 16 % less than men, and the pension gap is as high as 39%
- ✓ Women are 4 times more likely than men to work part-time
- ✓ An estimated 1 in 3 women has been a victim of male violence, 1 in 5 of rape
- ✓ Women cannot access legal abortion in 4 EU member states



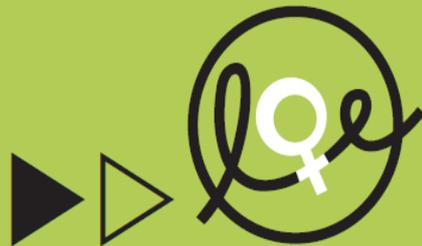
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Why a European Women's Lobby?

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



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**TOGETHER FOR A
FEMINIST EUROPE**

'CAUSE I'M A WOMAN.

PHENOMENALLY.

PHENOMENAL WOMAN,

THAT'S ME.

MAYA ANGELOU



25
YEARS

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25 YEARS OF

FEMINIST
ACTIVISM

ACROSS EUROPE & BEYOND

29.05.2015



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, coalitions on different topics (poverty, SDGs, etc.)



Democratic, transparent & transformative!



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▶▶ 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

Women's rights are
Human Rights
(non-negotiable and
indivisible)

Solidarity

Autonomy

Inclusion

Participation

▶▶ EWL's 6 CORE VALUES

Equality between
women and men

Dignity

Diversity

Justice

Peace

Respect

▶▶ STRATEGIC AIMS (LONG TERM GOALS TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION)

Transforming society

1. To put an **end to all forms of violence against women and girls** and promote a society of peace, human security and dignity
 2. To challenge and change the culture of **sexism and stereotypes** and promote positive roles for women and men
 3. To promote the feminist transformation of a sustainable **economy** based on new economic models based on equality, well-being, care and social justice
 4. To position women at the heart of **political, social and economic participation and decision-making**
- + **Transversal aims:** international action for women's rights / support to & implementation of EU Strategy on equality between women and men

EWL Year of Action Beijing+20



From words to action! A message from the European Women's Lobby for #Beijing20

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IN FEBRUARY, WE WANT
Parity at all levels of political and economic decision-making.

"Women's political participation is fundamental to democracy and essential to the achievement of sustainable development and peace."
United Nations and UN Women, 2011

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1995 - 2015

20 years of the Beijing Platform for Action

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



IN NOVEMBER, WE CAMPAIGN FOR
A Europe free from violence against women.

