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2024 Annual Report



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The European Women's Lobby is the largest umbrella organisation of women's associations in Europe. Founded in 1990, the EWL works to promote women's rights and equality between women and men and represents more than 2000 organisations across Europe.

EWL 2022-2026 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The EWL 2022-2026 Strategic framework is a bold statement of the organisation's commitment to continue working for a Feminist Europe through collaborative efforts. Its purpose is to champion women's rights and promote equality between women and men, and girls and boys, across the continent. The framework outlines three external objectives and four internal objectives.

This annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the EWL's achievements in 2024, based on the aforementioned objectives. The EWL Secretariat would like to express its gratitude to all the organisation's members for their proactive engagement and significant contributions, which have collectively advanced us closer to the realisation of a feminist Europe. Their commitment and involvement have been pivotal in shaping the positive progress reflected in this report.



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To promote feminist transformation of the economy based on equality, well-being, social justice and care as a universal collective need and responsibility of both women and men.

EVENTS

The EWL actively engaged in numerous events to amplify the organisation's messages on topics related to women's rights and gender equality, such as cyber violence, prostitution, and climate change from a gender-sensitive perspective. From conferences hosted by the European Parliament and international partners to dynamic webinars and interactive workshops, we effectively disseminated our messages and insights.



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Event on the Impact of Deepfakes on Women



In June 2024, the European Women’s Lobby (EWL), in collaboration with Microsoft, held a critical event addressing the alarming prevalence of ‘deepfakes’—more aptly termed ‘sexual digital forgeries’—and their profound impact on women.

The event featured insightful contributions from Prof. Dr. Clare McGlynn of the University of Durham and Maria João Faustino, a researcher at the University of Coimbra and member of the EWL Executive Committee. Discussions highlighted how deepfakes, synthetic content manipulated or generated using artificial intelligence, are increasingly being weaponised to harm women, often in the form of non-consensual explicit material.

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Her Equal Future



The European Women's Lobby (EWL) and the Brussels' Call hosted a significant hybrid meeting with UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls (UNSRVAWG), Reem Alsalem, alongside abolitionist organisations from across Europe.

The meeting served as a platform for delegates to voice their strong support for the report presented by the UNSRVAWG in Geneva in June 2024. Delegates underscored the urgency of implementing the report's conclusions and recommendations at both the EU and national levels, recognizing prostitution as a severe violation of women's human rights that demands immediate action.

Special Rapporteur Reem Alsalem expressed her gratitude to EWL and the Brussels' Call members for their proactive engagement, high-quality contributions, and their unwavering dedication to working with survivors of prostitution. She remarked, "We need to show what abolitionist organisations do and that the abolitionist approach is the way forward. With tangible tools such as accessible exit-strategy services, we can make evidence-based arguments and change the narrative for good."

This meeting represents a pivotal step in advancing the abolitionist agenda and ensuring that the human rights of women are prioritized across Europe.

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International Women’s Day

The European Women’s Lobby hosted a vibrant celebration for International Women’s Day, bringing together members, allies, and supporters to honour women’s achievements and advocate for gender equality. The event highlighted the ongoing fight for women’s rights and served as an inspiring reminder of the power of solidarity in creating a more inclusive and equitable future.



1 billion rising



During the International Women’s Day celebration organized by the European Women’s Lobby (EWL), the organization proudly joined forces with the global One Billion Rising for Freedom 2024 Action. This powerful initiative, dedicated to ending violence against women and girls worldwide, served as a poignant reminder of the collective strength of women’s movements and the urgent need for systemic change.

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CSW68

From 11 - 22 March 2024, the EWL delegation attended the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) under the priority theme, “Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective”.



WOMEN OF EUROPE AWARDS

In collaboration with the European Movement International, the EWL successfully organised the Women of Europe Awards for the ninth year in a row. The event took place on the evening of 5 December 2024 at the BELVue Museum in Brussels. EWL President Iliana Balabanova contributed as a member of the jury and Mary Collins, the EWL Secretary General presented and co-hosted the awards.



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Gender Equality Forum 2024

The European Women’s Lobby hosted a dynamic and inclusive workshop at the European Institute for Gender Equality Forum in Brussels on 10–11 December.

Together, we explored critical issues, including political participation, financial independence, violence against women both online and offline, and the intersectional experiences of women with disabilities. The discussions reflected on the collective steps required to build a feminist future for Europe beyond 2025.

