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EWL member	Observatory member 2019-2021	About	Organisation
AUSTRIA - Austrian Women's Lobby (Oesterreichischer Frauenring)	<p>Sophie Hansal</p> <p><i>Public Relation manager of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna</i> <i>Board member of the Austrian Women's Lobby</i> <i>Alternate Board member to the European Women's Lobby</i></p> <p>sophie.hansal@interventionsstelle-wien.at</p> 	<p>Sophie Hansal currently works for the Domestic Violence Centre Vienna. She is a board member of the Austrian Women's Lobby, an alternate delegate to the European Women's Lobby and a delegate to WAVE – Women Against Violence Europe. Her areas of work include political lobbying for gender equality, representations of VAW in the media, structural forms of VAW, cyber violence, LGBTQ+ rights/ and intersectionality. She holds a master's degree in gender studies. At a national level, Sophie coordinates the Alliance for a Life Free From Violence, a network of over 30 NGOs and experts who advocate for the full implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Austria. The Alliance for a Life Free From Violence holds regular meetings, meets with politicians and stakeholders and organises public events on the issue of GBV.</p>	<p>Austrian Women's Lobby</p> <p>https://www.frauenring.at office@frauenring.at https://facebook.com/Frauenring https://twitter.com/Frauenring</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre Vienna</p> <p>https://www.interventionsstelle-wien.at/ https://www.facebook.com/WienerInterventionsstelle/</p>
BELGIUM - Coordination Belge pour le Lobby européen des femmes	<p>Viviane Teitelbaum</p> <p><i>Member of the Brussels Parliament</i> <i>Chair of the French Observatory on violence against women in Belgium</i></p> <p>vivianeteitelbaum@skynet.be https://twitter.com/VivTeitelbaum https://www.facebook.com/viviane.teitelbaum https://www.instagram.com/vivteitelbaum/</p> 	<p>As a member of the Brussels Parliament, in both the Observatoire Francophone des Violences Faites aux Femmes(OFVFF) and the Conseil des Femmes (CFFB), and before as president of the EWL, Viviane has worked on the issues of violence against women (domestic violence, trafficking in human beings, prostitution, excisions, rape), and economic discrimination considered as violence (poverty, homeless women, single parent family headed by women, wage and pension inequalities). On the international level she worked in solidarity with women facing religious and cultural radicalism, and with African women victims of rape, violence or excisions. She also worked on abortion rights and participated in numerous symposiums and round tables of experts. As an author she wrote & published different books that tackle the issues above. Among others, she also filed with other organisations a lawsuit that led to abandoning the construction of a brothel (Eros Center) in Belgium.</p>	<p>Conseil des Femmes Francophones de Belgique asbl</p> <p>https://www.cffb.be/ info@cffb.be https://facebook.com/Conseildesfemmesasbl/ https://twitter.com/CFFB_asbl</p>
BULGARIA - Bulgarian Platform for the EWL	<p>Iliana Balabanova (Apologies)</p> <p><i>President of the Bulgarian Coordination to the EWL</i></p> <p>balabanova.sto@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/iliana.stoicheva.1</p> 	<p>Iliana Balabanova has been working in the field of ending violence against women and girls for more than 25 years. Iliana works in the area of Human Rights and Women's Human Rights since 1993. She has been engaged in a variety of activities and in different positions; Researcher, Speaker, Consultant, Trainer and Manager in National and International Programs and Projects, in the area of Women's Human Rights, Gender Equality and Violence against Women and Girls. As the President of the Bulgarian Platform of the EWL, Iliana Balabanova is leading and coordinating the Bulgarian EWL' efforts to lobby for new legislation for protection against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, and for passing legislative measures for ensuring Gender Equality at a national and local level. Since March 2019 Iliana is a researcher and trainer in the EU Project "BASE - Migrant and refugee child-friendly support services in cases of sexual and gender-based violence". Since June 2019 Iliana is an expert in the CoE Project "Cooperation on the implementation of the Russian Federation National Action Strategy 2017-2022".</p>	<p>Bulgarian Platform for the EWL</p> <p>bulgaria.ewl@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/ewl.bulgaria/</p>
CROATIA - Women's Network Croatia	<p>Valentina Andrašek</p> <p><i>Independent expert on gender equality and violence against women</i></p> <p>vandrased@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Valentina Andrasek is an independent expert on gender equality and violence against women and girls. She has been active in the women's movement in Croatia and internationally for 18 years. Her experience includes providing counseling services to women who survived intimate partner and other forms of gender-based violence, quantitative and qualitative research in the area of violence against women and gender equality, education, and public awareness campaigns. She has extensive experience in monitoring women's rights and advocacy in the area of gender equality in Croatia and the Western Balkan region, including international advocacy before UNHRC, UN CAT and CEDAW. Her daily work on violence against women involves in depth analysis and research of the situation of women's rights, specifically regarding all forms of violence against women. She worked for 18 years in the Autonomous Women's House Zagreb, a shelter and counselling centre for women survivors of intimate partner violence. For 12 years she was the executive director. She still works as an external expert for the House.</p>	<p>Women's Network Croatia</p> <p>http://www.zenska-mreza.hr/ https://www.facebook.com/ZenskaMrezaHrvatske/</p>
