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## Editorial

### **EWL General Assembly elects New Executive Committee and Accepts New Members**

In light of the French EU Presidency, this year's General Assembly of the European Women's Lobby was held in Lyon (France) from 24 to 26 October. The meeting gathered more than 150 delegates, representing EWL national co-ordinations and European-wide member organisations, from all over Europe. The EWL General Assembly took place in the Lyon City Hall and was generously hosted by the Lyon City Council with the organisational support of the French Coordination of the EWL (CLEF).

The three-day event started on Friday with a **seminar on 'Local Authorities as Actors Promoting Equality between Women and Men in Europe: Realities and Perspectives'**. The Deputy Mayor of Lyon Ms Rabatel opened the seminar, followed by a welcoming address by Valérie Létard, State Secretary for Solidarity on behalf of the French EU Presidency. The European Commission Vice-President Margot Wallström sent a video message of support. An overview on the essential role of regions in achieving equality between women and men preceded a round table on 'Tools for Gender equality at Local Level'. The main issues discussed during the round table were the action by and for migrant women at the local level and the importance of gender budgeting as a policy instrument. Finally, there were two presentations of concrete regional experiences about urban planning and time management with a gender equality perspective.

The EWL General Assembly itself took place on 25 and 26 October. Amongst the various discussions held by the delegates, **five Issue Groups** were organised by member organisations on a) Women's economic independence, b) European Security Policy: a non-militarist approach, c) Who's afraid of gender budgeting?, d) Sexist discrimination in the media and e) Reproductive Rights: Progress and Threats in Europe.

This General Assembly also saw an historic moment were two new national coordinations, from Cyprus and Poland, and one European-wide organisation, Federation of Kalé, Manouch Romany & Sinté Women, became full members of the **European Women's Lobby, which now comprises of national co-ordinations in all 27 EU member states and accession countries and 20 European-wide organisations.**

During the GA, a new **Board of administration of forty members was elected, out of whom a new Executive Committee** of seven members was elected in return. The Executive Committee of EWL for 2008-2010 now comprises of: **Brigitte Triems (Germany), President**; Martine Levy (France) and Thérèse Murphy (Ireland), Vice-Presidents; Elisabeth Law (UK) Treasurer; Iliana Balabanova Stoycheva (Bulgaria), Eva Fager (Sweden) and Karen Serres (COPA - Committee of Agricultural Organisations in Europe), ordinary members.

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## EWL News

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The EWL held a seminar in the European Parliament on 16 October on the theme **“What is being done to prevent trafficking in women and to assist victims?”** The results of the Nordic Baltic pilot Project, coordinated by the EWL, were shared with over 80 seminar participants. National and regional inter-agency cooperation and the development of assistance programmes for victims of trafficking in the Nordic-Baltic region were highlighted and the issue of prohibiting demand for commercial sexual services as a measure to prevent trafficking in women was addressed. The seminar was concluded by a questions’ session with EU policy makers including members of the European Parliament and a representative from the European Commission. Efforts to step up EU actions and increase the focus on reducing demand were highlighted during this session. For more information, the EWL press release, and seminar power-points, please visit the Nordic Baltic Network [website](#).

**New EWL/Nordic Baltic Network publication: Working together - Prevention and assistance to women victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation.** This publication outlines the framework for work against trafficking in women for sexual exploitation in Europe, and highlights the achievements of the Nordic Baltic Network in strengthening support and assistance to women victims of trafficking. To download, click [here](#), for hard copies send an email to [bjork@womenlobby.org](mailto:bjork@womenlobby.org).

**News from the EWL project “Equal Rights, Equal Voices. Migrant Women in the European Union”.** Thanks to the support of the Sigrid Rausing and Barrow Cadbury Trusts, seminars focusing on the integration of migrant women have and will take place in 13 countries between October and December 2008. The first national meeting organized by the Cultural House of Albanian Immigrants in Greece in cooperation with the EWL took place in Greece on 4 October, gathering more than 80 migrant women who discussed: the very serious problems they are facing with the documentation and their legal residence in Greece, particularly in the case of migrant women and their children (second generation); the absence of social protection related to their work and the access to social welfare system; the lack of information at all levels; the urgent need to articulate publicly their own experiences, concerns and priorities related to social integration and ultimately to raise their voices claiming their rights as women and as migrant and the need to be organised and to set up a networking of migrant women in Greece. To learn more about the project, please contact: [bach@womenlobby.org](mailto:bach@womenlobby.org)

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## Update on the EWL 50/50 Campaign - [www.5050democracy.eu](http://www.5050democracy.eu)

The EWL 50/50 Campaign “No Modern European Democracy without Gender Equality was launched on 16.09.08. The European wide Campaign aims to increase the presence of women at the highest level of European politics and to encourage women to cast their votes in the next European elections. The Campaign is already personally endorsed by a number of well known personalities from across Europe (see [50/50 website](#)).

