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Seminar on Advancing Migrants Women's Rights in the European Union

The Seminar was held in Bulgaria on 26 October 2007 on the eve of the EWL General Assembly and in the context of a project, which started in January 2007. It brought together representatives of EWL member organisations and migrant women activists participants in the EWL project. Together, they looked at strategies to advance the rights of migrant women at national and European level and explored ways to strengthen capacity building of national migrant women's NGOs, the role of women's organisations in supporting migrant women's agenda and the need for migrant women's NGOs to mobilise at European level. For more information please contact Maria Collins (collins@womenlobby.org) at EWL secretariat.

Reform Treaty of the European Union approved at Lisbon

Heads of State and Government adopted the new treaty during the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) meeting in Lisbon on October 18-19. It is expected to be formally signed at the December summit and ratified by Member States throughout the next year. The Reform Treaty will maintain the progress related to equality between women and men achieved earlier for the EU Constitution that was finally not ratified. The European Charter of Fundamental Rights was solemnly declared and attributed the same legal status as the treaties. Human rights NGOs throughout the EU noted with regret that the United Kingdom and Poland chose to "opt out" (not see it as binding in their respect) regarding the Charter, and keep urging these two Member States to reconsider their position. Both state and civil society Member State actors now have the task of ensuring that the ratification process is smooth and quick. L

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EWL News

The EWL General Assembly was held on 26-27 October in Borovetz, Bulgaria. Meetings of the EWL Executive Committee and Board of Administration took place on 25 and 26 October. The General Assembly brought together about a hundred delegates, observers and guests from 29 EU Member States and accession countries, and representatives from European wide NGOs. Two new national co ordinations from **Slovenia and Romania were accepted as full members** and coordination from Poland was accepted as observer. Five issue groups were organised by member organisations and allowed for in depth discussions on the following themes: women in decision making; women and entrepreneurship; violence against women and migrant women; trafficking and prostitution; and conflict prevention and gender). The GA also passed a motion tabled by 11 member organisations, demanding **specific legislation on equality between women and men** on the European level covering **all areas** of social life.

The Nordic-Baltic network for support and assistance to women victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation - The Network, created in framework of the EWL Nordic Baltic Project met in Vilnius on 4 October to assess the progress made at national and regional level in ensuring the best possible support to women victims of trafficking. The following day the Network held an international conference hosting a larger group of stakeholders from the Nordic-Baltic region and beyond – focusing on victim centred anti-trafficking approaches and strategies to combat trafficking in women for sexual exploitation. The [new web site](#) launched at the meeting provides information about the Network, the project, and valuable resources on trafficking from a gender perspective. More information: www.nordicbaltic-assistwomen.net

Roadmap: EWL evaluation of the implementation of the European Commission's Roadmap for equality between women and men 2006-2010. EWL just released its monitoring document on the implementation of the commitments made by the European Commission in its Roadmap. The EC Roadmap was launched in March 2006 with the goal of accelerating progress toward gender equality. EWL had drafted its own Roadmap in 2005 in order to highlight the needs and priorities of women across Europe. A number of the EWL strategic objectives have been built into the Roadmap of the Commission, which we very much welcomed. EWL monitors the full implementation of the commitments made in the Roadmap, in order to ensure that the European Union continue to play an instrumental part in advancing equality between women and men in Europe. To read the whole document click [here](#).

EWL responded to the European Commission Consultation on a Possible New Initiative to Prevent and Combat Discrimination Outside Employment on 15.10.07. The aim of the consultation is to define whether new measures are needed at European level to combat discrimination on the grounds mentioned in article 13 (sex, race or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation), whether legislative (in the form of a new directive) or else. EWL welcomed the opportunity to consolidate achievements in legislating for equality in general, and equality between women and men in particular. EWL stressed that equality between women and men needs specific legislation and policies. See contribution [here](#).

EWL comments the Commission proposal on the Multi-annual Framework for the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2007-2012. In the consultation initiated by the European Parliament Committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, EWL calls for gender mainstreaming to be applied to all thematic priorities of the Agency and strongly opposes the proposal (Article 3.3 of the draft Council decision) to limit “*the issues relating to discrimination based on sex **only as part of**, and to the extent relevant to its work to be undertaken on general issues on discrimination* [based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, etc.]”, as this wording is very limitative and

doesn't respect commitments made in the Treaty. Please, click [here](#) to read the Commission's proposal. To see the comments of the EWL, click [here](#).