While progress has been made in recent years, the journey towards full gender equality continues.



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Interventions in the media: articles, podcasts and interviews

SURGE IN CYBER VIOLENCE: A report released Tuesday by the EU’s largest network of women’s organizations highlights the rise of cyber violence against women, showing that politicians, journalists and celebrities in particular are experiencing widespread online harassment. Mirta Bašelović, a spokesperson for the European Women’s Lobby, told Playbook’s Šejla Ahmatović that law enforcement underestimated the problem and there was a “complete lack of a systemic approach to data collection.”



The directive is a milestone for eradicating violence against women and domestic violence.

ILIANA BALABANOVA
PRESIDENT OF
THE EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY



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La retórica ultra pasa también por rechazar el propio Convenio de Estambul, que tachan de ideológico y de “extrema izquierda”. Y su práctica, por asfixiar, legal y económicamente, tanto a las organizaciones feministas y LGTBI que divulgan y pelean derechos, como a las que se dedican a ofrecer servicios de atención, acompañamiento y prevención en cada territorio. Irene Rosales señala que allí donde las derechas tienen más poder, las organizaciones “sufren ataques, problemas de financiación y para funcionar”. Parte de esas aso-

College copout: Jérphine Andolfatto, policy and campaign officer at the European Women’s Lobby, said dearth of female nominees is out of step with the EU’s legal commitments to gender equality. “If you’re not having a College of Commissioners which is representative of society, how can you ensure that you have representative policy making?” Andolfatto said.



Bill proposes minimum of one-third women in leadership positions in large companies
Length of audio 6:48
Hana Stelzerová | Photo: Czech Women's Lobby

Policy Voices

This week with
Irene Rosales
Policy and Campaigns Officer at the European Women’s Lobby



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To advocate for institutional mechanisms that ensure the effective implementation of gender mainstreaming and the equal political participation of women.

The EWL articulated its commitment to fostering the successful integration of gender mainstreaming and ensuring equitable political participation for women. The commitment was demonstrated through our proactive engagement, characterised by the publication of impactful statements and strategic meetings with key stakeholders.

EWL was recognised for it's work on the European Elections



The European Women's Lobby was invited to the Partnership Agreement Reception with the European Parliament President, Roberta Metsola, for their efforts in communicating for the 2024 European elections.

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On June 7, 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) launched its 2024 EU elections' manifesto "Europe at a Crossroads - Equal Participation of Women at All Levels: Prerequisite for Peace, Prosperity and Societal Change". The document results from close collaboration between EWL's members and presents EWL's vision for the 2024-2029 European mandate as well as necessary steps to reach significant improvements in Women's Rights and equality between women and men in the EU.



The comprehensive lobbying kit developed for the 2024 EU elections proved to be an invaluable resource during the election period. This toolkit included key materials such as the EWL manifesto, a commitment pledge, a model advocacy letter, and a social media toolkit, all designed to empower EWL members and individuals across the EU.

The toolkit inspired active participation, enabling members to effectively advocate for the EWL's campaign priorities and ensuring a united voice in support of gender equality during the elections. Its widespread use highlighted its practicality and strategic value in mobilizing support and driving impactful lobbying efforts across Europe.

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HerNetHerRights



In February 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) hosted two impactful sessions of the HerNetHerRights Training in Brussels. These sessions were designed to empower women running for the 2024 EU elections and those already engaged in politics, addressing the pressing challenges they face in the digital landscape.

European at a Crossroad: Equal Participation at All Levels



On 6 March 2024, the EWL hosted its EU Elections Campaign hybrid event, “European at a Crossroad: Equal Participation at All Levels”. Speakers included representatives from Civil Society Organisations, from the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and EU policy-makers such as Irena Moozová, MEP Debos Corfield, MEP Cseh, VP Angel and debated the successes of the past term, the biggest challenges ahead, the solutions to implement as well as their vision of a Feminist Europe.

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EWL Advocated for Legal Reforms at Croatian Parliamentary Roundtable on Violence Against Women

The European Women’s Lobby played a key role in the successful roundtable discussion held on 19 November 2024 in the Croatian Parliament, where EWL Senior Policy Advisor, Irene Rosales presented on behalf of EWL. The discussion, organised by the Women's Network of Croatia, focused on violence against women and aligned with demands for a strategic approach, including a comprehensive strategy and legal reforms in line with the Istanbul Convention.