CYPRUS - Cyprus Women's Lobby (CWL)	<p>Panayiota Gregoriou</p> <p><i>Head of Help Centre, Counseling and Support SPAVO</i></p> <p>viota@domviolence.org.cy https://twitter.com/vgregoriou</p> 	<p>Panayiota has been working in the Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family since September 2006. Some of her responsibilities are to answer the national helpline for Domestic Violence that the Association is running, do counselling for victims and/ or perpetrators of domestic violence. Moreover she takes care of intake procedures at the shelter and counselling for the women who stay at the shelter. In addition, together with other colleagues she gives lectures and workshops to various groups such as students, parents, other professional and the public, on various topics related to domestic violence. She also represents the Association to the Cyprus Women's Lobby and has been involved in the development of the Association's rules, regulations and protocols. As part of her work, she has participated in the implementation of various campaigns and projects. One of them was a DAPHNEE III programme, called "SPREAD. Spreading throughout Europe expertise and intervention programmes with men perpetrators and women survivors of gender violence who are in prison.</p>	<p>Cyprus Women's Lobby</p> <p>cywomenslobby@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/WomenLobbyCY/ https://twitter.com/CYWomenLobby</p> <p>Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family (SPAVO)</p> <p>http://www.domviolence.org.cy/ info@domviolence.org.cy</p>



<p>CZECH REPUBLIC- Czech Women's Lobby</p>	<p>Johanna Nejedlová <i>Journalist and co-founder of Konsent</i> johanna@konsent.cz</p> 	<p>Johanna Nejedlová co-founded Konsent, in 2016, an organisation aiming to change the conversation surrounding traditional Czech attitudes towards sex and sexual violence. Working along the platform of "Když to nechce, tak to nechce" ("If she doesn't want to, she doesn't want to,") Johanna has been a dynamic force in guiding young Czech women towards a different aspect of their own rights and power. Thanks to a grant from the US Embassy, Konsent produced a video for "Když to nechce, tak to nechce" which addresses the very necessary subject of her organisation's name. Upon its release Johanna was flooded with emails from girls and young women eager to be heard and to volunteer their time. Johanna began writing a column for Alarm, a popular and savvy publication focusing on culture, society, and politics. She teamed up with artists to promote a groundbreaking art installation forcing the public to acknowledge the reality of incest. Konsent held a workshop on street harassment at the first conference on harassment in public space in the Czech Republic, spearheaded by Kongres žen (Congress of Women.) Johanna is member of the Czech Women's Lobby working group focusing on violence against women. She has given numerous interviews and fights tirelessly for the media to highlight the autonomy of women's bodies.</p>	<p>Czech Women's Lobby https://www.czlobby.cz/en info@czlobby.cz https://www.facebook.com/czlobby https://twitter.com/czlobby</p> <p>Konsent https://www.konsent.cz/ https://www.facebook.com/kdyztonechce https://www.instagram.com/konsent/</p>
<p>DENMARK- Women's Council in Denmark (WCD)</p>	<p>Lisa Homfjord <i>CEO at Danish Women's society shelters for battered women in Denmark</i> <i>Member of the Danish National Observatory on VAW</i> <i>Board member of Women's Council in Denmark</i> holmjor@me.com https://twitter.com/LisaHolmfjord</p> 	<p>Lisa has worked on the topic of violence against women since 2001. First as a social worker, then as head of a shelter for battered women and now as CEO for Danish Women's Society shelters in Denmark. From May 2011 to May 2019 she has been the president of the Danish Women Society, Denmark's oldest women's organisation. One of the main concerns of the organisation is the elimination of all violence against women. She is the co-author of a book on violence against women and how the Danish legislation and its demand for shared custody retains women and children in violence. She was a Danish Women's Council boardmember from 2015-2017 and elected again for a new term, April 2019. She is also a member of the national observatory on VAWG since 2009 and a longterm member of IAW (International Alliance of Women).</p>	<p>Women's Council in Denmark https://www.kvinderaadet.dk kvr@kvinderaad.dk https://www.facebook.com/Kvinderaadet https://twitter.com/Kvinderaadet</p> <p>Danish Women's Society https://www.danskkvindesamfund.dk/ https://www.facebook.com/danskkvindesamfund https://twitter.com/Kvindesamfund</p>
<p>ESTONIA - Estonian Women's Associations Roundtable</p>	<p>Eha Reitelmann <i>Chairwoman of the Estonian Women's Shelters Union</i> eha.reitelmann@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Eha has been working on ending VAW since 2002, initially on human trafficking and prostitution, later on domestic violence. She was involved in establishing women's shelters in 12 counties out of 15 counties in Estonia. She was instrumental in setting up hotline 1492 for women victims of violence and was the founder of Estonian Women's Shelters Union in 2006. Within 2006-2016 she organised basic and further training courses for shelters staff in the amount of over one thousand hours. In 2006-2008 she was Estonian NGO coordinator for the Nordic-Baltic pilot project under which services for women trafficked for sexual exploitation were developed. In 2013-2016 she coordinated the pre-defined project under the Norway Grants program, whereby we developed complex services for Estonian women's shelters which includes emergency crisis support, psychological and legal counselling and accommodation. She has been an active promoter of the ratification of the Istanbul convention in Estonia, which was ratified in 2017.</p>	<p>Estonian Women's Associations Roundtable http://www.enu.ee enu@enu.ee</p> <p>Estonian Women's Shelters Union http://www.naisteliin.ee/</p>
<p>FINLAND - Coalition of Finnish Women's Associations NYTKIS</p>	<p>Anna Nuotio <i>Coordinator of Work against human trafficking MONIKA Crisis Center</i> anna.nuotio@monikanaiset.fi https://twitter.com/NuotioAnna</p> 	<p>MONIKA offers specialised services for immigrant women that have experienced violence, and Anna is in charge of the work against trafficking in human beings. Before Monika she worked as the Executive Director of the Exit Prostitution Association, and before being the director she worked there as a coordinator. She has also worked briefly as a coordinator in NYTKIS - The Coalition of Finnish Women's Associations. She has a background in working with children and youth and have done my masters in Gender Studies with a special focus on violence against women, sexuality, gender and human rights. She has given speeches in conferences and seminars both in Finland and abroad and train professionals and volunteers frequently on the topic. Last year, she was the Finnish Independent representative for the Mutual Learning program on Gender equality for the European Commission. At her current post she both works directly assisting and coordinating services for female victims of trafficking and acts as an expert work in the issues related to trafficking. She also attended as a support person to court proceedings and police hearings when the victims wish so.</p>	<p>NYTKIS ry https://www.nytkis.org https://www.facebook.com/Nytkis https://twitter.com/NytkisRy</p> <p>MONIKA - Multicultural Women's Association Finland https://monikanaiset.fi/ https://www.facebook.com/monikanaiset https://twitter.com/monikanaiset</p>