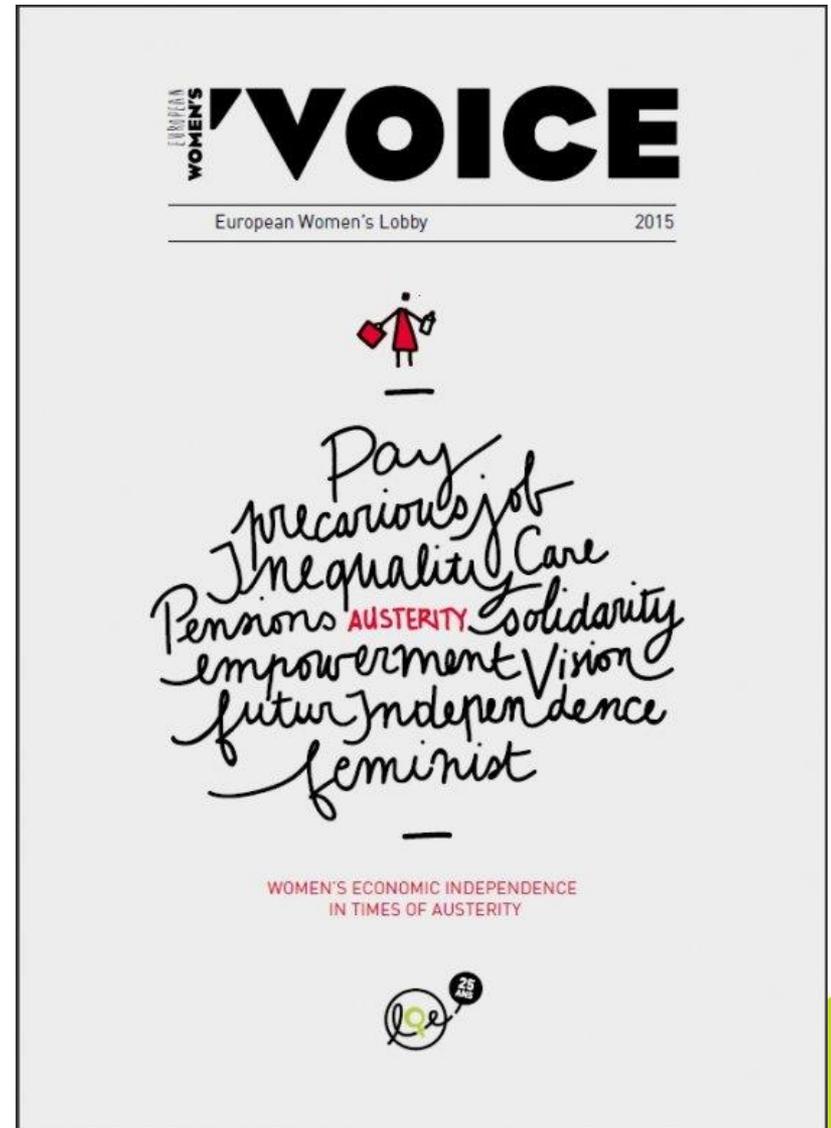
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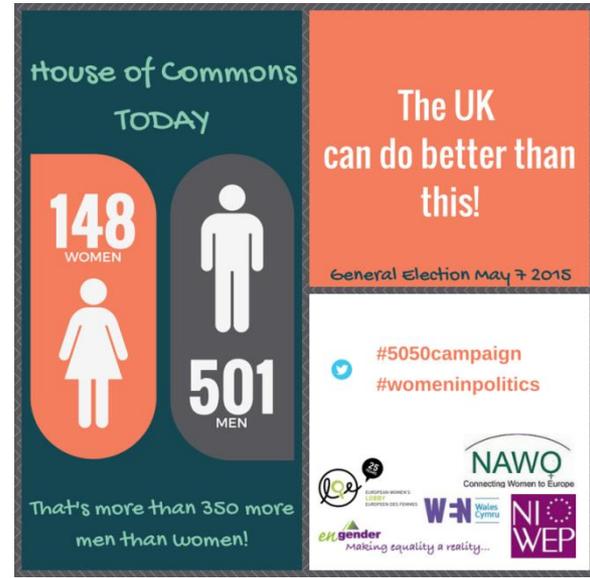
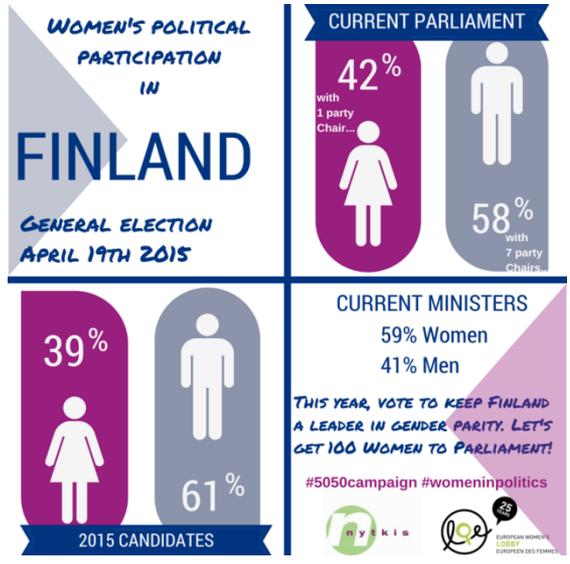