UNECE Beijing+30 Regional Review

The European Women’s Lobby (EWL) actively participated in the UNECE Beijing+30 Regional Review held at the UN in Geneva, continuing its longstanding commitment to the Beijing Platform for Action. As part of the feminist NGO community, the EWL monitored implementation, contributed to alternative evaluation reports, and advocated for updates to strengthen the Platform’s effectiveness. These efforts align with ongoing work toward the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action in 2025.



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International Conference on Combating Violence Against Women Held in the Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas)

The European Women’s Lobby (EWL) contributed to the international conference “Only YES Means YES: Combating Sexual and Cyber Violence – New Challenges and Solutions,” hosted by the Lithuanian Parliament on November 22. Irene Rosales, EWL Senior Advisor, and Laura Kaun, Policy and Campaigns Director, represented EWL, supporting discussions on combating sexual and cyber violence and aligning national policies with EU directives. EWL emphasized prevention, survivor support, and the need for critical legal and policy reforms to address these urgent issues effectively.



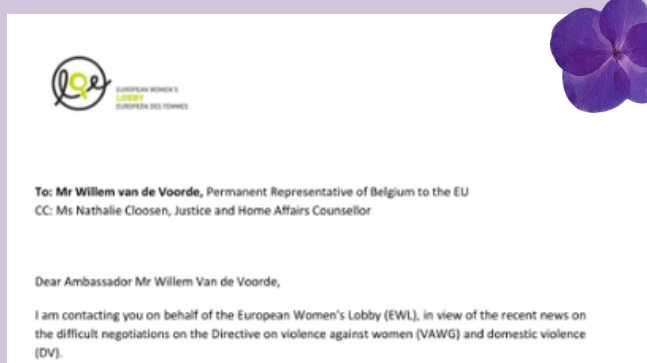
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To end all forms of gender stereotyping and male violence against women and girls, ensuring access to their sexual and reproductive health and rights and a life free from sexual exploitation.

EVENTS AND PUBLIC ACTIONS

Open letter to the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU



The European Women's Lobby sent an open letter to the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU, condemning its decision to block a consent-based definition of rape in the proposed Directive on combating violence against women, despite Istanbul Convention standards.

EWL published an analysis of the agreed text of the Directive on Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence

On International Women's Day, the European Women's Lobby released its analysis of the agreement on the Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence, calling for its immediate adoption.



EWL Statement on the urgency of adopting now the EU Directive on combating Violence Against Women and domestic violence

On 21 April 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) called on all MEPs to adopt the deal on the Directive on Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence.



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Directive on Combating VAW and DV



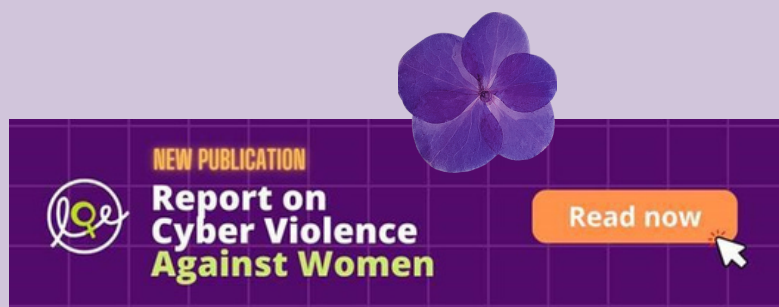
On 24 April 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) extended its heartfelt gratitude to all women's rights organisations, dedicated frontline activists, survivors, and feminist decision-makers whose unwavering dedication had culminated in the European Parliament's landmark adoption of the first-ever EU Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence.

This monumental achievement was the result of decades of collective advocacy by EWL members, who have tirelessly campaigned for the rights and safety of women and girls across Europe. The European Women's Lobby expressed its deepest appreciation to every individual and organisation that contributed to this historic realisation of one of EWL's priority goals since its establishment 35 years ago.



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On October 1, 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) hosted a successful event to launch its **groundbreaking report on Cyber Violence Against Women and Girls (CVAWG)**. Held at the Thon Hotel EU in Brussels, the event brought together policymakers, academics, experts, and activists to discuss the growing prevalence of cyber violence in an increasingly digital world.



