

Editorial

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The European Commission on 21 September 2010 released its five year Strategy for Equality between Women and Men 2010-2015 to follow-up on the Roadmap 2006-2010. The EWL has welcomed this new document, but is waiting to see how the political messages of the Strategy will be transformed into concrete and binding measures and legislation which go beyond the Women's Charter launched by the Commission in March this year.

Positive novel elements outlined by the Strategy are:

- The holding of an annual top-level Gender Equality Dialogue amongst key stakeholders; the EWL stresses the importance of the presence of key women's organisations at such fora;
- The establishment of an annual European Equal Pay Day;
 - Some new measures in relation to particular areas such as women and fisheries or women's entrepreneurship.

The EWL makes the following recommendations in relation to the implementation of the Strategy:

- Many of the points in the document remain vague and will need to be made more concrete, for example the important points relating to the use of European funds to achieve some of the gender equality objectives;
- We regret the focus, in the economic policy section on growth and employment rates with not enough measures dedicated to the quality of women's employment and hope this will be redressed;
- The Strategy should lead to the adoption of binding measures to ensure parity in decision-making in the European Institutions and in the private sector, especially given the recent statements made by the Commission in this respect;
- In relation to violence against women, the European strategy needs to recognise all forms of violence against women, including genital mutilation and sexual. We therefore request that the Commission takes into account the full range of violence against women in order to give a strong signal of political will to protect the human rights of women and eliminate gender inequalities. It is hoped that the strategy will be implemented through legislation that tackles not only female genital mutilation, but all forms of violence;

- Reference to women's sexual and reproductive health and rights is absent from the document and there is a need for more coherence between the EU's external and internal policies in this regard.

The success of the Strategy will depend on its implementation. For this, The EWL has stressed the importance of coordinated action on gender equality at the European and national levels, calling for strong, visible and well-resourced coordination mechanisms within the European Commission. The EWL counts on the commitment of the EU Presidencies to ensure the endorsement by the Member States of ambitious objectives for the implementation of the strategy at the national level.

Read the full five-year [Strategy](#), and the EWL [Press Release](#).

La Commission européenne a le 21 Septembre 2010 adopté sa nouvelle stratégie quinquennale pour l'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes 2010-2015 qui suit la Feuille de route 2006-2010. Le LEF a accueilli positivement ce nouveau document, mais attend de voir comment les messages politiques de la stratégie seront transformés en mesures et législations concrètes et contraignantes qui vont au-delà de la Charte des femmes lancé par la Commission en mars de cette année.

La stratégie contient certains nouveaux éléments positifs :

- Une réunion annuelle de haut niveau pour le dialogue sur l'égalité femmes-hommes entre les principales parties prenantes ; le LEF insiste sur l'importance de la présence des principales organisations de femmes dans ce forum ;
- L'établissement d'une journée européenne annuelle pour l'égalité des salaires ;
- De nouvelles mesures en ce qui concerne des domaines particuliers tels que les femmes et la pêche ou l'entrepreneuriat féminin.

Le LEF fait les recommandations suivantes en ce qui concerne la mise en œuvre de la stratégie:

- Un bon nombre des points dans le document restent vagues et devront être rendues plus concrètes, par exemple les points importants relatifs à l'utilisation des fonds européens pour atteindre certains des objectifs en matière d'égalité femmes-hommes ;
- Nous regrettons l'accent surtout quantitatif mis dans la section sur les questions économiques sur les taux de croissance et l'emploi, sans assez de mesures suffisantes pour assurer la qualité de l'emploi des femmes et espérons que ceci sera rectifié ;
- La stratégie devrait conduire à l'adoption de mesures contraignantes pour assurer la parité dans la prise de décision dans les institutions européennes et dans le secteur privé, en particulier compte tenu des déclarations récentes faites par la Commission à cet égard ;

- En ce qui concerne la violence contre les femmes, la stratégie européenne doit reconnaître toutes les formes de violence, y compris les mutilations génitales et sexuelles. Nous demandons que la commission appréhende très largement la question des violences de manière à donner un signal fort d'une volonté politique de protéger les droits humains des femmes et de supprimer les inégalités de sexe. On espère que la stratégie se concrétisera par des mesures législatives qui ne viseront pas que les mutilations génitales ou sexuelles, mais toutes les formes de violence envers les femmes.
- Le document ne contient pas de référence à la santé et aux droits sexuels et des femmes et il y a un besoin de plus de cohérence entre les politiques internes et externes de l'UE à cet égard.