### National Campaign activities

**Malta Confederation of Women’s Organisations (MCWO) meets the leaders of Malta’s political parties.** The MCWO met last week with the leader of Malta’s opposition Labour Party in order to communicate and discuss the EWL 50/50 Campaign. A meeting with the Green party Alternattiva Demokratika has also taken place. Both these political parties agreed that to further encourage and promote the participation of women in decision making, additional support structures need to be implemented in Malta in order help to bridge the gender parity divide. Meeting with the Prime Minister Dr. Lawrence Gonzi is scheduled to take place soon.

**National launches of the 50/50 Campaign in Turkey and in Poland.** After the launch of the 50/50 Campaign in Brussels on 16.09.08, it was also launched in Poland and in Turkey. The EWL Coordination in Turkey and the Polish Women’s Lobby have produced their own campaign posters and organised events, which have received extensive media coverage.

**The EWL has written to the leaders of the European political parties to emphasise the importance of equal representation of women on candidate lists for the EP elections.** In the letters the EWL reminded that it is going to mobilise its membership to vote for parties who both ensure equal representation of women and men on their candidate lists and commit to put gender equality on the top of their agendas. The EWL also questioned the parties on the steps the European party and its national member parties are taking to reach these aims. The EWL also used the opportunity to ask the parties to declare their support for the Campaign. The European Socialist Party is already supporting the 50/50 Campaign.

### Supporter of the Month

**Ursula von der Leyen, Federal Minister for Families, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany stated:** “In November 2008 we look back on 90 years of women’s suffrage in Germany. Women have been asked to cast vote in political elections and they have been eligible for political functions and offices since 1918. At all levels - from local councils to the European Parliament - we need women, who shape political decisions. Because: democracy becomes alive when people are prepared to stand up for what really concerns them.”

### Take Action!

**Participate in the 50/50 Campaign - contact the national political parties concerning the lists for the European elections 2009.** Although the next European elections are still 9 months away, national political parties across Europe are deciding right now who is going to be on the lists of candidates. The number of women elected will reflect the number and ranking of women on the candidate lists: the lesser the proportion of women on the list, the lesser women will be elected; if all women are put at the bottom of the list, they won’t have a chance to be elected either! Therefore we need your help to put pressure **right now** on all national political parties and ask them to ensure the equal representation and ranking of women and men on their electoral lists and to include gender equality as a priority in their programmes. You can use the [model lobbying letter](#) we have prepared.

### Other initiatives

**The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) launches Gender Equality Prize to encourage parity in politics.** The 2009 Gender Equality Prize, which rewards political parties that strive to promote gender equality in politics, will be awarded by the President of the Assembly at a ceremony to be held on the occasion of PACE's autumn session (28 September - 2 October 2009). Please, click [here](#) to get more information

Sign the Campaign on [www.5050democracy.eu](http://www.5050democracy.eu) !!!

