EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY
FOR A FEMINIST EUROPE
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
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!
'CAUSE I'M A WOMAN.
PHENOMENALLY.
PHENOMENAL WOMAN,
THAT’S ME.

MAYA ANGELOU

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!
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.

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.
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

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

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

"The mechanism of violence is what destroys women, controls women, diminishes women and keeps women in their so-called place."
Eve Ensler, founder of V-Day

FROM WORDS TO ACTION

1995 - 2015
20 years of the Beijing Platform for Action

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

European Women’s Lobby
Organisation à but non lucratif
January: women’s economic independence
February: women in decision-making

#AllMalePanels
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

Position Paper "Tackling multiple discrimination of Romani and Traveller Women- a crucial factor for the successful implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies" (2012)
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: women’s health
June and November: women and the environment
July & August: the girl child & women and education
September: women and armed conflicts, UN1325, women refugees

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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October: women and poverty

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, the very essence of human dignity.”

European Women’s Lobby
Investing in a Social Europe, Report 2003
Non-Profit Organization

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 TOENSURE 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
October: towards the abolition of prostitution and sex trafficking

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.

October 2015 | EU Anti-Trafficking Day

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)

www.womenlobby.org

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

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18 October 2015 | EU Anti-Trafficking Day

No to sex trafficking, Yes to human rights

Anti-Sex Trafficking Global-Joint Campaign
November: violence against women

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

Petice za přijetí opatření proti násilí na ženách
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STOP CZ

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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
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!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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