The European Women's Lobby (EWL) criticised Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's announcement of the new College of Commissioners for failing to prioritise equality, particularly the absence of a dedicated Commissioner for Equality. **The EWL urged the European Parliament to demand stronger action on equality** during the upcoming hearings to ensure these values are upheld.



Equality Takes a Backseat in Von der Leyen's New Commission

Press Release by the European Women's Lobby

[Brussels, 17 September 2024]

This morning, President Ursula von der Leyen [announced the composition](#) of the new College of Commissioners, and what should have been a step forward for Europe has instead become a glaring disappointment. While progress was hoped for, what we received is an outdated approach to leadership that overlooks crucial values, most importantly equality and fair representation.

In January 2024, the EWL submitted a response to the EC public consultation on the transparency **reporting obligations of providers of intermediary services under the DSA**. In our response, we highlighted how when users are reporting illegal behaviours on social media, they should be able to notify them under the category of gender-based violence without confusion with other categories.



EWL response to the EC public consultation on the transparency reporting obligations of providers of intermediary services under the DSA – January 2024

The [European Women's Lobby](#), the largest European umbrella network of women's associations across Europe, largely welcomes the European Commission's initiative to set mandatory templates for the transparency reports which providers of intermediary services have to make publicly available under the Digital Services Act (DSA).

We particularly welcome that the quantitative template of the transparency reports, which providers of intermediary services have to make publicly available, includes the following categories of illegal content:

- All subsections of category 4;
- All subsections of category 6;
- All subsections of category 7;
- All subsections of category 8;
- All subsections of category 9;
- Category 11d;
- All subsections of category 14;
- All subsections of category 15e;



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To strengthen EWL’s capacity and tools to work together to achieve our collective goals.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Strengthening Online Campaigns: Reels, Visuals, and Trello Social Media Pack

To enhance our advocacy efforts, we developed a comprehensive set of social media tools, including reels, visuals, and a Trello-based social media pack. These resources were designed to empower EWL members with effective communication strategies and key advocacy messages, particularly in preparation for the 2024 Elections and the 16 Days of Activism campaign.

By providing these tools, we aimed to amplify our collective message and foster stronger collaboration among all EWL members, ensuring a united and impactful presence across digital platforms.



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WEBINARS

- **'The Unveiling of EWL Members' Success Stories in Combating VAWG in 2023'**? This webinar explored the stories of EWL members who are making a difference by sharing their experiences in projects aimed at stopping violence against women and girls (VAWG), in response to the MASF 2023 call.
- **'Back to Peace: Feminist Perspective on Peace Solutions'**. This webinar put a spotlight on the lived experiences of women in conflict zones worldwide. This interactive session will provide a platform for sharing innovative solutions and actionable recommendations for building sustainable peace.
- **'Survivors first: building a society free from prostitution'**. On October 7, 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) hosted a compelling webinar titled “Survivors First: Building a Society Free from Prostitution”, marking the International Day of No Prostitution. This event brought together survivors, women's rights organizations, and allies committed to creating an equal society free from violence and exploitation.

NATIONAL VISITS

In 2024, we participated in conferences/meetings of our members in: **Greece, Romania, France, Bulgaria, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Netherlands, Spain.**



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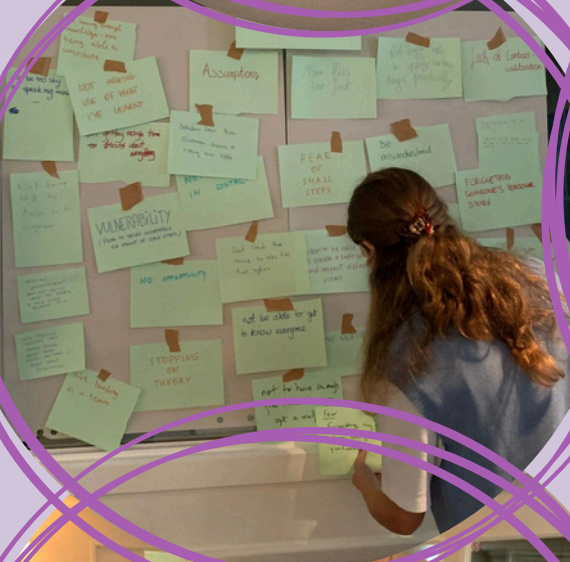
To reflect our feminist values of diversity and inclusion across all EWL's work and structures, and create safe spaces for open dialogue.