Le succès de la stratégie dépendra de sa mise en œuvre. Pour cela, le LEF a souligné l'importance d'une action coordonnée en matière d'égalité entre les femmes et les hommes aux niveaux européen et national et demande des mécanismes de coordination forts, visibles et accompagnés de ressources suffisantes au sein de la Commission européenne. Le LEF compte sur l'engagement des présidences de l'UE pour assurer l'adoption par les États membres d'objectifs ambitieux pour la mise en œuvre de la stratégie au niveau national.

Lire la [stratégie complète](#), et le [Communiqué de presse du LEF](#) (en anglais).

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EWL news

The EWL is celebrating its 20th anniversary on 15 October with an evening event in Brussels. Live music, theatrical performances, a photo exhibition and a talkaoke are on the programme! Please see the invitation [here](#) and register asap by e-mailing ewl@womenlobby.org.

On the occasion of its 20th anniversary, the EWL will also launch a magazine targeting young women, and a new website. After 15 October, please visit www.womenlobby.org to check it out! Thereafter, you will receive weekly news updates, and quarterly in-depth analysis e-newsletters. We hope you will enjoy these new services. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any comments or queries.

The EWL, as European Coordinator of the Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) Campaign, is pleased by the appointment of Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, as the new Under-Secretary-General (USG) of UN Women. This appointment is essential to the effectiveness of the new entity and the campaign is pleased that the UN SG has selected a qualified and strong leader for this high level UN position that will envision and work for the future of women's rights and advocate for women worldwide. Read the [GEAR press release](#); Read [more about the appointment](#) and an [interview with Ms Bachelet](#); Read a [transcript of Ban Ki-Moon's announcement of the nomination](#).

Please find here the final version of the advocacy document '[10 points on 10 years UNSCR 1325 in Europe](#)', to which the EWL and several of its members are signatories. The document is also available in [French](#).

EWL, in cooperation with the Asylum Aid and ILGA-Europe, has written to Jean Lambert, Green MEP and Rapporteur on the recast EC Qualification Directive, with recommendations on how to ensure the recast Directive is gender-sensitive. See our amendments [here](#).

The EWL has written a congratulatory letter to Dame Rosalind Marsden, who is the first ever female EU Special Representative out of the 11 EU Special Representatives. She will be in charge of Sudan. Please find more information [here](#). Regarding the other EU 'top jobs', Commissioner Ashton released on 15 September the names of the 28 EU Ambassadors of the European External Action Service, out of whom only 6 are women...

Please find here the [EWL-ENoMW contribution to the second European agenda on integration](#) submitted on 31.08.2010 to the European Commission. You will find attached 10 key recommendations to be included in the second European Agenda for Integration in order to ensure that integration policies take into account migrant women's specific situations and needs. Do not hesitate to send it to your relevant governments or other stakeholders with a personal letter/email and to use it in your advocacy work on integration. For further information, you can contact: bach@womenlobby.org

News from EWL members

EWL Board member/EDF Executive member Ana Pelaez, has been appointed Vice President of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities until 2012.