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<p>GREECE- Coordination of Greek Women's NGOs for the EWL</p>	<p>Irene Fereti <i>President of the Greek League for Women's Rights</i> fereti@hotmail.gr</p> 	<p>Irene Fereti is President of the Greek League for Women's Rights since 2017 and Director of the GLWR Journal "Women's Struggle". She is in charge of the Counseling Service of the GLWR, established in 1990, offering free legal advice and social and psychological support to women and children victims of violence. She has worked as a senior researcher at the Institute of Child Health, where she has also developed prevention programs and trained professionals in VAWG. She has been a member in the committee who drafted the Greek Law regulating Family Violence. Her discipline background is Criminology and Sociology with studies both in the UK and the US (Ford Foundation Fellow University of California, Berkeley).</p>	<p>Coordination of Greek Women's NGOs for the EWL https://womenlobbygr.000webhostapp.com/</p> <p>Greek league for Women's rights http://www.leagueforwomenrights.gr L.women-rights@otenet.gr</p>

<p>HUNGARY- Hungarian Women's Lobby (HWL)</p>	<p>Enikő Pap <i>Legal expert of NANE Women's Rights Association</i> <i>Secretary of the Hungarian Women's Lobby</i> papeniko1@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Enikő Pap is conducting advocacy work for better legislation & implementation to respond to VAW. She analyses respective laws, policies and practices in the field, and formulates policy recommendations. She has been involved in numerous national and international programmes and projects. Enikő Pap is a legal expert of NANE Women's Rights Association, NANE is a grassroots organisation specialised in preventing and combating violence against women, being active at different levels: individual, community, national and international, and secretary of the Hungarian Women's Lobby. She is an EWL Observatory expert since 2015. She has international & human rights law background. Her professional career focuses on the application of international human rights norms on promoting gender equality, particularly on eliminating VAW. She conducted related research & evaluation on VAW for the EC, EIGE, CoE & UN. Enikő Pap is a co-author and co-editor of several national and international publications in the field. It includes, among others, submissions and alternative reports to international human rights bodies, e.g. the UN CEDAW Committee. In 2018 she was the co-author of a study for the European Parliament's FEMM Committee entitled "Backlash on Women's and Girls' Rights".</p>	<p>Hungarian Women's Lobby https://www.noierdek.hu noierdek@noierdek.hu https://www.facebook.com/NoiErdek/ https://twitter.com/hungarianwomen</p> <p>NANE Women's Rights Association www.nane.hu info@nane.hu https://www.facebook.com/NANEegyesulet/</p>
<p>ICELAND - Kvenrettindafélag Íslands</p>	<p>Hildur Fjóra Antonsdóttir <i>Researcher, board member of Stígámót</i> hildur_fjora.antsondottir@social.lau.se</p> 	<p>Hildur Fjóra Antonsdóttir is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology of Law at Lund University in Sweden. Her thesis is about the meaning of justice for people who have been subjected to sexual violence and how this knowledge can be used to further develop traditional and non-traditional justice mechanisms. In May 2019, she submitted a commissioned policy paper on how to strengthen the legal status and rights of victim-survivors of sexual violence to the Icelandic Prime Minister's Steering Group on a system-wide response to sexual violence. Previously, she has conducted research on the processing of rape cases within the Icelandic criminal justice system. She has also worked in the field of development on issues related to eliminating violence against women both within UNIFEM (now UN Women) and the United Nations University Gender Equality Studies and Training Programme (UNU-GEST). She is currently a board member of Stígámót - Education and Counseling Center for Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Violence.</p>	<p>Icelandic Women's Rights Association https://www.kvenrettindafelag.is/en postur@kvenrettindafelag.is https://www.facebook.com/kvenrettindafelag https://www.twitter.com/kvenrett</p> <p>Stígámót www.stigamot.is stigamot@stigamot.is https://www.facebook.com/stigamot/</p>
<p>IRELAND- The National Women's Council of Ireland – NWC</p>	<p>Mary Crilly <i>Director of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork (SVCC)</i> <i>Member of the Irish National Observatory on VAW</i> mcrilly@sexualviolence.ie</p> 	<p>Mary Crilly, is a Founder and Director of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork, a frontline service provider to victims of sexual violence, which opened in 1983. A feminist activist, she has witnessed and been party to, much of the change in Irish society and the cultural and institutional responses to violence against women over the past 4 decades. She is noted for her tireless campaigning for policy and legislative change in the areas of sexual violence, sex trafficking, domestic violence, female genital mutilation and human rights. She is active at local, regional, national and international levels. Mary holds an MA in Women's Studies and the Diploma in the Psychology of Criminal Behaviour from University College Cork. She is a committed member of the Irish National Observatory on VAW and from 2017, served as the Irish expert to the European Women's Lobby on Violence Against Women.</p>	<p>National Women's Council of Ireland https://www.nwci.ie https://www.facebook.com/NationalWomensCouncilofIreland/ https://www.twitter.com/nwci</p> <p>Sexual Violence Centre Cork http://www.sexualviolence.ie/ info@sexualviolence.ie https://www.facebook.com/SVCCork/ https://www.twitter.com/svccork https://www.instagram.com/sexualviolencecork/</p>