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- Martine Levy and Therese Murphy, members of the EWL executive committee, spoke at the Conference of Gender Equality Experts “**Employability and Entrepreneurship: Gender Stereotypes**”, on 3-4 October in Lisbon.
- Cécile Gréboval, Policy Director represented EWL at the **Disability Rally** organised by the European Disability Forum in Brussels on 04.10.07.
- Liliana Azevedo, EWL Board member from Portugal and Colette De Troy, Coordinator of the EWL Centre of Violence against Women represented EWL in the Conference on **Trafficking in Human Beings and Gender**, organised by the EU Portuguese Presidency in Porto, 8-9 October.
- Maria Collins, Policy Officer, spoke at the Conference on **Mainstreaming Children's Rights** at the European Parliament, on 9 October in Brussels.
- Kristi Kolthoff, President of the EWL, other EWL delegates and part of the staff of the EWL participated in the “**European Parliament of Equal Opportunities for All**” on 11-12 October (see below).
- Myria Vassiliadou, General Secretary of the EWL and Cécile Gréboval, Policy Director attended the Solidar **Silver Rose Awards** Ceremony on 16 October in the European Parliament.
- Birgitte Triems members of the EWL executive committee and Iliana Balabanova, board member from Bulgaria represented EWL at the **6th European Round Table on Poverty and Social Exclusion. Minimum Social Standards: A Strategy for Protection and Empowerment** in the Azores (Portugal) on 16-17 October.
- Myria Vassiliadou, attended the meeting of the Committee on Women's Rights of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly held on 17 October in Brussels.
- Colette De Troy, coordinator of EWL's Policy Action Centre on VAW, represented EWL at the Public hearing with NGOs on **Fundamental Rights** and on the future Multi-Annual Framework of the Fundamental Rights Agency, organised by the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) on 18 October in Brussels.
- Myria Vassiliadou, Colette De Troy, Malin Björk and Lisa Kerker, attended to the **EU Anti-Trafficking Day** in Brussels, 18 October.
- Kristi Kolthoff attended the **Nordic Baltic Conference** on 19 October in Stockholm.
- Martine Levy represented EWL at **the conference celebrating 50 years of EU gender equality** on 26 October in Brussels.
- Brigitte Triems represented EWL at the **OSI Conference** on 29-31 October in Romania.

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EWL Civil Society Representation

Platform of European Social NGO's – EWL is member of the Platform of European social NGO's. The Platform currently has three internal groups: Social Policy, Fundamental Rights and Services of General Interest. The Fundamental Rights and the Services of General Interest working groups met on 4th October, EWL participated in the meetings, as well as in the Steering Group meeting on 23.10.07.

Multiple Discrimination Group – The objective of the working group, formed in May 2006, is to promote effective responses to multiple discrimination at both European and national levels. The group includes EWL and European anti-discrimination networks of NGOs.

EU Civil Society Contact Group – EWL is member of the [EU Civil Society Contact Group](#) that brings together seven large rights and value based NGO sectors - environment, social, development, women, culture, human rights and public health. The Group met on 02.10.07.

EESC Liaison Group with Organized Civil Society – EWL is member of the NGO Liaison group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). More information: [NGO Liaison](#).

EWL is member of the **NGO Platform on EU Asylum and Migration Policy** initiated by the UNHCR in 1994 to discuss and exchange information on the development of immigration policies and legislation at European level.

EWL is member of a **Coalition for Media Freedom and Integrity**.

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European & International News in Brief

Germany and Belgium chair the Administrative Board of the European Institute of Gender Equality. The Administrative Board, which comprises representatives of 18 Member States and one representative of the European Commission, designated Mrs. Eva Weskop-Deffa, Chief of the Equal Opportunity Department of the Federal Ministry of familial, senior, women and youth questions as President and Mr. Michel Pasteel, director of the Belgian Equality Institute as Vice-president. The Board will appoint the Director of the Institute before the end of the year.