The Legal Informational Centre for NGOs Slovenia-PIC, Slovenia, in partnership with EWL member the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) is coordinating a project entitled REACT to Domestic Violence: Building a Support System for Victims of Domestic Violence, and funded by the European Commission [Daphne III Programme](#). The project's main aim is to raise awareness, knowledge and sensitivity among legal practitioners, judges and prosecutors involved in domestic violence as well as to increase the capacity of the NGO support system to effectively respond to victim's needs. Within this framework, MIGS has published project information leaflets outlining the aims and objectives of the project, the project

activities, and information on the project partners. The leaflets are available in [English](#) and [Greek](#). For more information please visit the project webpage [here](#), or contact info@medinstgenderstudies.org

EWL member Business and Professional Women Europe is holding a number of European events this autumn. Summary and documents are available on the [BPW Europe Website](#)

- 1-2 October – BPW France national Congress – le Mans, France
- 8 October – Reform of the [international constitution workshop](#) – Vienna, Austria
- 9 October – BPW Austria invites you to the [80th Anniversary Gala diner](#) – Vienna, Austria
- 25-26 October – BPW Valencia Conference “Discover... another way” – Valencia, Spain
- 30-31 October - BPW Finland [Autumn meeting](#) – Tampere, Finland
- 4-6 November – BPW [Danube Net Business Forum](#) – Pula, Croatia

In light of the 30th anniversary of the Solidarity movement in Poland on 30th August 2010, EWL member NEWW/NEWW-Polska sent a letter to the Polish President calling for the due recognition of the women who were active in this historic movement. NEWW/NEWW-Polska also called for the European Solidarity Center newly established by the authorities in Gdansk to assign a space for women to educate, conduct research, to honor and to celebrate their role. Read the [Statement](#).

Take Action!

Maternity leave Directive. The European Parliament will vote on the revision of Directive 92/85/EEC (Pregnant Workers Directive), i.e. the maternity leave Directive, on 19 or 20 October. The EWL is supporting rapporteur Edite Estrela’s (S&D) report, seeking to grant mothers 20 weeks of full salary compensation and the protection against dismissal during six months after giving birth. In order for this proposal to go through, it will need a majority vote. Here you find a [model letter](#); please send it to your MEP’s in order to ask them to support Estrela’s proposal.

The EWL has also prepared a [briefing kit](#) with the essential data on the development of the maternity leave directive, along with the other reconciliation measures (parental leave, paternity leave).

Swedish Liberal women have started a petition calling for the right to free, safe and legal abortion for all citizens of the EU. They need 1 million signatures! Join this solidarity action by signing the petition [here](#)!

The Center for Women's Global Leadership is pleased to announce that the English, Spanish and French translations of the 2010 Take Action Kit materials are now available online at <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/kit10/kit.html>! Hard copies of the kit in all 3 languages will be available beginning next week. If you would like a free copy mailed to you, please write to us at 16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu and provide your mailing address and preferred language (English, Spanish, or French). We want to highlight the Global Call to Action included in the kit. CWGL is encouraging all campaign participants to plan a peace vigil or peace march for Monday, November 29th in a show of visible, global solidarity against militarism & violence against women. Instructions for planning a peace vigil or march are also included in the kit - and we have white bandannas and promotional posters available. You can write to us to request these as well! We also ask that you send us two of your own specific demands for the global action to share with activists around the world via the 16 Days website. Additional translations: If you are interested in volunteering to translate any of the Take Action Kit documents into another language, please contact us and we would be happy to post your translations to share with other groups.

Take part in the WIDE 'Gender Equality and Social Justice Beyond the MDGs' campaign to the MDG Summit. Ten years after the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Declaration was signed by 189 countries, the United Nations will celebrate again a MDGs Summit on 20-22 September 2010, in New York. See the [WIDE campaign bulletin](#).

Sign the [petition](#) of the French 'Laboratoire de l'égalité' of which EWL member, la CLEF is a founding member, to support French women's organisations' lobbying for gender equality in pension rights.

In view of the annual celebration of World Rural Women's Day (WRWD) on October 15, please support EWL member IFAP Committee of Women Farmers by publicising and disseminating messages which support rural women. IFAP Committee of Women Farmers have produced a communications package in [English](#) and [French](#), including a set of policy recommendations to support your activities on this Day based on the 2010 WRWD theme, 'Building a sustainable future with rural women'. Please disseminate the recommendations within your network and use it as a lobbying tool with your national and local governments.

