

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

We are a coalition of women's rights organisations from across the European Union, bringing together expertise in gender equality, violence against women, policy advocacy, high-level research, service provision and civic participation. Through the MOTERIS project, we are examining the challenges that women's rights organisations are facing and the implementation of women's rights across Europe. Our findings reinforce the importance of ensuring that women's rights and equality between women and men remain visible and adequately resourced priorities within the future EU budget.

The European Union has made significant commitments to equality between women and men, equal treatment and fundamental rights through its legislation, strategies and policy frameworks. Delivering on these commitments requires strong and sustainable women's rights organisations. Across Europe, these organisations provide essential services, monitor progress, advocate for change and help ensure that EU commitments translate into real improvements in the lives of women and girls. Their key role in advancing equality, preventing violence against women and supporting victims is recognised in the EU Directive 2024/1385 on combating violence against women and domestic violence. They also contribute to implementing the Gender Equality Strategy 2026-2030.

We are concerned that within increasingly merged funding frameworks, such as the proposed AgoraEU programme, support for women's rights, eliminating discrimination based on sex, promoting substantive equality between women and men risks becoming less visible and less accessible, at a time when many organisations are already facing increased demand for services, shrinking national funding, and growing opposition to women's rights across Europe. Women make up more than half of Europe's population, and the European Union has a legal obligation to promote equality between women and men across all policy areas.

As the European Parliament helps shape political priorities and ensures democratic accountability throughout the MFF process, it is essential that funding for women's rights, non-discrimination based on sex, equality between women and men, and combating violence against women remains visible and is not diluted within broader funding instruments.

We Call on Members of the European Parliament to:

- Defend allocation and monitoring of budgeting taking into account the distinct needs of women and girls, mainstreaming the principle of equality between women and men across the EU budget cycle, and require regular reporting on spending and results related to gender budgeting commitments;
- Oppose the integration of funding for women's rights into broad, non-earmarked and generic funding envelopes that make tracking and access more difficult;
- Ensure that DAPHNE funding stream - within or outside of CERV+ - is defined and ringfenced as addressing exclusively violence against women and girls, and not broad categories or other groups affected by gender based violence.
- Ensure that specialist single-sex organisations providing services to female victims of discrimination and violence, including those supporting survivors of systems of prostitution, have equal access to EU funding within national and EU funding streams and will not become excluded in EU funding calls and project selection

- Promote multiannual operating grants and simplified access procedures for women's rights organisations, particularly small and grassroots organisations;
- Ensure that women's rights and equality between women and men remain visible priorities within future EU funding programmes.

Additionally, in the coming negotiations on the MFF and the future architecture of EU funding programmes, we encourage Members of the European Parliament to:

- Table and support amendments that safeguard visible and dedicated funding for women's rights and equality between women and men;
- Raise these priorities in committee discussions, political group deliberations and interinstitutional negotiations;
- Engage with women's rights organisations and specialist service providers to ensure that funding instruments respond to realities on the ground.

We welcome the opportunity to further contribute our expertise and evidence to the work of the European Parliament, including through meetings, hearings, roundtable discussions and input on relevant proposals concerning women's rights and equality between women and men.

The future EU budget must reflect and prioritise EU values and commitments to women's rights, equality between women and men, fundamental rights and democracy.

Yours sincerely,

Swedish Women's Lobby

European Network of Migrant Women

Hungarian Women's Lobby

Coordination Française pour le Lobby Européen des Femmes

Lithuanian Women's Lobby

Co-signed by 219 women's rights organisations and platforms:

European Women's Lobby (EWL)

WAVE Network (Women Against Violence Europe)

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ANTIGONA Asociación de Mujeres

APEM - Associação Portuguesa de Estudos sobre as Mulheres

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Asamblea Feminista Vinalopó Mitjà

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Asoc. Centrul de Incubare Creativ Inovativ de Afaceri

Asociación ALAS Adolescencia Libre de Agresion Sexual

Asociación Asomate a la Igualdad

Asociación Clara Campoamor

Asociación de Mujeres de la Cultura y la Educación (AMCE)

Asociación de Mujeres Eleanor Roosevelt

Asociación Feminista

Asociación Feminista As Furias

Asociación Feminista Femme Força Vinaròs

Asociación Feminista Isabel Alfonso Candela

Asociación Mujeres Feministas Radicales de Andalucía

Asociación Mujeres por la Paz

Asociación por la Igualdad de Género de Castellón

Asociación Por tí mujer

Asociatia Pas alternativ

Asociația SEXUL vs BARZA

Asociația Unic, Romania

Asso CaFéministe Le Croisic

Associació per la Igualtat i la Recerca

Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale AFEM

Association Femmes au delà des Mers

Association Femmes et Police

Association for teh Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family

Association MARTA Centre

Association Renovar a Mouraria

Association SAMA

Associazione Donne Romene in Italia - ADRI (Romanian Women's Association in Italy)

Associazione Dorad

Associazione Iroko Onlus

Associação P de Potência

Associação Para o Desenvolvimento das Mulheres Ciganas Portuguesas

Associação Ser Mulher

Athena Forum

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Bdf

Be an Ally Foundation

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BPW - Business and Professional Women Sweden YKR