“We have got the million!” In only 9 months, the [European Disability Forum](#) met the ambitious challenge launched last January to collect one million signatures across the EU to make disabled people visible and to lobby for a comprehensive EU disability legislation. EWL supported the campaign and the mobilization that took place on 4 October, when disabled and non-disabled from 29 European countries came to Brussels to hand the signatures over to the EC.

UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) integrates Gender Perspective and Women’s Rights into the Programme of Work. During its 6th session, the UNHRC has declared the need to integrate a gender perspective and women’s rights, a move which a wide variety of civil society organizations had been jointly pushing for, after the UN General Assembly has called on the Council to undertake actions to implement gender mainstreaming into its work. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) stated that integrating gender perspective is of high priority and that there is a need for greater recognition of women’s rights, including sexual and reproductive rights. Please click here to read the press [release](#).

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News from the European Parliament

EU action to tackle murders of women in Central America and Mexico. The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality adopted a report on the murders of women (femicides) in Central America and Mexico. The report is part of a global strategy for the eradication and prevention of femicide and proposes EU actions in the framework of partnerships agreements. Please, click here to read the [report](#).

“European Parliament of Equal Opportunities” – More than 200 participants from the EU institutions, national and regional authorities, civil society and universities met on 11-12 October to discuss the future of EU non-discrimination policy. The EWL welcomes the initiative to organise this conference, however, the conference failed to include speakers/testimonials on sex-based discrimination. Both key note speakers mentioned the importance of legislative initiatives which take gender into consideration, yet, on the second day, it was with regret that the EWL again witnessed a lack of focus on sex based discrimination during the workshops or the final panel. The EWL wishes to recall that both article 13 TEC and the *European Year on Opportunities for All* include women and sex-based discrimination.

Public seminar on Judges and legislators for a multi-level protection of fundamental rights in Europe. On 9 October 2007 the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs held a public seminar on *Judges and legislators for a multi-level protection of fundamental rights in Europe*. The objective of this seminar was to obtain an overview of the kind of problems judges and legislators face at national and European level in connection with the protection of fundamental rights. It was a new occasion to launch the dialogue between members of the European and national parliaments and judges at European and national level.

Implementation of gender mainstreaming in the work of European Parliament Committees: Exchange of views between the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Draft opinion of the EP Women's rights Committee on Sanctions against employers of illegally staying third country nationals. According to the EC, the number of third-country nationals illegally staying in the EU is between 4,5 to 8 million. Data are not disaggregated by gender, and the gender specific problems migrants may face are not identified. The draft opinion aims to take into account the fact that female illegal migrants are especially vulnerable, and are often the victims of forced labour, trafficking and violence. Gender related amendments of the proposal include: training for relevant authorities to enable them to identify and address gender specific issues; informing third-country nationals about the possibility to lodge complaints against their employers; the need for gender disaggregated statistics and gender specific information in the national reports. The report will be adopted in November/December. Report: (http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2004_2009/documents/pa/677/677899/677899en.pdf)

Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work. FEMM prepared a draft opinion on the strategy, underlining that work-related risks specific to women's safety and health have been underestimated and neglected, and urging for gender specific methods of impact assessment in health and safety at work. The opinion will be adopted in November/December 2007.

Towards Common Principles of Flexicurity: More and better jobs through flexibility and security. The [Commission's paper](#) on common principles of flexicurity – to guide national governments in their own strategies to reconcile flexibility and security – include striking the right balance between rights and responsibilities; adapting flexicurity to different national

circumstances; helping employees move up the career ladder as well as across the job market; and ensuring a fair distribution of the costs and benefits of flexicurity policies. The Women's Rights Committee, which is preparing its report, underlines the gender dimension of flexicurity, since ¾ of new jobs are taken up by women in the EU, and insists on the security side of this new concept. The draft will be adopted in November.

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Update on Violence against Women and Women's Human Rights

The EU Anti Trafficking Day was launched on 18 October by the conference "[Trafficking in Human Beings: Time for Action](#)". This meeting was based on the work of the European Commission's Expert Group on Trafficking in Human Beings, and presented a Manual for measuring state responses to trafficking in human beings in the EU as well as a draft set of Recommendations on the identification and referral to services of trafficking victims. EWL highlighted the lack of gender dimension in the approach by the Expert Group. EWL was afterwards invited to comment on the Recommendations. Please click [here](#) to read the EWL comments.

The Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings has now been ratified by 10 States. Cyprus was the 10th state to deposit a ratification of the Convention. It will enter into force on 1 February 2008. The Convention has, besides Cyprus, been ratified by Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Georgia, Moldova, Romania and Slovakia, and signed by 27 other member states. For more information please see: http://www.coe.int/t/dg2/trafficking/campaign/default_en.asp.

Prostitution: EWL called against the adoption of Council of Europe (CoE) report, "Prostitution – which stance to take?" adopted by the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men. The report calls for a regulationist approach seeing prostitution as a profession, based on free choice, which is in opposition to EWL position that regards prostitution and trafficking in women as a fundamental violation of women's human rights. According to EWL, prostitution and trafficking in women should not be associated with the terms "forced" or "free", and the fact that "free choice" is a relative factor should be recognised. It is with regret that EWL informs readers that the document was adopted by the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly without amendments on the 5th of October. Please, click [here](#) to read the [report](#).

"Domestic violence against women, including marital rape, is a criminal offence", the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) says. After the mid-term assessments of the Council of Europe campaign "Stop domestic violence against women", PACE called on national parliaments to reinforce their actions; to disseminate the information material of the campaign and set up a group of male parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women, and to prepare, by April 2008, the assessment of the parliamentary dimension of the campaign, including making domestic violence against women and marital rape a criminal offence, making provisions for the removal of violent spouses or partners, guaranteeing effective access to the courts, and allocating sufficient budgetary resources for the implementation of the law. See Recommendations of PACE [here](#).

Plataforma de Mujeres Artistas contra la violencia de Género – Artist Women's Platform against VAW were awarded the **Siver Rose Award–European Category Artists**. Every year, Solidar celebrates people or organisations, working in civil society who dedicate their work to

bringing about a fairer and more just society. The Artist Women's Platform against VAW, formed in 1999 after the death of Ana Orantes (burned to death by her ex-husband after she spoke publicly about the abuse she suffered during their marriage), is a coalition of female artists (actresses, musicians, writers) who came together to campaign against domestic violence and raise awareness of the problem in society.

Fempower, the magazine published by the WAVE Office's European Info Centre Against Violence includes information on the Council of Europe Campaign "Stop domestic violence against women", the situation of NGO's in Albania as well as a review on the "Stocktaking Study on combating violence against women" of the CoE. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

DEMAND a Comparative Examination of Sex Tourism and Trafficking in Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, and the United States: Shared Hope International, 2007. Under a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Shared Hope International (SHI) investigated the commercial sex markets in Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands and the United States - Atlanta, Las Vegas and Washington, DC. Further information and various versions of the documentary can be found [here](#).

Regional Conference on Legal Reform on Domestic Violence: Sofia, Bulgaria. February 12 - 14, 2008. The Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation and Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, with the support of the Oak Foundation and the Open Society Institute's Human Rights and Governance Program, will hold a regional conference on Legal Reform on Domestic Violence. The goal of the conference is to strengthen the capacity of NGOs, advocates and government officials to create and implement domestic violence laws that promote safety for victims and their children and accountability for violent offenders. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

The **Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies** (MIGS) is pleased to announce the publication of a research report entitled *Mapping the Realities of Trafficking in Women for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation in Cyprus*. The main aim of the project was to gain and share awareness, knowledge and understanding on the phenomenon of trafficking in women in Cyprus for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

Prevention of gender violence. Seminar November 26, 2007 in Brussels. SALAR invites you to a seminar focusing on best practices for combating gender violence with an emphasis on the role of men and masculinity. The seminar aims to stimulate and strengthen activities geared toward the prevention of gender violence at the local, regional and national level. Please click [here](#) for more information.

International Conference: "Stop domestic violence against women - Ten years of Austrian anti-violence legislation in the international context". 5-6 November 2007, Vienna and 7 November 2007, Landhaus St. Pölten. [Agenda and registration](#) form are available.