Register For V-Day's 2011 Season. Join V-Day and the thousands of activists at colleges and communities in over 140 countries who stage V-Day benefit productions of The Vagina Monologues - and other artistic works licensed by V-Day - to raise awareness and funds to end violence against women in their communities. Each year during V-Season, February - April, V-Day events take place on college campuses and in communities, theatres, churches, high schools and cafes worldwide educating millions about the issue and raising much needed funds for local anti-violence groups. For over 12 years, activists just like you have raised millions annually for groups working on the ground to end violence against women and girls. V-Day has a wide variety of events, from theatrical productions to film screenings and workshops. More information is available in [English, Français, Deutsch, Español](#).

EWL Representation

- Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, participated to a consultation day organised by the regional office of the Office of the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) on their the OHCHR 2011 annual workprogramme
- Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, and Pierrette Pape, Policy Officer, attended the EU conference 'Ensuring women's participation in peace and security – 10th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325', on 9 September
- Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, and Pierrette Pape, Policy Officer, attended the Social Platform's lunchtime meeting on the subject of Conscientious Objection in Medicine, in Brussels on 15 September 2010
- Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, and Pierrette Pape, Policy Officer, met with Ms. Alexandra Knapton, gender adviser of Commissioner Ashton, on 15 September.
- Pierrette Pape, Policy Officer, met with Ms. Heidi Hautala, chairperson of the EP Sub-committee for Human Rights, on 14 September.
- Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, attended as a speaker the hearing organised by the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality on 'How Poverty affects women in the European Union' organised in Brussels on 28 September 2010.
- Leanda Barrington-Leach, Communications and Media Officer, attended the MEP Awards on 29 September and passed on the EWL's congratulations to the winning MEPs nominated by the EWL.
- Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General, attended as a speaker the site visit on Corporate Philanthropy in Europe, organised by the King Baudouin Foundation in Brussels on 29 September 2010 on the theme of Women's Rights in Europe.

European & International News in Brief

Women in decision-making. The [Worldwide Guide to Women in Leadership](#) has published an overview of Female Heads of State and Government Currently in Office. While there are 192 States recognised by the United Nations and many countries have a Head of State and a Head of Government, there are only 28 women holding such positions worldwide, and two of these are leaders of self-governing external territories rather than independent States. Eight such women are from EU Member States. Only three women sit in the European Council, the leaders of Germany, Lithuania and Slovakia. See the full list [here](#).

Women on Boards of private companies. Pioneer Norwegian quota legislation helped reaching a share of 44% women in boards of public joint companies in 2008. The picture however looks gloomier for the rest of Europe: according to a Egon Zehnder study, the top 300 European companies had 9.7% of women on their boards in 2008, a painstakingly slow progress compared to 8% in 2004. Excluding Norway, women held only 9.1% of total board seats in 2008 and a quarter of European companies still have an entirely male board!

Fortunately, the Norwegian example is starting to have followers: the 2007 Spanish equality law recommends that women's share in boards reaches 40% by 2015; in March 2010 the Icelandic parliament has passed a law requiring companies with more than 50 employees to have at least 40 per cent of both genders represented on their boards by September 2013 and in France, a draft law requiring companies to have 50% of women in their boards 5 years after its adoption is under consideration.

The Norwegian experience showed that, even in a small country, female board member candidates proved not to be that scarce; they had just not previously been in the field of vision of the recruiters.

At European Union level, things seem to be moving too, as the European Commission is “considering introducing quotas to tackle gender imbalances in the decision-making bodies of private companies”, an initiative to be most welcome to reach targets that all have been agreeing are important to reach!

Domestic violence. The European Commission has released a new Eurobarometer on domestic violence against women. Please find the report and national factsheets [here](#).

Domestic Slavery. The Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly has adopted a [Recommendation 1663 \(2004\) on Domestic Slavery: Servitude, Au Pairs and ‘Mail-Order Brides’](#).