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### **EWL Representation**

- Iluta Lace, Executive member, represented the EWL in a Round Table on Women and Gender equality held in Zagreb on 2.10.08 organised by the Centre for Women's Studies in Croatia.
- Colette De Troy; EPAC-VAW Director, participated to the Consultative meeting on the revision of the Framework Decisions on Sexual exploitation of children and Trafficking in human beings, 6-7 October 2008, organised by the European Commission.
- Myria Vassiliadou, EWL General Secretariat, participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Fundamental Rights Agency Fundamental Rights Platform that took place on 7-8 October in Vienna.
- Brigitte Triems, EWL executive member, represented the EWL in a Seminar on Gender Equality organised by the European Commission in Ankara, Turkey, on 7-8 October.
- Thérèse Murphy; EWL executive member, participated on 8-9 October in a conference in Paris organised under the French Presidency on Work attractiveness.
- Colette De Troy participated in the seminar "Coordinated Community Response to Violence against Women – EU/SEE/CIS/Caucasus" organised by BGRF and UNIFEM in Sofia, 9-10 October
- Amandine Bach, EWL Project coordinator, participated as a facilitator at the WIDE Annual Conference on 'Feminist Visions for a Just Europe' that took place from 10 to 12 October in The Hague, Netherlands. Please, click [here](#) to read the press release of the conference.
- Brigitte Triems represented the EWL in the 7<sup>th</sup> European Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion that took place on 15-16 October in Marseille, France.
- Maria Collins, EWL Policy Officer, represented the EWL in the conference organised by FEFAF on Demographic Changes – Parents, Families and Society, that took place on 16 October in the European Parliament in Brussels.
- Martine Levy, EWL executive member, participated in symposium on the development of social clauses in public procurement that took place in Paris on 17 October.
- Thérèse Murphy attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum on Services of General Interest organised under the French Presidency that took place on 28-29 October in Paris.
- Cécile Gréboval, EWL Policy Director represented the EWL at a meeting of the Inter-Institutional Network of Women in Strasbourg on 22.10.08.
- Brigitte Triems, new EWL President and Cécile Gréboval, EWL Policy Director represented the EWL at the Conference "Gender Equality: A Neglected Priority (not only) during the EU Presidency", organised in Prague by the Czech Women's Lobby on 06.11.08

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## **EWL Civil Society Representation**

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**Platform of European Social NGOs** - The EWL is an active member of the Platform of European social NGOs and is represented within its Management Committee and most working groups.

**EU Civil Society Contact Group** - EWL is member of the EU Civil Society Contact Group that brings together seven large rights and value based NGO sectors - environment, social, development, women, culture, human rights and public health. More information: [Act 4 Europe](#).

**EESC Liaison Group with Organised Civil Society** - EWL is member of the NGO Liaison group of the European Economic and Social Committee. More information: [NGO Liaison](#).

EWL is member of the NGO Platform on **EU Migration and Asylum Policy** initiated by the UNHCR to discuss and exchange information on the development of immigration policies and legislations at European level.

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## **European & International News in Brief**

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### **European News**

**On 3 October the European Commission adopted a ‘package’ to address reconciliation of private, professional and family life**, including a legislative proposal to amend the current **Maternity European Directive** (directive on measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant women and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding). The EWL welcomes this proposal as the provisions will enable women to enjoy their pregnancy and the early months with their newborn child knowing that their position is secured for up to six months on returning to work and that their financial security during maternity leave is guaranteed based on their monthly salary. The **new maternity leave directive** proposes 18 weeks continuous leave, which adds four extra weeks to the current European legislation. Taking into account that more than half of Member States have provision that are above the Commission’s proposal, the EWL is calling for up to 24 weeks paid maternity leave, which would reflect a more accurate average of practices in place.

The EWL also welcomes the **second legislative proposal of the package concerning self employed and assisting spouses/life partners** to avail of maternity leave protection. However, the EWL regrets the ‘voluntary’ nature of the proposal and calls for equal provision in maternity for all women in Europe, including those in atypical forms of employment, regardless of their professional status and that the reference to income should be based on national average wage. Click [here](#) to read the EWL’s press release on these two legislative proposals of the package.

In addition, the package also includes **a report on the Barcelona targets relating to childcare** and shows that these are lagging behind in the majority of Member States (deadline 2010) as most countries are facing similar issues relating to affordability, accessibility and quality of childcare infrastructures and services. Valuing the childcare sector in terms of recognising professional qualifications, wages and work conditions is also a crucial element that needs to be addressed. The Social Partners (Trade Unions and Employers) are also negotiating improvements to the 1996 **Parental Leave Directive** in which EWL is calling for the inclusion of men in their share of care.

**On October 14 the European Parliament held a conference on ‘A EU special envoy for Women’s Rights’.** The conference aimed at broader support for the initiative to appoint a special EU Women’s Envoy. The EU has already 11 special envoys (all men) who work on geographical issues (e.g. Tony Blair for Middle East). The initiative came from MEP Kathalijne Buitenweg (NL, Greens) got support from various MEPs. One of the main objectives is to have somebody sitting at the Council who could question the policies, reminding the Council and Member States of their commitments to gender equality (CEDAW, UN Resolution 1325). Please, click [here](#) to get more information on the European Envoy for Women’s Rights Campaign.