Impact of crises and conflicts on sexual and reproductive health and rights: The EU is to act! Seminar organised by the Slovene Philanthropy, Association for Promotion of Voluntary Work, IPPF European Network and World Population Foundation (WPF) in collaboration with SLOGA (Slovene platform of non-governmental development organisations) and Division for International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 22 November in Slovenia's capital city Ljubljana. You can register for this seminar at the website of [Slovene Philanthropy](#). For further information write to Mrs. Dunja Obersnel

(dunja.obernel@gmail.com). For information concerning the content of the seminar you can contact Mrs. Yvonne Bogaarts (y.bogaarts@wpf.org) and Ms Eef Wuyts e.wuyts@ippfen.org.

Not for Sale: Raising Awareness: Ending Exploitation Editors C. Pemberton; L. Berry; A. Myers. “The message of this book is clear: trafficking for sexual exploitation is an extension of the abuse present in all forms of national prostitution. To call prostitution “the oldest profession” is risible. This notion and many other myths are exploded by the real perspective shown through this anthology; that sexual exploitation is one of the oldest forms of violence against women – and that it is condoned by society and promoted through commerce. Contact admin@chaste.org.uk. Available from www.chaste.org.uk

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Events

WIDE-Network consultation: EU bilateral and regional free trade agreements – bringing women to the centre of the debate. This one-day consultation to be held in Brussels on 22 November on gender and EU bilateral and regional free trade agreements aims at providing space for critical reflection and debate on opportunities, challenges, strategies and diverse policy options related to gender and EU trade liberalisation. Please click [here](#) for more information. Registration deadline: 15 November 2007.

Men for Women? A generation’s work for women’s equality and authority leaves journalist/campaigner Tim Symond with a sobering lesson: women must do it for themselves. Please click [here](#) to read the article.

Today’s Sexism and racism in France and in the USA. Conference organised by the magazine ‘Nouvelles Questions féministes’ and the University of Columbia in Paris on 10 November. Please click [here](#) to get the agenda.

“Les Femmes Prévoyantes Socialistes” organise a conference on “Feminism(s): yesterday’s challenges, today’s and tomorrow’s stakes?” on 9 November. Please click [here](#) to get more information.

Actions and policies for Gender Equality: The main objectives of this international [Forum](#) are to promote a gender-sensitive approach and to present and discuss the best practices to empower women as citizens and decision-makers. The event will draw over 700 participants: elected representatives, executives and decision-makers from central, local, metropolitan and regional governments, as well as organisations and academics from all over the world. Participants will discuss best practices and innovative policies and their impact on gender development and equal access to services in urban areas in order to make cities and metropolises liveable for all.

Gendering Theories of Citizenship: Europeanization and Care: A conference at the University of Roskilde, Dept. of Social Sciences, 2-3 April 2008 under the auspices of CINEFOGO, an EU sponsored network of Excellence. The conference brings together, on one hand, discussions about the genesis of a thin European social citizenship, which seems to be in development process, and on the other hand, issues of care, whether paid or unpaid, in the context of welfare states and different forms of welfare (state, market, civil society). For more information contact associate professor, Dr. Hanne Marlene Dahl (hmdahl@ruc.dk), Professor Dr. Anne Kovalainen (Anne.Kovalainen@tse.fi), or Marja Keränen (Markera@yfi.jyu.fi).

Conference on Gender Studies in Baltic States Region, Kaunas, Lithuania, 29-20 November 2007. Organized by Vilnius University, Department of Philosophy and Cultural

Studies, the conference strives to create a platform for the analysis and discussion on gender issues identifying common tendencies and peculiarities in gender research in the Baltic Sea region, as well as in Europe. The event's goals are to analyze and summarize the quantity and quality of gender studies and gender research in the Baltic region, also to identify common European tendencies. Please, click [here](#) to get more information. [Back to Table of Contents](#)

Publications – Web Sites

Multiple Meanings of Gender Equality: A Critical Frame Analysis of Gender Policies in Europe. Edited by Mieke Verloo, 2007. This [book](#) aims to map the diversity of meanings of gender equality across Europe and reflects on the contested concept of gender equality.

The October issue of Siyanda, an online database for mainstreaming gender equality, includes information related to gender and care and gender and governance. There is also information on rights to safe and legal abortion, as well as a country focus on Pacific Islands. Please, click [here](#) to get it.