Female Genital Mutilation. Launched in April 2010, REPLACE FGM (Researching FGM Intervention Programmes linked to African Communities in the EU) is the latest European Commission Daphne III project to tackle female genital mutilation (FGM) using a psychological/sociological twin track approach when undertaking new research with Somali and Sudanese communities in Bristol (UK) and in Amsterdam (Netherlands). REPLACE FGM will run for one year as a pilot project until March 2011. Steered by Professor Hazel Barrett, Associate Dean at Coventry University and her team of health psychologists and sociologists, a new approach to eliminating FGM will be rolled out. More information at <http://replacefgm.eu/>.

Peace Fair. Commemorating the 10th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, October 25-29, UN Church Centre, New York, USA. This participatory multimedia Peace Fair brings together organizations from around the world dedicated to the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Exhibits and presentations will be held throughout the week to showcase the contributions that women's groups and other civil society organizations have made to implement the resolution. More information [here](#).

[Equality NOW](#) have sent a written [Statement](#) to the UN Human Rights Council regarding the creation of a new mechanism on Women's Equality Before the Law.

Media. The [GMMP 2010 full report](#) has just been released. According to the research conducted in 108 countries, 76% of the people heard or read about in the world's news are male. Read the [press release](#) of the coordinating organisation, the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC).

News from the European Parliament

Chair of the FEMM Committee and EWL nominee Eva-Britt Svensson has won the MEP Award 2010 for ‘Outstanding Achievement’. Speaking on behalf of Eva-Britt Svensson, the political advisor to parliament's FEMM committee Azadeh Jafari said, ‘This prize is for all women who have struggled for gender equality and justice over the decades in order to build a better society for all - women, men and children.’

Other successful EWL nominations were Edite Estrela (Maternity Leave Directive Rapporteur, S&D Portugal) for the Employment and social affairs award, and Antonyia Parvanova (ALDE Bulgaria) for the Health award.

A call to establish a 'European Year of Combating Violence against Women', within the next five years, has been backed by a majority of MEPs, who signed up to a [written declaration](#) urging the Commission to take action. A written declaration signed by over half the Members of the European Parliament (369 MEPs or more) has the same standing as an adopted resolution, in that it represents an official position of Parliament.

The European Parliament adopted on 07.09.2010 the report drafted by Dr Antonyia Parvanova, on the Social integration of women belonging to ethnic minority groups to which EWL had contributed. Within the overall context of the role of integration policies at EU level, the report pays particular attention to the conditions and background factors affecting the process of social integration of women from ethnic minority groups with a specific focus on to access to education, healthcare, long term care, social benefits, employment and financial assistance. Read the report as adopted [here](#).

Events

5-6 October 2010: The conference '[Beyond free trade: alternatives for decent work](#)' for European trade unions and civil society organisations jointly organised by War on Want, UK – WEED, Germany – WIDE, Belgium) in cooperation with GMB, IGBau, UNITE, ver.di, CGIL, FIOM, Solidaires takes place 5-6 October 2010 in Brussels.

7-10 October 2010: 'European training for lawyers on LGBT rights', 7-10 October, Florence. The training event is organized by the Equal Jus project, which is a project funded by the European Union for the establishment of a European Network for the Legal Support of LGBT Rights. Its partners are the University of Udine, Lawyers for LGBT Rights, IMed (Italy), KPH (Poland), LGL (Lithuania), SOS Homophobie, RAVAD and HALDE (France). You are invited to read the call and the application package and eventually select and support the application of a lawyer or attorney with whom you work or you plan to work with. All details are in the application package available online. Please, visit the website <http://www.equal-jus.eu/?p=155> <<http://www.equal-jus.eu/?p=155>> for information on the many Project activities.

15 October 2010: European Women's Lobby's 20 years celebrations at Les Brigittines in Brussels!

15-16 October 2010: European Movement International Conference on 'Combating poverty and social exclusion during the economic crisis and beyond: A multi-level governance approach', 15 – 16 October 2010, Lisbon. This conference will have the aim of bringing together civil society actors, local and national European public authorities, discussing European solidarity and cohesion. In the light of the 2020 horizon and in the context of the European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, stakeholders shall debate on the post-crisis challenges and evaluate the need for a flexible form of governance, able to respond to change. Please find the agenda [here](#). You can register [online](#).