<p>ITALY- Coordinamento Italiano della Lobby Europea delle Donne – LEF Italia</p>	<p>Siusi Casaccia <i>Forum Associazione Donne Giuriste, Board member</i> <i>LEF Italia, Board Member</i> Siusi.casaccia@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Siusi Casaccia from Forum Associazione Donne Giuriste and LEF Italia is a member of a women lawyer's association involved in work on women's rights and VAW. In the 90's she was the cofounder a women's shelter. She provides legal assistance to women on family law and VAW in its different kind. She organises and attends as a speaker trainings about ending violence against women. She is part of in the group of experts who wrote the Italian shadow report for the GREVIO monitoring process. Last year she produced with the association colleagues a critical position paper to the Senatus Justice Commission on a law proposal to reform rules on custody rights denying domestic violence.</p>	<p>Coordinamento Italiano della Lobby Europea delle Donne http://coordinamentoitalianolobbyeudonne.blogspot.be/ coordinamento.lef.italia@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/125Lef https://twitter.com/125Lef</p> <p>Forum Associazione Donne Giuriste http://www.forumdonnegiuriste.it/ info@forumdonnegiuriste.it https://twitter.com/FORUMGIURISTE</p>
<p>LATVIA- Women's NGO Cooperation Network of Latvia</p>	<p>Edite Kalnina <i>Psychologist and HR professional</i> <i>EWL Board member</i> edipsi@yahoo.com</p> 	<p>Edite is the founder of the Latvian national coordination of European Women's Lobby. She is a psychologist by profession and human resources professional in daily work dealing with diversity and inclusion, and workplace discrimination and prevention. She serves on relevant national gender equality bodies as National Gender Equality Committee and relevant task forces and working groups at Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Health and others. She has experience in designing and leading training programmes on unconscious bias and diversity in the workplace. She is the Coauthor of a training programme on Responsible Business Ambassadors and the author of a young female mentoring programme and Young Feminist Summer/ Winter academy programme, bringing together young feminists from the Baltics and Scandinavia strengthening their knowledge and skills on various topics and become confident feminist leaders.</p>	<p>Women's NGOs Cooperation Network of Latvia https://www.facebook.com/www.sieviesusadarbiba.lv/ inete.lelite@bernuforums.lv</p>
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LUXEMBOURG - Coordination Luxembourgeoise du Lobby Européen des Femmes	<p>Andrée Birnbaum <i>Director of Femmes en detresse</i> Andree.birnbaum@fed.lu</p> 	<p>Andrée Birnbaum is Director general of FEMMES EN DETRESSE. The aim of the association is to provide women, their children, and young women and girls with effective protection against violence through the development and management of shelters for women and girls in distress, and information and consultation centers. The association aims at improving the living conditions of women by helping them integrate into economic and social life by providing them with psychological, legal and social assistance and offering them specific training. Andrée has lead on MACOU, a new emergency shelter for women. Andrée is member of the National committee against domestic violence, in contact with Public authorities and other civil society organisations. Andrée has social work experience of 20 years working with persons with disabilities, senior and elderly persons, children and youth work. She also worked at the University of Luxembourg as an academic responsible of liaising with social institutions.</p>	<p>Coordination Luxembourgeoise du LEF https://www.cnfl.lu/ info@cnfl.lu https://www.facebook.com/groups/268551292511/ https://twitter.com/CNFL_LUX</p> <p>Femmes en detresse http://fed.lu/wp/</p>
MALTA - Confederation of Women's Organisations – MCWO	<p>Lara Dimitrijevic <i>Lawyer. Founder and Director of Women's Rights Foundation</i> lara@wrf.org.mt</p> 	<p>Dr Lara Dimitrijevic graduated as Doctor of Laws in December 2008 and has specialised in the field of family law and human rights, with particular interest to issues related to domestic violence and intimate partner violence, human trafficking, sexual abuse, sexual and reproductive rights and human rights. Dimitrijevic is founder and director of Women's Rights Foundation and has been actively advocating for women's rights. Dimitrijevic has spearheaded a number of human rights cases dealing with discrimination against women. She is currently a representative on the European Women's Lobby 'Observatory of Violence against Women' on behalf of Malta Confederation of Women Organisations, a delegate to Women Against Violence Europe, a member of the Commission on Gender Based Violence and Domestic violence (Malta), as well as a national expert for gender rights.</p>	<p>Malta Confederation of Women's Organisations http://www.mcwo.net/ mail@mcwo.net https://www.facebook.com/MCWOMalta</p> <p>Women's Rights Foundation https://www.wrf.org.mt/ https://www.facebook.com/wrfmalta https://twitter.com/wrfmalta</p>
NETHERLANDS Coordination to European Women's Lobby – NCEWL	<p>Essa Reijmers <i>Policy Advisor Innovation & Development Blijf Groep</i> <i>Nederlandse Vrouwenraad</i> e.reijmers@blijfgroep.nl https://twitter.com/EReijmers</p> 	<p>Essa Reijmers represents the Dutch Women's Council (Nederlandse Vrouwenraad) and has been working for Blijf Groep, one of the largest women's shelter organizations in the Netherlands since 1998. Blijf Groep has 6 shelters and a wide range of non-residential services in two provinces. Her focus at Blijf Groep has always been on innovation and development of new approaches, amongst which digital safety as part of the pattern of IPV and systemi interventions (Orange House-approach). She is also involved in research on the programs Blijf Groep has developed. She supports social workers in their daily job to find the most effective and efficient ways to help and support women and their families. Essa was one of the pioneers bringing the American Safety Net project to the Netherlands (https://safetyned.org/) and active in the EWL-O project #HerNetHerRights. She has been active in local, national and international networks over the last 15 years. She participated in two World Conferences on women's shelters and helped organize the one in The Hague (2015). She will join the 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters in Taiwan (november 2019) and be active in workshops on both the Orange House approach, SafetyNed and Rethinking Innovation.</p>	<p>Nederlandse VrouwenRaad https://www.nederlandsevrouwenraad.nl info@de-nvr.nl https://www.facebook.com/NLVrouwenraad/ https://twitter.com/NLVrouwenraad</p> <p>Blijf Groep https://www.blijfgroep.nl/ info@blijfgroep.nl https://www.facebook.com/blijfgroep</p>
REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA- Macedonian Women's Lobby	<p>Liljana Popovska <i>MP of the Republic of North Macedonia</i> liljana4@t-home.mk</p> 	<p>Liljana Popovska is Member of the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia 2002-2019, member of lobby groups for women, disability, HIV/AIDS, LGBTI and green politics. She was the Coordinator of the Macedonian Women's Lobby 2001-2006. She has also been Vice-President of the Parliament, Deputy Minister for development, adviser of the Mayor of Skopje, councilor in the City Council of Skopje, researcher in the Institute of Pharmaceutical factory "Alkaloid". Founder and President of the green political party the Democratic Renewal of Macedonia 2006-2018 (member of the European Greens). Liljana Popovska was the initiator as a President of the Committee for equal opportunities of men and women for bringing the Declaration for combating violence against women in the Parliament, as a part of the Pan-European campaign of the Council of Europe – 2006. As an MP she has participated in the drafting of legislation on violence against women and the monitoring of its implementation. She is member of the Board of the Women's in Parliament Club that has a big focus on VAW. Engineer of chemical technology, MS in technical sciences and PhD in political sciences.</p>	<p>Macedonian Women's Lobby www.mzl.mk.org info@mzl.mk.org https://www.facebook.com/makedonskozenskolobilobi https://twitter.com/MKWomensLobby</p>
POLAND - Network of East-West Women	<p>Małgorzata Tarasiewicz <i>President Network of East-West Women</i> tarasiewicz@neww.org.pl https://twitter.com/sopot100</p> 	<p>Małgorzata Tarasiewicz has been involved in many projects aiming at opposing violence against women at the local, national and international level. As the President of the Network of East-West Women (NEWW) she has been coordinating projects aiming at policy changes, and introduction of measures that would oppose men's violence against women. She was active in the campaign which led Poland to sign and ratify the Istanbul Convention on Violence against Women. She is now now at the possibilities at the city level to support programs to oppose male violence against women.</p>	<p>Network of East-West Women https://www.neww.org.pl neww@neww.org.pl https://www.facebook.com/newwpolska/</p>
PORTUGAL- Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights (PpDM)	<p>Isabel Ventura <i>APEM- Portuguese Association of Women's studies</i> Isabel.ventura.pt@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Isabel Ventura works at APEM - Portuguese Association of Women's studies and MSF - Women Without Borders, member organisations of the Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights. She holds a PhD. in Sociology and is an invited professor at the Catholic University of Oporto where she coordinates a Master course seminar about law, gender and sex crimes. She is a research member of the group of Women's Studies at the CEMRI (The Centre of Studies on Migrations and Intercultural Relations), from the Portuguese Open University. She is the author of "Medusa at the Courthouse or a History of Rape" (2018) and "The first Portuguese female reporters" (2012). She focuses her work mainly on sexual violence.</p>	<p>Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights http://plataformamulheres.org.pt/ plataforma@plataformamulheres.org.pt https://www.facebook.com/plataforma.direitos.mulheres/ https://twitter.com/PlatMulheres</p> <p>APEM- Portuguese Association of Women's studies http://www.apem-estudos.org/en/ https://www.facebook.com/Associação-Portuguesa-de-Estudos-sobre-as-Mulheres-APEM-357447934276368/</p>

<p>ROMANIA- Romanian Women's Lobby</p>	<p>Laura Albu CEO of Community Safety and Mediation Center EWL Executive member albu@cmcs.ro https://twitter.com/Laura10102010</p> 	<p>Since 2000, Laura is the CEO of Community Safety and Mediation Center (CMSC) in Romania. She coordinated over 25 programs related to social services (domestic violence, child abuse, vulnerable victims), 5 projects for unemployed persons in rural areas (mainly women) focused on social inclusion; coordinated over 15 projects of community development, including cross border projects, promote and advocate for new policies in the field of community development, victim protection and women rights. She has coordinated projects focused on violence against women; equality between women and men; women in politics and decision making; women in rural areas; women and poverty; Roma women; migrant women; Since 2000 she promotes new legislation in the field of violence against women in Romania and conflict resolution, changing and adapting legislation and norms of application of laws in the field together with other NGOs part of the legislation group inside coalitions and networks. Since 2010 she represents Romania as an expert in European Observatory on Violence against Women of European Women's Lobby, and since 2011 she became Vice President and in January 2015 President of the Romanian Women's Lobby.</p>	<p>Romanian Women's Lobby https://www.facebook.com/ROWLobby/</p> <p>Community Safety and Mediation Center https://www.cmcs.ro Facebook</p>
<p>SERBIA- Network for European Women's Lobby</p>	<p>Dijana Malbasa Legal expert at Autonomous Women's Centre dijanam@azc.org.rs https://twitter.com/dijanam</p> 	<p>Since 2015 Dijana has worked as a lawyer in Autonomous Women's Center providing legal aid to women victims of male violence, mainly domestic and sexual violence. She is also engaged in providing training on gender based violence issues and asylum issues. Also she worked on policy analysis regarding the implementation of gender dimension in migration and asylum system and has been involved in advocating for implementation of Istanbul Convention in Serbian asylum legislation. Dijana was also engaged in a project relating to position of migrant women and the implementation of a gender dimension in Serbian migration and asylum system, which resulting in the adoption of a new Law on Asylum which recognises GBV as ground for granting international protection. Diana provides legal aid via telephone help line and in direct individual consultation. Her work also includes risk assessments and the development of safety plans for victims of violence.</p>	<p>Serbian Women's Lobby https://www.facebook.com/mrezaewl/</p> <p>Autonomous Women's Center dobre_prakse@azc.org.rs https://www.facebook.com/AutonomniZenskiCentar/</p>