YOUNG WOMEN'S SUMMER SCHOOL: AGORA

The 2024 AGORA took place from 9-13 September 2024 in Brussels at the Amazone multi-purpose centre. 40 women from all over Europe participated in an intensive five-day event strengthening their capacities as feminist change makers. The programme evolved through presentations, discussions, and participant-led workshops touching on various topics from feminist foreign policy to digital feminism, women in STEM and menstrual health. A study visit to the EU institutions based in Brussels was organized. The Summer School concluded with a discussion on AGORA Alumni Network and feedback from the participants with the view to their take on the event and suggestions for future AGORAs.



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YOUNG WOMEN'S SUMMER SCHOOL: AGORA in Bulgaria

The Bulgarian Platform of the European Women's Lobby hosted the “National AGORAs and Mentoring Programs: New Methods to Engage Young Feminists in Decision-Making and Leadership,” in which 17 young women and girls, aged 18 to 30, participated in the AGORA event. This event, which took place earlier in the year, marked an important milestone in engaging and empowering the next generation of feminist leaders.

Throughout the event, these young women had the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, share their perspectives on key feminist issues, and connect with mentors who provided valuable guidance and support. The project, designed to encourage the active involvement of young feminists in decision-making processes and leadership roles, has successfully created a platform for them to voice their ideas, build their skills, and strengthen their leadership potential.



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EMERGENCY MOTION ADOPTED AT THE GA 2024

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With the shocking death toll reaching approximately 30,000 of which 70% are women and children we call for urgent diplomatic intervention from European leaders to demand an end to hostilities and for the safe and immediate delivery of humanitarian aid.

The European Women’s Lobby abhors all forms of gender-based violence and atrocities, against women and girls in both regions, and urgently calls on European leaders to:

- support the development of a sustainable, feminist peace process and subsequent agreements with the voices of women from Palestine and Israel at the centre;
- to call for the immediate release of all hostages-held in Gaza;
- to call on the EU to support and enable the safe and immediate delivery of humanitarian aid and reconstruction funds.



Issue group: BACK to PEACE - Feminist Perspectives on Peace Solutions

On 12 April 2024, the European Women’s Lobby (EWL), alongside the International Alliance of Women and the Bulgarian Platform, hosted the Back to Peace: Feminist Perspectives on Peace Solutions webinar. Supported by twelve EWL member organisations, the event brought together activists and experts to discuss the links between armed conflict, oppression, and inequality, and to propose feminist solutions for sustainable peace.

Speakers shared insights from conflict-affected regions, highlighting strategies for peace and how the feminist movement in Europe can advocate for policy change. The discussions fed into the EWL Issue Group workshop, held during the General Assembly on 20-21 April in Bucharest, further shaping feminist-driven strategies for peace advocacy.

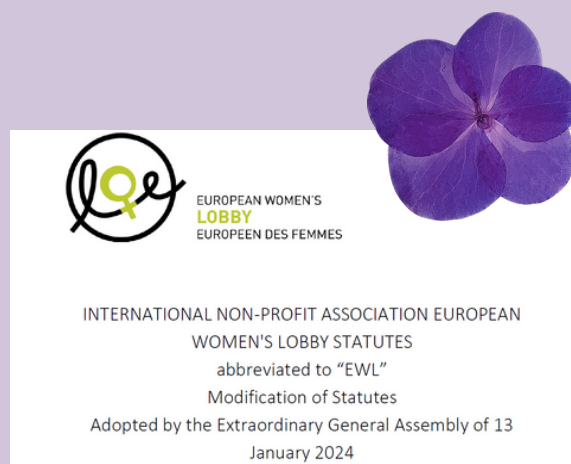
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To strengthen organisational culture and collective action through enhancing internal communication, governance and decision-making.

Adoption of the new EWL Statutes

On 13 January 2024, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) adopted new statutes to ensure full compliance with Belgian law. This milestone reinforced EWL's commitment to robust governance and legal transparency. The updated statutes enhanced the organisation's operational framework, providing a solid foundation for its continued advocacy for women's rights and gender equality across Europe.



The European Women's Lobby announced Mary Collins as the new Secretary General

On 1 December 2023, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) proudly announced the appointment of Mary Collins to the position of Secretary General after a successful recruitment process. Mary brought a wealth of expertise and 30 years of experience in economic and social policies, along with a profound dedication to feminism and advocating for women's rights.