**What future for the Freedom, Security and Justice policy of the European Union? European Commission consultation.** The European Commission has launched a public consultation on the future of the freedom, security and justice area. **Deadline to respond: 20 November 2008.** The objective is to help the European Commission draft the priorities of the future programme in the area: the ‘Stockholm programme’ 2010 – 2014. Please, click [here](#) to read and respond the consultation.

**27 October to 31 October was the Cervical Cancer Week.** As this is a significant women's health issue and the leading cause of cancer in women in the developing world, MWIA-Medical Women International Association advocates for the prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of cervical cancer. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

### **International news**

The EWL supported a **joint civil society declaration on Migration, development and human rights** that was submitted to governments at the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Manila on 27-30 October 2008. The statement calls for human rights to be at the centre of the debates, which has not been the case in the debate until now. The specific demands made to governments include the call to fulfill their UN and ILO obligations (including CEDAW); to enjoy equality of rights and non-discrimination (including gender, race, sexual orientation etc.), to protect and uphold the human rights of migrant women, to adopt effective policies to combat trafficking. You can download the document [here](#).

**UN Secretary-General Urges Greater Efforts to Boost Women’s Role in Peace and Security.** Countries need to take more action to increase the role of women in the search for peace and justice and enhance their input in decision-making, even though positive steps have been made in recent years, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon writes in a [report](#) made public on 27 October.

**Human Development Report 2009.** Migration, both within and beyond borders, has become an increasingly prominent theme in domestic and international debates, and will be the topic of the 2009 Human Development Report – UNDP. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

**Creating Gender-Sensitive Migration Policy: Virtual Discussion.** From 3 to 21 November 2008, UN-INSTRAW will be hosting the Virtual Discussion ‘Creating Gender-Sensitive Migration Policy: Best Practices and Lessons Learned.’ The discussion will bring together policy-makers, government officials, financial experts, academics, and representatives from international organizations and NGOs to discuss how migration policy can promote development and the advancement of women. Specifically, participants will engage on such topics as banking of remittances and co-development policies. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

**Civil Society repressed in Nicaragua.** The President Daniel Ortega and its government is conducting a campaign against civil society organizations, particularly feminists, who have been outspoken critics of his government. The wider government repression includes harassment of several civil society organizations, journalists, and the international organization Oxfam GB, which supports the work of local non-governmental organizations. The government has specifically targeted feminists who have been vocal in condemning Ortega's closed links with the Church as well as the 2007 comprehensive ban on abortion. The EWL, following an initiative of Central American Women's Network (CAWN) sent a letter to the President Ortega highlighting the situation and asking to stop the persecution of feminist leaders.

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## **News from the European Parliament**

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**The European Parliament gets serious about civil dialogue.** The European Parliament started debating its draft report on civil dialogue in the Constitutional Affairs Committee. MEPs want a quick adoption as they consider that civil dialogue is among the best responses to the No vote in Ireland and to bridge the gap between citizens and the EU. The rapporteur, **Genowefa Grabowska** (PES, Poland) presented her **draft report** and supported the idea that the European Parliament should do its best for an authentic and democratic civil dialogue.

**Strengthening the European dimension of European elections by 2014.** In a his draft report, presented to the European Parliaments Constitutional Affairs Committee AFCO this week, Alexander Duff (ALDE, UK) makes a series of proposals on how to change the electoral procedure for the European Parliament. Most controversial proposal might be the idea to have in addition to national or regional candidate lists also transnational lists. Candidates on these lists shall come from at least a quarter of the Member States and be gender-balanced. Please, click [here](#) to read the report.