January: women's economic independence



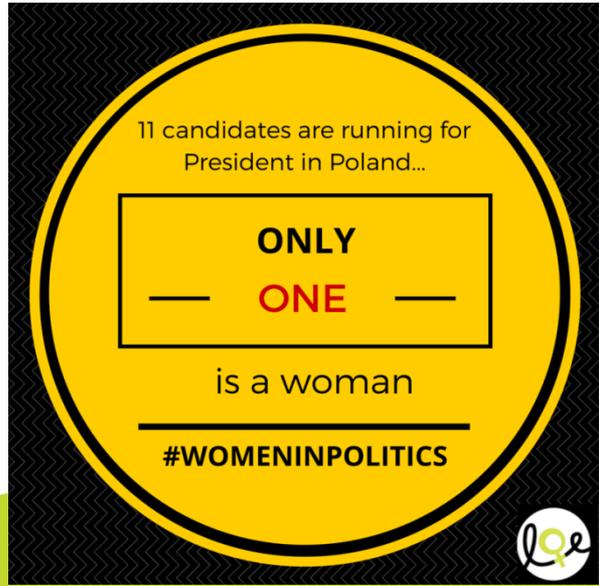
Women on Boards in Europe: Second Progress Report

Cracks in the glass ceiling or just a trick of the light?



#AllMalePanels

February: women in decision-making





February: One Billion Rising & advocacy against violence against women

Time to act now to end prostitution and sexual exploitation! Women's organisations celebrate the first anniversary of the Honeyball resolution

[EWL press statement](#)

Posted on 26 February 2015 |



March: migrant women, diversity and anti-discrimination

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

Registration Egalité des chances 02/279 21 10 // egalitedeschances@brucity.be

Position Paper "Tackling multiple discrimination of Romani and Traveller Women- a crucial factor for the successful implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies" (2012)



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CSW59

Commission on the Status of Women

9-20 March 2015

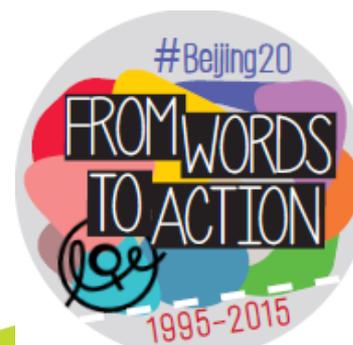
IMPLEMENTING THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

March: international action for women's rights

Women and girls can't wait 20 more years to enjoy their full human rights!

70 organisations join EWL for a joint statement to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Posted on 26 October 2014 |



Women's organisations demand a concrete and ambitious European Union's new Strategy for Equality between Women and Men 2016-2020

Posted on 24 April 2015 |



[Brussels, 15 April 2015] Ahead of the EC Forum on the Future of Gender Equality, the European Women's Lobby calls on the European Commission and the EU Member States to deliver a concrete and ambitious EU new Strategy for Equality between women and men. You can download the Briefing [here](#).

April: advocacy for an EU Strategy on Equality between women and men



Pierrette Pape @PierrettePape - Apr 21

#EUGender on violenceagainstwomen: address culture of violence & prostitution @maryhoneyball @tumoffRL @UK_Feminista



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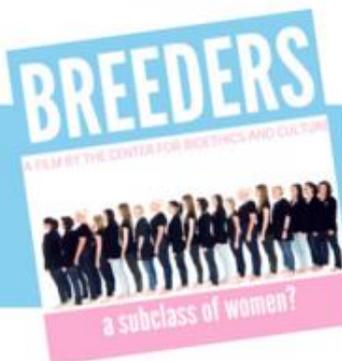
European Women's Lobby Position Paper: Women's Health in the European Union

April: women's health

Wednesday 6 May 2015 19:00

In the framework of the European Women's Lobby 2015 year of action on Beijing+20, MEP Anna Hedh, S&D group and the European Women's Lobby invite you to the screening of 'Breeders' and to join a debate on the reality of surrogacy with:

- Anna Hedh, MEP, S&D group
- Stephanie Thögensen, Swedish Women's Lobby, Sweden
- Ana-Luana Stoicea-Deram, Collectif pour le Respect de la Personne (CoRP), France



19:00: screening // 20:00: debate

Followed by a reception offered by MEP Anna Hedh

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COP21·CMP11



**THE WOMEN'S
GLOBAL CALL FOR
CLIMATE JUSTICE**

June and November: women and the environment



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Ask questions on Twitter:
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#B20envi

EWL webinar
'Women & the environment: what's the link?'