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Rising voices in Bucharest: EWL’s General Assembly and EU Elections 2024 Event

On 20–21 April 2024, EWL held its General Assembly in Bucharest, Romania, gathering over 100 women’s rights activists, experts, and dedicated feminists. The weekend was marked by dynamic discussions and a public event centred on the European elections in 2024, highlighting EWL’s ongoing efforts to shape a feminist future for Europe.



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EWL General Assembly and a public event on the European Elections 2024



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EWL Board and Working Groups Meetings on 17-20 October 2024

The EWL Board convened for an important meeting on 16-17 October 2024 to discuss key organisational priorities and strategies for the upcoming term. Over the course of the two days, discussions focused on setting clear policy priorities, developing ethical fundraising guidelines, and shaping a robust EU advocacy strategy for the future.

In addition to the Board meeting, several working groups also met during this time, focusing on specific areas of the organisation's work. These groups provided valuable input and contributed to the overall discussions and planning, ensuring that EWL's goals for the future are met through collaborative effort.



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To ensure financial sustainability of EWL and its members.

Women in Climate

We are excited to share that our project, “WomenInClimate,” has been awarded funding by the European Commission. This ambitious 18-month initiative unites the EWL and its members, including:



- Nederlands Vrouwen Raad (NVR)
- Bulgarian Platform of the EWL
- Romanian Women’s Lobby (RoWL)
- Czech Women’s Lobby
- Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres (PPDM)
- Coalition of Finnish Women’s Associations (NYTKIS)

The project focuses on addressing the glaring lack of gender sensitivity in climate and environmental policies.



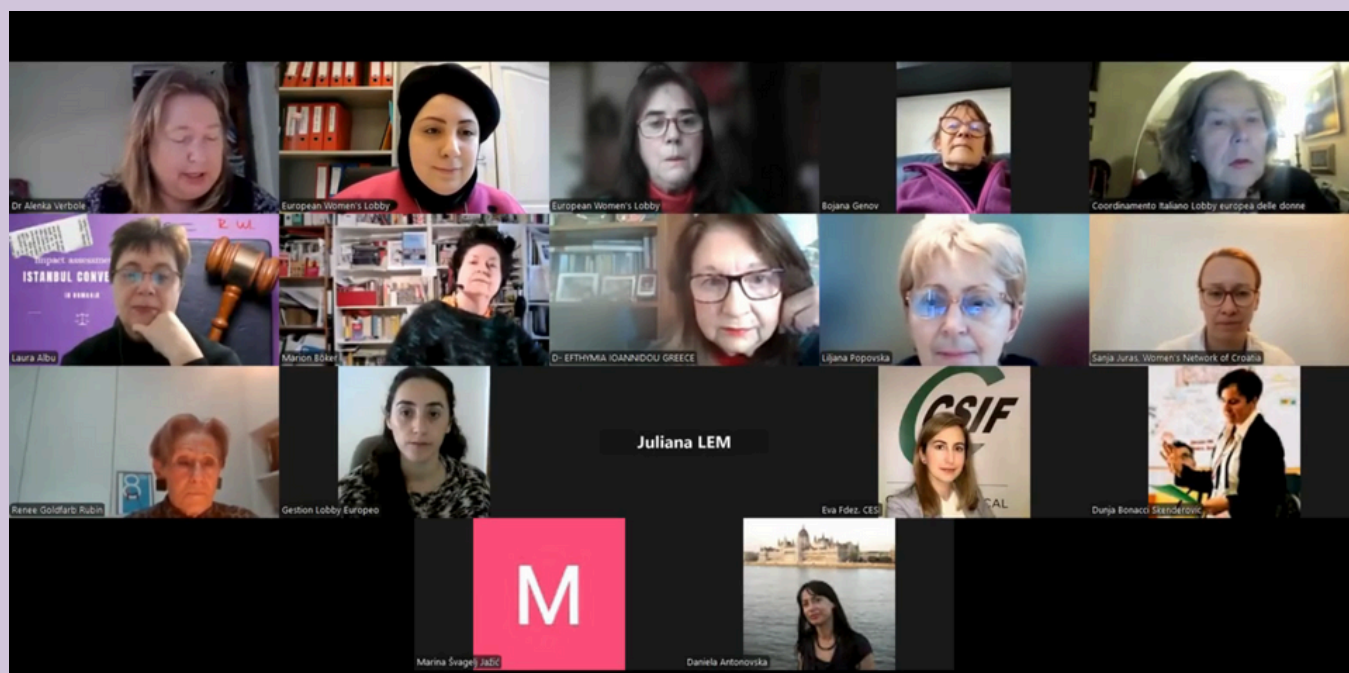
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MASF