<p>SLOVAKIA</p>	<p>Barbora Holubová Independent researcher holubba@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Barbora Holubová is a sociologist with more than 14-years working experiences in applied research. In the area of violence against women and gender inequalities, she is currently working as an independent researcher. Previously she was employed in the state research institute affiliated to the ministry responsible for the gender equality and coordination of the VAW policies in Slovakia for 10 years. She worked also as a research officer in the gender-based violence team of the European Institute for Gender Equality in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2016 - 2017. She is an author and co-author of numerous research reports and publications. She was involved or managed several broad national and EU-wide projects in the area of violence against women. In her research, she intensively cooperates with women's NGO and activists operating in the field of specialised support services for women's survivors of violence against women and protecting the women's rights. Barbora was for more than 10 years' a member of several working groups in the area of violence against women reviewing the proposed policies and developing the national action plans in Slovakia.</p>	
<p>SLOVENIA - Women's Lobby Slovenia</p>	<p>Špela Veselič Expert Associate at Association SOS spela.veselic@drustvo-sos.si</p> 	<p>Mag. Špela Veselič is an Expert Associate at the Association SOS Help-line for Women & Children - Victims of Violence. She was an EWL Observatory expert 2012 mandate and from 2016-2019 again. She is the author of numerous articles and books on violence against women and the situation in Slovenia and its compliance with the international human rights standards, also standards of Istanbul Convention. She lead many social and media campaigns since 2005 and different projects on VAW since 2002. She works as an expert and coordinator; with the media, on lobbying with policy makers and policy takers. She participates as an expert in different conferences, round tables, trainings. Networking is an important part of her work as well preparing articles, studies, awareness raising materials. She started working at the Association SOS Help-Line as a volunteer in 1995. Since then she is doing networking home and abroad. Association SOS Help-line is a grassroots level NGO that runs two shelters for women and their children – victims of violence, SOS Help-Line, self-help group and psychosocial counselling. They cooperate with other NGOs, GO's and service providers on daily basis – mainly in Slovenia but also abroad. They have established a network with NGOs from former Yugoslavia, and regularly cooperate with neighbouring countries' NGOs. Association SOS Help-Line is also a focal point organisation for Slovenia in the frame of WAVE Network.</p>	<p>Slovenian Women's Lobby http://www.zenskilobi.si/ zenskilobi@gmail.com</p> <p>Association SOS Help-Line for Women and Children – Victims of Violence http://www.drustvo-sos.si/ drustvo-sos@drustvo-sos.si https://www.facebook.com/drustvo.sostelefon https://twitter.com/SOSTelefon</p>
<p>SPAIN - Lobby Europeo de Mujeres</p>	<p>Elvira Cecilia Muslera Canclini Public Health Manager cecilia.muslera@gmail.com</p> 	<p>Elvira is the Manager of the Office of Health Technology Assessment of the Principality of Asturias (OETSPA). OETSPA belongs to SESPA, the Spanish Public Health System of the region, and is supported by the Regional Ministry of Health. She has experience in the creation, organisation and analysis of health care records in violence against women, a programme of care for battered women and the development of the first health care protocol for violence against women. She also is responsible for the planning and organisation of training for health workers and public workers jointly with the Asturian Women's Institute. She also worked on the elaboration and edition of a didactic guide of diagnosis and treatment in gender violence in primary care. She has broad experience in teaching health economics, especially the economic evaluation, at the University of Barcelona, University Pompeu Fabra, University of Oviedo and Health Public Administration, Medical Colleges. She has a broad experience in teaching and diffusing of gender violence guides into the Public Health System. She is active in the Forum Política Feminista in Asturias.</p>	<p>Lobby Europeo de Mujeres https://lobbyeuropeoespana.com/ lobbyeuropeo@gmail.com</p> <p>Forum de Política Feminista de Asturias http://www.forumpoliticafeminista.org</p>

<p>SWEDEN - Swedish Women's Lobby (SWL)</p>	<p>Marie Unander-Scharin <i>Board member UNIZON</i> <i>Board member of Swedish Women's Lobby</i> marie.unander-scharin@sigtuna.se</p> 	<p>Marie Unander-Scharin is a Board member of UNIZON, which represents over 140 Swedish women's shelters, young women's empowerment centres and other support services which work together for a gender equal society free from violence, and the Swedish Women's Lobby. She worked for Kvinnojouren Sigtuna (a women's shelter) for 15 years, where she also has been president for 9 years. She has a wide experience and expertise in the area of VAW, violence against children, LBGT persons and older women. She has been part of women's rights organisations and a young women's empowerment centre. Marie is currently working as a prevention and security coordinator at Sigtuna Kommun and is also a part of the network Arlanda against human trafficking. She represents UNIZON and SWL at the EU anti-Trafficking platform. She is interested in preventive work. Marie has, in her role as a Board member of Unizon, worked intensely on the issue of children exposed to violence. 1 in 10 children grow up experiencing violence from their father towards their mother. The work has amongst other included lecturing about a world in which every child can grow up free from gender stereotypes.</p>	<p>Swedish Women's Lobby http://sverigeskvinnolobby.se/ info@sverigeskvinnolobby.se https://www.facebook.com/sverigeskvinnolobby https://twitter.com/Kvinnolobbyn https://www.instagram.com/kvinnolobbyn/</p> <p>UNIZON http://unizon.se/ info@unizon.se</p>