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Why should women and environment be linked? Why is it important for women's organisations to address the environmental issues? Ilona Graenitz, Austrian



July & August: the girl child & women and education



Top media Tweet earned 6,694 impressions

Happy to announce the launch of our 1st young feminist summer school! Apply NOW womenlobby.org/spip.php?artic... #agora2015 pic.twitter.com/hGmLDD2C7e



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A Feminist Approach to Justice
- The Women's Tribunal in Sarajevo

Rada Boric
Director of Women's Studies in Croatia, a member organisation of Women's Network Croatia

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September: women and armed conflicts, UN1325, women refugees

Here we have drawn from the responses to each panellist during the webinar from twitter...

A feminist approach to justice: Rada Boric on the women's tribunal in Sarajevo

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 (...)



September: women social entrepreneurship

Synthesis Report: Mapping Women's Social Entrepreneurship in Europe

Download and read the full synthesis report of the WEstart research with comparative data analysis and Recommendations for Policy Makers.

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Mini Reports

Flip through a digital version of our six-page Mini Reports, focusing on the state of women's social entrepreneurship in Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Germany, Lithuania, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and the UK.

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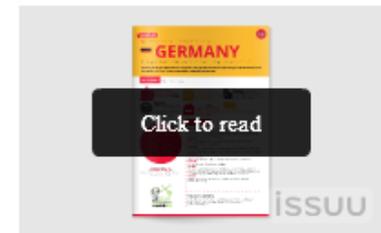
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IN OCTOBER, WE STAND FOR
The female factor: empower women,
eradicate poverty.



"Gender inequalities represent a violation of the human right
to live in dignity. Poverty is a denial of human dignity."

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Investing in a Social Europe, Report 2012

Non-Profit Organization

Create Call to Action

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October: women and poverty



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MY TO DO LIST

My Goal: Eradicate Poverty & its Feminisation

TO DO ✓

ENSURE THAT THE YOUTH
GUARANTEE IS ACCESSIBLE TO
YOUNG WOMEN AND HAS A
GENDER EQUALITY
PERSPECTIVE

TO DO ✓

ENSURE THAT MIGRATION,
INTEGRATION AND ASYLUM
POLICIES ARE GENDER
MAINSTREAMED AND PROVIDE
SPECIAL MEASURES FOR WOMEN

TO DO ✓

TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO
ENSURE FULL ACCESS FOR ROMA
GIRLS TO QUALITY AND
MAINSTREAM EDUCATION

18%

of young women between
15 and 29 are not in
education, employment
or training

36%

of women with a
migration background
experience poverty

19%

of Roma
women have
never been to
school



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SEX BUYERS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

DEMAND IS GENDERED: IT IS PART OF THE SEXIST CULTURE OF OUR SOCIETIES



- THE VAST MAJORITY OF SEX BUYERS ARE **MEN**
- BETWEEN **7 AND 40% OF MEN IN EUROPE** BUY SEX

47% OF BUYERS PURSUED THE TRANSACTION EVEN AFTER EXPLICIT WARNINGS THAT THE GIRL IS LIKELY TO BE UNDER 18

50% OF BUYERS HAVE PAID FOR SEX IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY CITE A VARIETY OF REASONS FOR TRAVELLING TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR PROSTITUTION, INCLUDING PRICE, VARIETY AND EXOTICISM

“ A sex buyer: She gave up her rights when she accepted my money. ”

A sex buyer:



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18 OCTOBER 2015 | EU ANTI-TRAFFICKING DAY

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Who is benefitting from the crime of trafficking? Stop Hypocrisy. Time to act now!