We are pleased to present the outcomes of the Membership Support Regranting Scheme 2024 call. With a total budget of €350,000, eligible members were invited to submit proposals for projects with a maximum budget of €30,000 each.

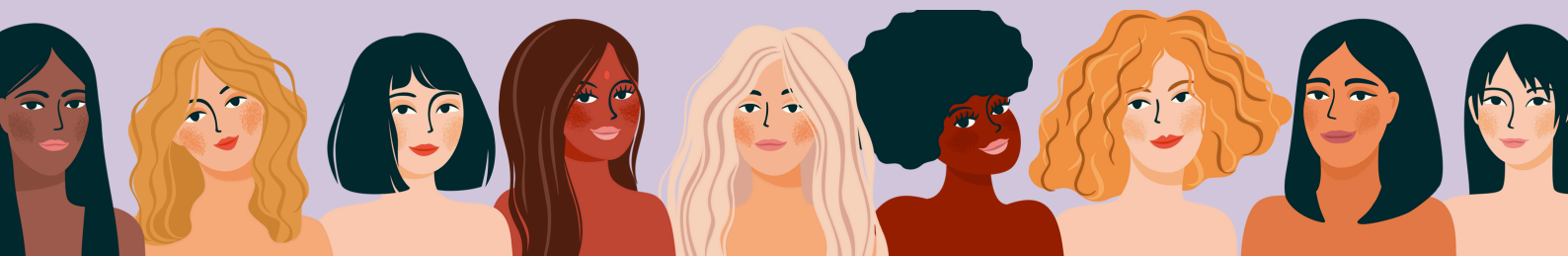
We received 20 applications with a total requested budget of €473,500. These applications were assessed based on their eligibility, content, alignment with priorities, planned activities, and expected outcomes. After careful deliberation, the external evaluator and the selection committee have chosen Sixteen projects. More detailed information regarding the selected project can be found [here](#).

On 4 December, the achievements and outcomes of these projects were celebrated with a promotional webinar titled Voices of Change: Advancing Women's Rights Across Europe.



As we look back on the year, the European Women's Lobby (EWL) reflects on a period of significant achievements, impactful campaigns, and meaningful collaboration with our members, partners, and supporters. In particular, **2024 marked a historic milestone with the European Parliament's adoption of the first-ever EU Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence.** This landmark achievement, made possible by decades of collective advocacy, reflects the tireless efforts of women's rights organisations, activists, survivors, and feminist decision-makers who have championed the rights and safety of women and girls across Europe. On 24 April 2024, we expressed our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to this pivotal moment in the **ongoing fight for equality and justice, a key priority for EWL since its establishment 35 years ago.**

Throughout the year, we continued to amplify our messages on critical issues such as **sexual and cyber violence, gender inequality, and climate change** through numerous events, webinars, and campaigns. The EWL participated in high-profile events, including the UNECE Beijing+30 Regional Review, where we played a significant role in advocating for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. Additionally, our efforts to combat cyber violence included our partnership with Microsoft, where we raised awareness about the alarming spread of **deepfakes and their impact on women.** We also launched a comprehensive lobbying kit for the **2024 EU elections,** empowering our members to advocate for gender equality across the EU, and hosted a series of impactful training sessions and webinars on important topics like **combating prostitution** and **supporting survivors.**



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As we prepare for the next chapter, we are excited to continue our work through initiatives such as WomenInClimate, a project funded by the European Commission, which focuses on addressing the gender-sensitivity gap in climate and environmental policies. In all our endeavours, we are grateful for our members and partners' active participation and unwavering commitment, whose efforts help drive meaningful change. Together, we continue to build a future where women and girls are empowered, free from violence, and able to enjoy their rights fully.

We thank each and every one of you for your support, dedication, and shared commitment to creating a world of gender equality, and we look forward to the progress we will continue to make together in the year ahead.