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Casa legal

CCOO PV

Centre for Women War Victims - ROSA

Centro de Estudios e Investigación sobre Mujeres

CIAMS Coalition International pour l'Abolition de la Maternité de Substitution

CO "ALL-UKRAINIAN LEAGUE 'LEGALIFE'"

Coletivo Mukambu

Col·lectiu de Dones Feministes de Montcada

Community Safety and Mediation center

Confluencia Movimiento Feminista

Coordinadora de organizaciones de MUJERES COMPI

Coordinadora Feminista de València

Coordination française pour le Lobby Européen des Femmes (CLEF)

CPE - Center for Partnership and Equality, Romania

CSO "FeminismUA", member of board

Delta, Kappa, Gamma - Sweden

Democracy Development Center

Dignidade

Dofemco

Dones feministas Moncada

Ecofeminismos País Valenciaà-Ecologistas en Acción

El Parto es Nuestro

Emma Association

En nombre propio

Encore féministes !

Eos - Association for Studies, Cooperation and Development

Equaliser Foundation
Escola de Pensament Feminista Amelia Valcárcel
EUPV ESQUERRA UNIDA PAIS VALENCIA
European Union of Women Marina Alta (VP)
Existera
FAC
Faire Face
FAP
FDFA Femmes pour le Dire, Femmes pour Agir
Federacio Dones progressistes
Feminism Romania Association
Feminist Legal Clinic Inc.
Feministas al Congreso (PFAC)
Feministas Canarias
Feministes de Catalunya
Femmes ici et ailleurs
Fondazione Pangea ETS
Forum feminista de Madrid
Forum Femmes Méditerranée
Foundation 1000 Möjligheter
Foundation for Women and Family Planning
Front Abolicionista del País Valencià
Front féministe international
Fundacja Czas Kobiet
Fundação Cuidar o Futuro
Fédération interrégionale du Mouvement HF+
Fórum 50 %

Fórum de Ciência Pública, CeiED, Lusófona University

Fórum de Política Feminista

GRAAL

Green Women

Grup de dones Cabal Pego

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Hand in hand for women

HAURRALDE FOUNDATION

Hungarian European Women's Association /MENŐK

Hungarian Women's Lobby

Iele-Sânziene Association, Romania

Inspiring Girls Portugal

Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon

Internationella Kvinnoförbundet Sverige

Internationella Kvinnoföreningen i Malmö, IKF Malmö

JUMP

Kirké Feministas en Acción

Kisvilág Cultural and Social Foundation

Kvinnliga läkares förening/Swedish medical women's association

Kvinnofronten

Kvinnor i Svenska kyrkan - Women in the Church of Sweden

Labrisz Lesbian Association

Las independientes

Latinas Against Violence

LEFÖ

Lesbian Bill Of Rights International (LBORI)

Lithuanian Women's lobby

Lithuanian Women's Rights Association

LWP

Lygių galimybių plėtros centras (Center for Equality Advancement)

Mamma United

Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies

Minerva - Laboratory on diversity and gender inequality, Sapienza University of Rome

Moteru informacijos centras

Moterų teisių asociacija (Woman Rights Association)

Mother Nature Association

Movimiento Abolicionista de Segovia

Movimiento Feminista

Mujeres de Negro Valencia

Mulher Século XXI - Associação de Desenvolvimento e Apoio às Mulheres

Mulheres à Obra

Mén Non-Associação de mulheres de São Tomé e Príncipe em Portugal.

National Association Against Human Trafficking

National Association of 21st-Century Roma Women

Network of East-West Women, NEWW_Polska

Niejda

Olivia, Oskarshamns internationella kvinnoförening

Olympe

Operation 1325

Organización de Mulleres As Silveiras

P de Potência

PATENT Association

PIR

Plataforma Andaluza de Apoyo al Lobby Europeo de Mujeres

Plataforma por la Igualdad Raspeig

Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres

RadFem Nou Barris i Sant Andreu

RadFemMallorca

Redscope consulting

Refugees International Women Empowerment Foundation

Revolta de mujeres ... León

Ribologija

Roks - National Organisation for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters in Sweden

Romanian Women's Lobby

Réseau Féministe "Ruptures"

SEIES, srl

SERES

Slovo 21, z. s.

SOAS London

Social Innovation Fund

Soroptimist International of Sweden - online club

Soroptimist international Sverige

Sororis Causa

Sverigefinskt Kvinnoforum

Swedish Women of the Left

Swedish Women's Lobby

Talentu'elles

Tantpatrullen

Telsiu crisis center

Tertulia Feminista Les Comadres

The Swedish Association of Women Composers

Tine NGO

Touché

Tpamp Belgique

UEF Hungary

UGT Estatal Transporte

Union of Ukrainian Women in Greece

Veda Vidus

Veszprémi Nők Kerekasztala Egyesület

VIDAs Associação Portuguesa de Menopausa

WAM e.V. - Women in Arts and Media

WILPF-ESPAÑA

Winnet Sverige - Sweden

Women Without Violence International Foundation

Women's Baltic Peacebuilding

Women's Declaration International Spain

Women's Innovation Activity Centre

Women's Network of Croatia

Women's Voice

WoPAI - Women's Platform for Action International

World with Women

Xarxes Violetes

XX Element Project Cultural Association

Örömteli Életért Közhasznú Alapítvány

“Együtt könnyebb” Női Egészségért Alapítvány