Interactive Resource – Gender Training for Peacekeepers. UN-INSTRAW has launched on 31 August 2007 its new web resource on Gender Training for Peacekeepers. The interactive resource fills a gap in the documentation of gender training opportunities for peacekeepers and aims to facilitate gender mainstreaming in peacekeeping operations. It presents an overview of pre-deployment and in-mission gender training provided to uniformed and civilian peacekeeping personnel and includes information and resources for institutions interested in incorporating gender issues onto their training agenda. UN-INSTRAW also publishes a background paper that outlines the institutional context of gender training within United Nations peace support operations. Please, click [here](#) to visit the web side.

Websites: gender and sporting goods - Karat announces two new websites focusing on the working conditions in the production of sport goods related to the upcoming Olympic Games. The website provides the description and the update on the progress of the project, link to the project bulletin, information on how you can get involved in the project as well as information about gender equality in the context of working conditions and links to related publications. The Polish version is available at [here](#).

Corporate Women Directors International (CWDI) publishes a report on women and members of Boards among 200 enterprises around the world. Statistics are alarming. Please, click here to read the [report](#).

Sexual and Reproductive Health for HIV-Positive Women and Adolescent Girls: Manual for Trainers and Programme Managers. Published by EngenderHealth, the manual is available in five languages: English, French, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. It meets a critical need, addressing the sexual and reproductive health, rights, and needs of HIV-positive women and adolescent girls around the world. The manual provides information and a structure for a four-day training and a two-day planning workshop. These will enable program managers and health workers to provide comprehensive, nonjudgmental, and high-quality sexual and reproductive health (SRH) care and support to HIV-positive women and adolescent girls. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

A book on equality policies in Spain and Europe. ‘Políticas de igualdad en España y en Europa’, edited by María Bustelo y Emanuela Lombardo, in [Catedra](#).

Balance Sheet: Disadvantaged Social Groups in Hungary in 2007. Edited by Magda Kósáné Kovács, MEP and Andrea Pető, Budapest, Napvilág Kiadó, Táncsics Foundation, 2007.

The **Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM)**, with the support of Eurocities, held a two-day conference on 28-29 June 2007 in Brussels, Belgium, on access to health care for undocumented migrants in Europe. Now PICUM publishes the **report** that provides an overview of the contributions of the speakers as well as the main themes of discussion in the plenary and workshop sessions.

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Call for proposal to promote active European citizenship for the period between 2007 and 2013. The Citizenship team of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) manages the implementation of the “Europe for citizens” programme 2007-2013. The aim of this programme is to bring Europe closer to its citizens and to enable them to participate fully in the European construction. Organisations can receive a grant for a project that fosters action, debate and reflection related to European citizenship. Submission of application or more information on the objectives [here](#).

“Lifelong Learning” programme, sectoral programme GRUNDTVIG. Please click [here](#) for further information.

Youth in Action Programme (2007-2013) – The Youth in Action Programme makes an important contribution to the acquisition of competences and is therefore a key instrument in providing young people with opportunities for non-formal and informal learning with a European dimension. It contributes to the fulfilment of the aims set out in the revised Lisbon Strategy, the European Youth Pact, the framework of European Cooperation in the youth field and the Commission’s “Plan D” for democracy, dialogue and debate, and aims to respond at European level to the needs of young people from adolescence to adulthood. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Call for project on political campaign strategies of women. The Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) is currently conducting a research project on campaign strategies undertaken by women candidates in politics. The objective of the project is to document best practices and lessons learned from successful methods for enabling women to finance their political campaigns. WEDO welcomes any organisation that would like to contribute to this initiative. Please contact Marcela Tovar at WEDO: mtovar1967@yahoo.com or click [here](#) for further information.

The Justice Initiative Fellows Program for 2008-2010, an operational program of the Open Society Institute (OSI), joined by the Central European University (CEU) is **announced and open for applicants**. The aim of the program is to support and further develop a network of lawyers and activists working internationally on human rights-related issues. Please, click [here](#) for more information.

“Le monde selon les femmes” proposes ten different trainings on gender concepts and tools in 2007-2008. Please click [here](#) for further information.

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