<p>TURKEY -EWL Coordination in Turkey</p>	<p>Nuray Ozbay (Apologies) <i>Feminist activist, diversity and inclusion strategist</i> ozbay.n@gmail.com https://twitter.com/nuray_ozbay</p> 	<p>Nuray served as a Board Member of The Association for the Support of Women Candidates (KA.DER) between 2012-2015, and led campaigning & fundraising activities to sustain women's equal representation at all public and political decision making bodies. Between 2012-2018, she was a Board Member at the European Women's Lobby, representing more than 100 independent Turkish feminist organisations. Between 2009-2014, she worked as the Deputy Secretary General of Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey (KAGIDER), where she launched the Child Care Incentive Program for Working Parents, which later turned into a public incentive scheme of the Turkish Government. In partnership with the World Bank, she designed and mainstreamed Gender Equity Model for the Turkish private sector leaders, where she guided companies to develop and sustain their diversity and inclusion agendas. She later joined Ipsos Public Affairs as Insight Partner. Nuray completed "Global Women in Management and Leadership" program by CEDPA & Plan International USA in July 2011, in Washington DC.</p>	<p>EWL Coordination for Turkey https://www.ewlturkey.org/ https://www.facebook.com/AvrupaKadinTurkiye/ https://twitter.com/AvrupaKadinTR</p>
<p>UK - Joint Committee on Women</p>	<p>Gwendolyn Sterk <i>Feminist activist, strategist, campaigner, author</i> gwendolynsterk@hotmail.com https://twitter.com/GwendolynSterk</p> 	<p>Gwendolyn Sterk been active in strategic policy and development in the women's sector in UK for over 10 years. Previously she has worked for Welsh Women's Aid, Rape Crisis England and Wales as well as spending several years in local authority commissioning teams. She has led projects and campaigns on sexual harassment, online abuse and capacity building for VAWG services. She holds an MSc in Gender and International Relations and has researched transnational women's movements and published articles on topics such as sexual violence in the media. Gwendolyn has led campaigns on sexual harassment in Wales utilising the momentum created by the MeToo and Times Up movement.</p>	<p>UK Joint Committee on Women https://www.womenlobby.org/UK-Joint-Committee-on-Women</p>
<p>UKRAINE</p>	<p>Marta Chumalo <i>Director and psychologist at "Women's perspectives"</i> Marta_chumalo@women.lviv.ua</p> 	<p>Marta Chumalo is co-founder of the organisation "Women's Perspectives" and works in the field of violence against women since 1998 with especial focus on domestic violence, human trafficking and gender equality. She has University degrees in psychology and social work. She works directly with women-victims of violence, conduct training for police, social services, lawyers, judges; develop and implement advocacy campaigns; conduct researches; prepare publications. Marta takes an active part in development and implementation national and regional Action Plans on gender equality and domestic violence. She was contracted by UNDP and OSCE as Gender Expert to develop and conduct TOT and trainings on domestic violence and gender equality, as well as to conduct gender expertise of national and local policy documents, for example Regional Actions Plans on gender equality and domestic violence. In 2016 she was involved in conducting training and other events focused on Istanbul Convention ratification and related changes in national legislation, in particular in standards of services for women-victims of violence.</p>	<p>Centre "Women's Perspectives" http://www.women.lviv.ua/en/about-us/ women@women.lviv.ua</p>
<p>The European Centre of the International Council of Women (ECICW)</p>	<p>Neus Pociello Cayuela <i>Director of Fundació Aroa (Aroa Foundation)</i> npocielloca@fundacioaroa.org https://twitter.com/npocielloca8</p> 	<p>In the last fourteen years, Neus has worked on the design and monitoring of local and European social projects with a feminist perspective, mainly in the areas of women' human rights and violence against women. Since 2015 she is the director of Aroa Foundation, and previously its coordinator for ten years, that offers services of direct support to women in VAW situations and their children, promotes awareness raising and prevention actions in the community and formal education frameworks and professional trainings on gender equality topics. She has promoted and coordinated the Fem_EU (Feminist Europe) campaign in the framework of the European elections 2019. She is an active feminist activist expert at the Monitoring Group of the 2030 Feminist Agenda Program and representing the organization at the National Council of Women of Spain (CNDE), the National Council of Women of Catalonia (member of its delegation at the United Nations CSW for the last 2 years) and the Women Council of Barcelona where she coordinates the Violence against Women Working Group.</p>	<p>European Centre of the International Council of Women https://www.facebook.com/ECICWCECIF/</p> <p>Fundació Aroa (Aroa Foundation) www.fundacioaroa.org aroa@fundacioaroa.org https://www.facebook.com/fundacioaroa/ https://twitter.com/fundacioaroa https://www.instagram.com/fundacioaroa/</p>

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<p>European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW)</p>	<p>Salome Mbugua Henry <i>Vice-chair of ENoMW</i> <i>President AkiDwa</i> <i>Head of Mission Wezeshu</i> salomembugua@gmail.com https://twitter.com/salomembugua</p> 	<p>Salome Mbugua is a researcher, gender equality activist and human right advocate. She is the founder and of AkiDwa -The Migrant Women's Network where she works as the head of operations and strategy. Salome has over 20 years' experience of working with under-represented groups in particular women, children, and the youth, in Europe, Africa and internationally. She was appointed a Commissioner for the Irish Human Rights and Equality in June 2018. Salome is involved with various Government departments in Ireland in the development of policies and currently chairs the working group developing Ireland 3rd National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security overseen by the Department of Foreign Affairs, and champions the work on FGM in Ireland. Salome is co president of European Network of Migrant Women and sits on the EU Expert group on Economic Migration. Salome Holds a master degree in Equality studies from University college Dublin and is in her final year of PhD focusing on integrating women into peacebuilding at Trinity college Dublin. She is Wewesha's Head of Mission. This African Diaspora led Development organisation aims to support, promote and empower African women and children, who have been affected or are likely to be affected by issues of conflict, violence and poverty.</p>	<p>European Network of Migrant Women http://www.migrantwomennetwork.org/ info@migrantwomennetwork.org https://twitter.com/ENoMW https://www.facebook.com/migrantwomeneurope/</p> <p>AkiDwa https://www.akidwa.ie/ https://www.facebook.com/AkiDwa.ie https://twitter.com/AkiDwa</p>