19-20 October 2010: The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is organizing a regional [meeting](#) for young women from the SEE/CEE/CIS region on October 19th – 20th 2010 in Tbilisi, Georgia, on the topic of resource mobilization and movement building for women's rights organizations. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact AWID directly at gmalek@awid.org. Participants should be

young women between 18 and 30, active on gender equality whether as organizational staff or volunteers or as independent activists.

19-20 October 2010: 'Building Together a Society for All – A Circus against Exclusion', Halles of Schaerbeek, Rue de la Constitution 22, 1030 Brussels, Belgium. You will find the programme and additional information on this event [here](#). The European Commission will support travel and accommodation costs for one person per organisation. Some places are still available. If you or a member of your organisation are interested, please let us know urgently and we will send you a personal link to register. Your travel will then be booked by the Travel agency. The participation in the Forum is open to the public. People who do not have travel or accommodation costs, can register directly [here](#).

28-29 October 2010: A series of events will take place in Riga on 28-29 October 2010 in the context of the European Year 2010 for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, at the initiative of the European Commission and several other key partners. More information is available [here](#).

8-9 November 2010: The EuroNGOs Conference "Gender and SRHR at the Heart of the MDGs" takes place on 8-9 November 2010 in London, UK and is looking for applications from members, partners, and interested parties to present at the parallel sessions as outlined below. Presentations and discussions at this year's conference will focus on how Gender and SRHR are inextricably linked and contribute to achieving the MDGs and beyond. Panel discussions with representatives from bi- and multilateral donor institutions will look into current gender and SRHR policies, programs and budget allocations as well as needed improvements in this area. In addition and complementary to the plenary sessions, a call for presentation outlines for the parallel sessions is opened. For further information on the conference objectives, please visit the [conference webpage](#).

17 November 2010: SURT Foundation is organizing the Final Symposium of the SPREAD project that will take place in the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels. More information about the project [here](#).

19-20 November 2010: SELENA (the Association of Women Entrepreneurs in Bulgaria) is holding the Second International Forum of Women Entrepreneurs in Bulgaria on November 19-20 2010. The Forum will include workshops, BtoB meetings, business visits, side events. Please find here the [Programme](#), [registration form](#), and [results of the last forum](#).

22-23 November 2010: The Académie de Droit Européen (ERA) is organising a seminar for practicing lawyers on the EU Anti-Discrimination Directives. EN/FR interpretation will be provided. Participation is free of charge and travel and accommodation costs will be covered. See [here](#) for more information on the event. Deadline for applications: 06 October.

3-4 February 2011: This international event for practitioners, experts and commissioners in Gender+ training will take place at Complutense University, Madrid on 3-4 February 2011. A number of themes will be addressed, such as ensuring quality in gender+ training; developing practice through reflexivity; and strengthening gender+ training through a Community of Practice. Keynote speakers include Carol Bacchi (University of Adelaide) and Mieke Verloo (Radboud University, Nijmegen). For more information please visit www.quing.eu. All queries should be directed to operaconference@gmail.com. Deadline for proposal submissions: Friday 22 October 2010.

22 February – 4 March 2011: The [55th session](#) of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place on 22 February – 4 March 2011 in New York. The CSW Priority Theme 2011 will be ‘Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work’. The Commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from its fifty-first session on ‘The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child’.

Publications - Web Sites

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights has released three reports, ahead of the Ministerial Conference on Asylum in Brussels, organised by the Belgian presidency of the EU on 13 and 14 September 2010:

- Access to effective remedies: the asylum-seeker perspective
- The duty to inform applicants about the asylum procedure: the asylum-seeker perspective
- Detention of third-country nationals in return procedures

The reports, as well as background information on asylum statistics and legal issues for each Member State, are available [here](#).

