

MY BODY, MY DECISIONS



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Abortion right in danger in Europe: women's futures under threat!

*More than 50 women's rights organisations, members of the European Women's Lobby gather today in Brussels to defend a women's right to take own informed decisions about her own body because it is **a basic human right and a crucial matter for gender equality.***

WHY?

- **Recent developments in EU member states are detrimental to women's rights.**

Spain (December 2013)

The Council of Ministers approved a draft bill that will dramatically restrict abortion right and women's freedom to decide. If passed, abortion would be allowed only in the case of rape or if the pregnancy poses a serious health risk to women. This would only cover 8% of the current cases of abortion.

Lithuania (February 2014)

At the end of this spring session, the Parliament will vote on the adoption of a draft law known as the "abortion ban bill". The law considers abortion a criminal act punishable for up to 3 years imprisonment.

- **The European Citizen's Initiative "One of Us"**



It threatens the EU development funding for women's maternal health, on the argument that maternal health can on occasion lead to the facility of abortion services. This will immediately and substantially increase the number of unsafe abortions in the developing world and thus increase the number of resulting horrific injuries and deaths.

- **The cases of individual women who have suffered the consequences of denied abortions may never be forgotten:** Savita (Ireland), Valentina (Italy), Alicya (Poland) and many more!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

In the view of the upcoming European elections in May 2014, the European Women's Lobby is calling the EU institutions to seriously and comprehensively commit to gender equality. **You can act too!**

Read and share our Manifesto "**Act now for her future, commit to gender equality!**"

Send the EWL manifesto to the EP Candidates in your country and ask them to endorse it.

Vote in the European elections in May!
Vote for change, vote for equality!

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