On 10 October the EP Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality held a **public hearing on Combating domestic Violence**. Issues such as the lack of reliable statistics on domestic violence, the instruments that exist at European level and the effectiveness of the legislation were raised during the meeting. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

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## **Update on Violence against Women and Women's Human Rights**

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**The EWL Observatory on Violence against Women met in Sofia, 13-14 October.** 30 experts from EU member states, accession and neighbouring countries discussed advances and set backs regarding the fight against Violence against women in their countries and on European level. It was agreed to set up four Observatory Working Groups: on successful campaigning, EU legislation, Migrant Women and VAW and Data collection and Media Watch. The working groups will meet for the first time in Nov and Dec 2008 to discuss their work programme for 2009. Furthermore, encourage by the positive experience of Ireland and Denmark, experts were committed to set up national observatories to better monitor policy and legislative development in their respective countries. All participating countries will be active in the 16 days against Violence against Women campaign (25 November – 10 December 2008) and a event will be organised by EPAC VAW in Brussels to mark the end of the campaign and raise awareness of he work of the observatory on European level. For more information, please contact [hugendubel@womenlobby.org](mailto:hugendubel@womenlobby.org) or [centre-vioence@womenlobby.org](mailto:centre-vioence@womenlobby.org).

**A petition is calling for UK lap dancing** clubs to be reclassified as ‘sex encounter establishments’ rather than equivalent to coffee shops for licensing purposes. The UK government is about to draft the relevant legislation and the petition deadline is 17th October. Please, click [here](#) to read and sign the petition.

**A campaign to end fistula** launched by UNFPA and partners, the global Campaign to End Fistula aims at eliminating fistula by 2015 by preventing it and restoring the health and dignity of women living with its consequences. The campaign’s annual report, released today, shows that it is active in 45 countries and has supported treatment for over 7,800 women. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

**Case Closed - Rape and Human Rights in the Nordic Countries, Amnesty International, 2008:** The Nordic countries – Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway – are often singled out for praise when it comes to achievements of gender equality. Even so, continuing violence against women evidences the unequal power relations between men and women that still prevail in all the Nordic countries. Please, click [here](#) to read the full report.

On the occasion of European Anti-Trafficking Day, the **Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS)** in partnership with **Prologue Consultancy Ltd** has published **flyers** aimed at **increasing awareness among potential buyers of sexual services on trafficking in women** for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Please, click [here](#) to view the leaflets and contact [info@medinstgenderstudies.org](mailto:info@medinstgenderstudies.org) for more information.

The **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women takes place on 25 November**. This day has been marked by women’s activists since 1981, and the date comes from the assassination of the three Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic, murdered because of their political activism. In 1999, the UN General Assembly designated this day as the International Day against Violence Against Women, and have since invited governments, international organisation and NGOs to, on this day, organise activities to raise public awareness of the issue of violence against women and calling for its elimination. On 25 November, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence starts, a campaign period during which numbers of NGOs and individuals over the world undertakes activities to highlight the problem of violence against women. The 16 Days Campaign comes to an end on 10 December, the International Human Rights Day, underlining that violence against women is a human rights violation.

**Women on Waves in Spain.** The Women on Waves ship visited the harbour of Valencia in southern Spain. The Dutch non-profit organization Women on Waves was invited by over 30 Spanish organizations in light of confusing, yet strict, Spanish abortion laws. the group will offer free medical abortions in international waters under Dutch abortion laws. Currently, Spanish law only allows abortion up to the first 12 weeks of pregnancy in cases of rape and 22 weeks in cases of fetal malformation. In all other legal abortion cases, there must be a demonstrated risk to the mother's physical or mental health. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

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## **Events**

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11 November, Dublin. The Immigrant Council of Ireland, Women’s Aid and AkiDwA organise a roundtable on **Addressing the needs of Migrant and Refugee Women Experiencing Domestic violence**. The roundtable aims to progress the issues raised in a joint seminar with key

service providers supporting women experiencing gender-based violence and organizations addressing the need of ethnic minority women, which was held in 2006. Please, contact [kirsten@immigrantcouncil.ie](mailto:kirsten@immigrantcouncil.ie) for more information.

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## **Publications - Web Sites**

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### **Publications**

**Womens' Academy Munich - Frauenakademie München e.V.** has published a report on **Gender Budgeting as a Management Strategy for Gender Equality at Universities**. Please, click [here](#) to read the report.

European Commission publication on **‘The Role of migrant women at the labour market: current situation and future prospects’** is a study project that was launched under the EIM programme (Employment Incentive Measures) in 2007 with the objective to provide a better understanding of the issues related to migrant women participation in the EU labour market. Please, click [here](#) to read the document.