The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) has released an [evaluation report](#) on its partnerships with regional organizations to advance gender equality. It aims to determine how UNIFEM's partnerships contribute to institutional change and progress, and to provide information that contributes to a more systematic and effective approach to partnerships.

The UN Human Rights Council has released the [Report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences](#), Gulnara Shahinian. Following a brief overview of activities, the Special Rapporteur focuses on the manifestations and causes of domestic servitude and issues recommendations on how to end this global human rights concern. For more information see the [website of the UN SR Contemporary Slavery](#).

UN INSTRAW has released its [report of the virtual discussion on the role of the armed forces in the implementation of UNSCR 1325](#).

To assist national and international policymakers, NGOs and others involved in driving change within the security sector to respond to the resolutions, DCAF has developed a Tool on Implementing the Women, Peace

and Security Resolutions in Security Sector Reform. The Tool, with its corresponding Practice Note can be downloaded [here](#). Reflecting the text of the resolutions, the Tool focuses on reforms within the defence forces, police and the justice sector. Issues examined include: DDR, vetting, specialised services for victims of sexual violence, prosecution of violence against women in armed conflict, measures to increase women's leadership in police and defence organisations and to promote deployment of women in peacekeeping, peacekeepers' training , operational strategies to prevent sexual violence, and gender justice. The Tool also examines progress made in promoting the participation of women in security decision-making, and in integrating Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888 and 1889 in security policy-making. This Tool is the latest addition to the DCAF/UN-INSTRAW/ODIHR [Gender and SSR Toolkit](#).

The fifth edition of the Euromed Gender Equality Programme (EGEP) Newsletter '[Gender Dynamics](#)' has just been published in Arabic, French and English. Through this eight pages newsletter, the readers are informed about important events and milestones related to equality between men and women in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

A new publication on human trafficking and prostitution has been released by the Swedish Institute. [Targeting the sex buyer. The Swedish example: stopping prostitution and trafficking where it all begins](#) is written by Kajsa Claude, a Swedish freelance journalist and PR consultant who has been working with domestic violence and human rights issues for many years. The publication deals with Sweden's efforts to combat prostitution and human trafficking for sexual purposes, focusing specifically on the demand side of the problem. A general description of Sweden's national and international collaboration to combat human trafficking is also included. The book/publication is available in English, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.

Two new publications by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on violence against women are now available online. The WHO, in cooperation with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, has published a manual on 'Preventing Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence against Women: Taking Action and Generating Evidence.' The manual aims to provide information for policy-makers and planners to develop programmes for preventing intimate partner and sexual violence against women. Download the full document [here](#). The second publication "Addressing Violence Against Women and HIV/AIDS: What Works?" is a report of a consultation by the WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). From 27 to 29 October 2009, a working group of expert researchers, policy-makers, and practitioners met to review the current state of evidence and practice in developing and implementing interventions and strategies to address the intersections of violence against women and HIV. The meeting aimed to make policy and programmatic recommendations for national and international HIV/AIDS programmes and develop an agenda for future programme development, evaluation and research efforts. This report summarizes the presentations, discussions and recommendations from the meeting and is available online [here](#).

GenderIT.org: Privacy & Violence Against Women in the Digital Age. A new edition examines how violence against women (VAW) affects our privacy rights in the digital age. VAW survivors often experience intrusions into their privacy from their partners, spouses or the State. Moreover, privacy does not always work to women's advantage. Family-centred approaches to privacy impose modesty and domestic isolation on women and make it hard to enforce domestic violence as a crime. So how have ICTs shifted where we see the line between what is private, and what is public? How much privacy are women comfortable to give up in order to protect themselves from abusive behaviour online? Are national laws ready to deal with the situation when women are not able to leave a violent relationship because their partner has intimate photographs or video clips of them? These are some of the questions examined by GenderIT.org writers in the third edition in a row that connects ICTs, VAW and Millennium Development Goal Three (MDG3). The edition is part of APC WNSP's MDG3 project Take Back the Tech!ⁱ to eliminate violence against women. Read the [editorial](#).