<p>International Alliance of Women (IAW)</p>	<p>Jocelyne Scutt <i>Lawyer and writer</i> <i>County Councillor for Cambridgeshire</i> Jocelyne.scutt@cantab.net</p> 	<p>Jocelynn drafted the Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL) Draft Bill on Rape and Other Sexual Offences, and worked with Rape Law Reform Action Group in Australia on reforming rape laws, which has been used as a basis for rape law reform internationally (awarded hon. LLD from Macquarie University in recognition of this work and work on family violence). She has written and researched extensively on criminal assault at home and other forms of domestic violence, and on rape and sexual offences. Most recently, she edited Women, Law & Culture - Conformity, Contradiction & Culture, 2016, Palgrave Macmillan, bringing together international experts writing on these issues from varying cultural, socio-economic and legal perspectives She is a Senior Teaching Fellow at University of Buckingham Law School - teach criminal law, criminology, sex gender and the law, medicine law and ethics - all of which incorporate issues relating to violence against women. She is a Barrister & Human Rights Lawyer - have represented women victims/survivors of rape and other sexual offences, criminal assault at home and other forms of domestic violence, and in civil suits re economic/ credit contracts/ guarantees/ mortgages.</p>	<p>International Alliance of Women https://www.womenalliance.org/ https://www.facebook.com/womenalliance/ https://www.twitter.com/womenalliance</p>
<p>Soroptimist International Europe</p>	<p>Pascale Franck <i>Co-director of the Family Justice Center Antwerp</i> <i>Vice president of the European Family Justice Center Alliance</i> p.franck@efjca.eu https://twitter.com/Pas22182851</p> 	<p>Pascale Frank is the Co-director of the Family Justice Center Antwerp and Vice-president of the European Family Justice Center Alliance - European Alliance for Hope and Empowerment. She is a criminologist and experienced project manager and team leader, with a demonstrated history of developing and coordinating multi-agency approaches and cross-professional cooperation in the field of gender-based violence, domestic violence, sexual violence and child abuse. Main tasks are the development, management, monitoring and sustainability of the multidisciplinary centers on domestic violence and child abuse. Focus on methodology bringing empowerment of survivors of violence (adults/children). Trauma informed care and client-centered approach are the lead in this development. In earlier years developed a shelter for survivors of domestic violence, perpetrator programs and projects for children witnessing and/or experiencing violence.</p>	<p>Soroptimist International Europe http://www.soroptimisteurope.org/ https://www.facebook.com/SoroptimistInternationalofEurope https://twitter.com/SIEurope</p> <p>Family Justice Centre Antwerp https://fjc-veiligthuis.be/antwerpen/</p> <p>European Family Justice Center Alliance https://www.efjca.eu/</p>
<p>WILPF - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom</p>	<p>Maria Bauer <i>Behavioral scientist, trained advisor, author, lecturer</i> maria@mariabauer.com www.mariabauer.com https://www.facebook.com/MariaBauerab</p> 	<p>Maria Bauer has spent 17 years of her professional life managing, supervising and educating on issues such as violence in the workplace, violence in close relationship. Maria has trained about 150,000 employees on these issues and is considered one of Sweden's foremost educators in the field of violence. Maria has trained employees and non-profit in the next all public sector organisations. Maria Bauer has designed courses for, for example, the Swedish Prison and Probation Service and the Swedish Migration Board about women's vulnerability. It included the treatment of foreign women with mental illness, women in crisis, women who had been subjected to violence and abuse. Maria has been educating at national level for many years and has very good insight through her long experience and close cooperation with authorities, municipalities, county councils and schools. In the challenges society faces in the talkative work of measuring violence against women. She is also one of two authors of the book "Threats and violence at workplace".</p>	<p>Women's International League for Peace and Freedom http://www.wilpf.org https://www.facebook.com/wilpf/ https://twitter.com/WILPF</p>
<p>World Association of Girls Guide & Girls Scouts, WAGGGS Europe Region</p>	<p>Jean-Ann Ndow <i>Advocacy Manager at WAGGGS</i> jean-ann.ndow@waggs.org</p> 	<p>Jean-Ann Ndow works with young people and organisations to develop engaging campaigns on the issues that matter most to them. She is an experienced advocate having lobbied governments on issues relating to the safety and protection for girls and women, access to justice and human rights. She is frequently engaged in advocacy at the global and regional level through engagement with high-level decision makers, institutions and stakeholders. Jean-Ann is a skilled facilitator. She has delivered training to girls and young women in a number of countries, to refugee and internally displaced people in camps and host communities and to activist and development workers to support them in implementation of projects and campaigns. Her main areas of focus are gender, violence against women and girls, race, culture, youth participation and education. She writes content and develops resources to educate, challenge and equip learners with the skills and tools to take action. With a passion for telling engaging stories she creates content that centres the experiences and narratives of diverse communities and marginalised groups. Jean-Ann holds a LLB Law degree, Post Graduate Diploma in Law and Masters in Human Rights, Culture and Social Justice.</p>	<p>World Association of Girls Guide & Girls Scouts www.waggs.org waggs@waggs.org https://twitter.com/waggs_world https://www.facebook.com/waggs/</p>