**Social inequalities ‘kill people’ says WHO.** Social inequities ‘are killing people on a grand scale’ argues the World Health Organization (WHO) in a report published in early September. ‘A child born in a Glasgow, Scotland, suburb can expect a life 28 years shorter than another living only 13 kilometres away’, claims the WHO. The report acknowledges that the working environment is an essential area of action to reduce social inequities in health. The UN organization calls for improvements to the working conditions of all workers ‘to reduce their exposure to material hazards, work-related stress and health-damaging behaviours’. Please, click [here](#) to read the report.

**Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook.** This sourcebook combines descriptive accounts of national and international experience in investing in agriculture with practical operational guidance on to how to design agriculture-for-development strategies that capitalise effectively on the unique properties of agricultural growth and rural development involving women and men as a high-impact source of poverty reduction. Please, click [here](#) to get the publication.

**ASTRA Network CEE bulleting on Sexual and Reproductive Rights.** Please, click [here](#) to read the issue number 10.

European Policy Centre Policy Brief on **The EU Immigration Pact – from Hague to Stockholm, via Paris**. Please, click [here](#) to read the document.

### **Websites**

The European Commission launched a campaign on **‘Breaking gender stereotypes, give talent a chance!’** and a website where you can find all the information of the campaign: [www.businessandgender.eu](http://www.businessandgender.eu)

**New EU portal on social affairs** A new website on employment, social affairs and equal opportunities has been launched by the European Commission. The site aims to explain how European Union policies benefit citizens. It also provides more detailed and technical information for specialised audiences including policy-makers, stakeholder organisations, the media and experts. Please visit the website at: <http://ec.europa.eu/social>

European Commission resource on Social Protection System in the Member States - **MISSOC, Mutual Information System on Social Protection** aims at promoting a continuous exchange of information social protection among the EU Member States. Please, click [here](#) to visit the website and check the comparative tables of data on social protection.

**MIGS - Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies** has launched an **online directory of institutions** and organisations in the **Mediterranean that do gender related work**. Over one-hundred institutions from around the Mediterranean region are featured, including universities/colleges, research institutions, media organisations and NGOs. Please, click [here](#) to view the directory or register your organisation.

The Academic Network of European Disability experts(ANED) has launched their website at [www.disability-europe.net](http://www.disability-europe.net).

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## **Funding, Training, Calls, Jobs opportunities**

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### **Training**

**Community of Practice on Gender Training.** UN-INSTRAW is developing a Community of Practice (CoP) on Gender Training, which aims to bring together practitioners from around the world to share their knowledge and expertise on the gender training. The CoP will promote dialogue and analysis of the current state of gender training, and identify recommendation to improve its impact and sustainability. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

**Human Rights and Justice Group: Distance Learning Certificate Course on Grant Proposal Writing.** The course provides an understanding of and practice in proposal writing for non-profits, foundations, and government agencies. These distance education course will teach you to prepare grants proposal effectively and find the best funding sources for your projects and nonprofit. **Deadline** for applications: **6 November**. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

**WPP (Women peacemakers program)** will support for non violence trainings during 2009, by providing financial support, links to trainers and resource people, and/or training materials. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

**WPP's International Orientation** is a six-weeks annual orientation at the IFOR International Secretariat and its Women Peacemakers Program for two young women active in civil society organizations. The main objective is to provide young activists with an opportunity to further their thinking and familiarity with critical international issues in conflict resolution, development, human rights and gender awareness. **Deadline** for application is **15.12.08**. More info [here](#).

### **Calls**

**ENQUIRE calls for papers.** ENQUIRE aims to be established as a high quality online journal for the Social Sciences, in the 3rd issue of ENQUIRE they ask authors to explore the various ways that women engage in narrative practices. The **deadline** to submit proposals is **21 November**. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

**2009 World Press Photo contest calls for entries.** The winning pictures will compose a travelling exhibition in more than 90 locations worldwide. The **deadline** to submit the pictures is on **15 January**. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

### **Jobs opportunities**

**ILGA Europe - International Lesbian and Gay Association Europe** is recruiting a Executive Director. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

**WIDE - Women in Development** is recruiting a **Financial and Resource Manager**. Please, click [here](#) to get more information.

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### **Donations to the EWL**

Do you share the vision and commitment of the EWL? Do you want to support the achievement of equality between women and men and promote women's human rights in Europe? You can make a difference by **supporting the EWL financially**. Every contribution, however small, is an encouragement to the EWL to continue fulfilling its mission. Please, click [here](#) for more information.