The World Health Organization and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine have released a new publication on [Preventing Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Against Women - Taking action and generating evidence.](#)

[Feminists on the Frontline: Case Studies of Resisting and Challenging Fundamentalisms](#), by the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID). This collection of case studies is a testament to the women and men around the world who have stood up to reject the imposition of norms and values in the name of religion as well as to expose and challenge the privileged position given to religion in public policies. In 2008 AWID launched a call for proposals to document the strategies of women's rights activists confronting religious fundamentalisms. The final 18 case studies presented here are drawn from a wide range of religious and geographical contexts, and cover various fields of activism. We hope that this collection will inspire, inform and encourage discussion and debate. Please visit this page again for updates, as finalized case studies and a brief summary of each case study will be posted on a rolling basis. We will also soon be posting a paper that introduces the trends and themes that are threaded through the various case studies.

[Burness Handbook on Women and Parliaments in the UK](#): This publication presents a factual snapshot of the current position in each elected parliamentary chamber in the UK. All elected women are listed alongside tables showing representation by party. The positions of the parties represented in the chambers in relation to candidate selection for Westminster and the devolved chambers have been summarised in essays on each parliament/assembly. It brings together information that is otherwise available but dispersed.

The latest [European Commission mailing on diversity & non-discrimination activities](#),

Equalitynews, is available now in [BG](#) - [CS](#) - [DA](#) - [DE](#) - [ET](#) - [EL](#) - [EN](#) - [ES](#) - [FI](#) - [FR](#) - [GA](#) - [HU](#) - [IT](#) - [LV](#) - [LT](#) - [MT](#) - [NL](#) - [PL](#) - [PT](#) - [RO](#) - [SK](#) - [SL](#) - [SV](#).

Funding, Training, Call for Papers, Jobs / Internships

Calls for Tenders:

The Fundamental Rights Agency has launched a call for tender on 'Inequalities and multiple discrimination in access to health'. The indicative volume of the contract is estimated at 430 000 EUR. The closing date of the call is: 27/09/2010 17:00. The overall objective of the project is to explore the particular vulnerabilities resulting from the intersection of ethnic origin, age and gender in access to health care and quality of care. The fieldwork research will use in-depth interviews based on thematic guidelines with (1) persons belonging to vulnerable groups at the intersection of gender, age and ethnic origin, including such persons with disabilities,

and (2) health professionals. For more information please see:
http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/about_fra/procurement/cft-sse1009_en.htm

Grants:

On 9 September, the [European Economic Area \(EEA\) and Norway grants](#) launched their 2009-2014 negotiations with the 12 new EU member states, plus Spain, Portugal and Greece for which they support civil society programs. NGO's can apply for funding programs and projects amongst other areas within the field of human and social development, health and justice sector.

In relation to their support to civil society in Central and Southern Europe, the EEA and Norway grants also launched a consultation on 10 September, asking NGOs to give their input on the proposed management and scope of NGO support. Organizations from the beneficiary countries are asked to contribute on www.eeagrants.org/ngoconsultation by 22 October.

Calls for Papers:

Mothering and Migration: (Trans)nationalisms, Globalization, and Displacement. The editorial board of the Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement is seeking submissions for Vol. 2.2 of the Journal to be published in fall/winter 2011. The deadline for submissions is 1 May 2011. More information is available on their [website](#).

The call for abstract submissions for the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum 10-13 October 2011 is now open. The theme of the 2011 forum is 'Moving the agenda forward', and the sub-themes are Primary Prevention, Responding to Rape: Models of Care, and Conflict and Crisis. More information and links for submission of abstract are available on the [SVRI website](#).

Awards:

Nominations are open for the Mary Robinson Award for Young Women's Leadership in Human Rights. If you are a young woman, under the age of 30, involved in Human Rights work, you can nominate yourself by completing the form [here](#) and returning it before 31 October to: maryrobinsonaward@worldywca.org. More information [here](#).

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