Statement of EWL and partners for the 5th meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform on Trafficking in Human Beings (21-22 May 2015, Brussels)

Posted on 21 May 2015



October: towards the abolition of prostitution and sex trafficking



NO TO SEX TRAFFICKING,
YES TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Anti-Sex Trafficking Global-Joint Campaign





European Women's Lobby
8 novembre, 18:19 · 🌐

Women in the Czech Republic face violence, sexual harassment and stalking on a huge scale. The Česká ženská lobby demands the immediate adoption of the Istanbul Convention to protect women from violence. Declare your solidarity, sign the petition. #IstanbulConvention #fromwordstoaction



Petice za přijetí opatření proti násilí na ženách
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STOP.CZ

November: violence against women

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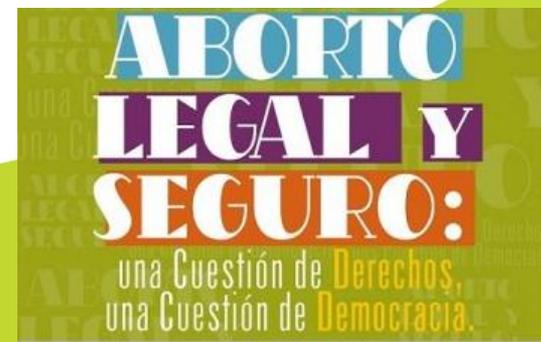


2016: Challenges ahead

- ✓ Illusion of equality, or interest just for economic growth
 - ✓ 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, anti-gender movements, backlash against women's rights, especially Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
 - ✓ Impact of neoliberalism & consumer society on women's representations, roles and stereotypes: commodification, sexualisation, dividing the movement
- Attacks on civil society space



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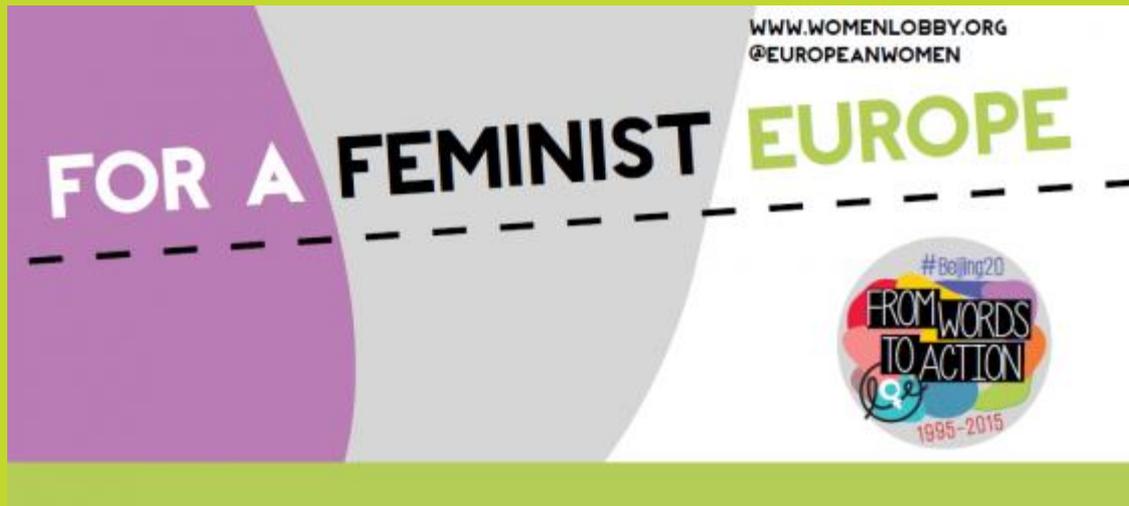
2016: Opportunities!

- ✓ Young feminists!
- ✓ Men mobilising for women's human rights!
- ✓ Social media and digital world
- ✓ Women's organisations mobilise (Nordic Forum, women's congresses in Eastern Europe...)
- ✓ Urgent need for feminist principles of peace and security, and of feminist economics, to bring real change!



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