

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY FOR A FEMINIST EUROPE



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#womensvoices forum

From conflict to peace?

Women's and girls' voices on the move

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The #womensvoices project

Migrant, undocumented
asylum seeking and
refugee women and girls

Sexism and
stereotypes

Violence against
women and girls

Women, peace and
security

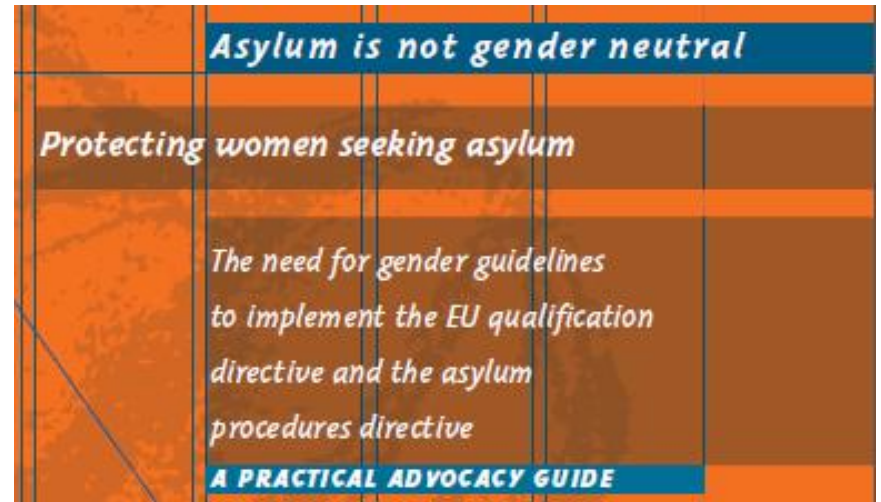


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EWL past advocacy work

- ✓ EWL campaign on women asylum seekers in 2000
- ✓ Practical advocacy guide on asylum and gender, EWL and Asylum Aid, 2007: “Asylum is not gender neutral”
- ✓ Contribution to the European Commission’s Green Paper on the future Common Asylum System, 2007



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- ✓ Recommendations for the integration of a gender perspective in the European Asylum Support Office, 2011

EN-GENDERING THE EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE

Amnesty International's END FGM European Campaign, the European Women's Lobby and ILGA-Europe recommend the integration of a gender perspective into the work of the European Asylum Support Office

MAY 2011



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EWL past advocacy work

- ✓ EWL Beijing+20 Year of Action: September 2015 dedicated to women and armed conflict
- ✓ EWL webinar including discussion on the “refugee crisis” based on EWL statement



Asylum is not gender neutral: the refugee crisis in Europe from a feminist perspective

[Brussels, 21 September 2015] Today is International Day of Peace. However, the persistence of war and conflicts globally urges us to redefine (...)



Open letter to EU decision-makers in light of the European Council on migration

The refugee crisis in Europe from a feminist perspective

Posted on 8 October 2015 |

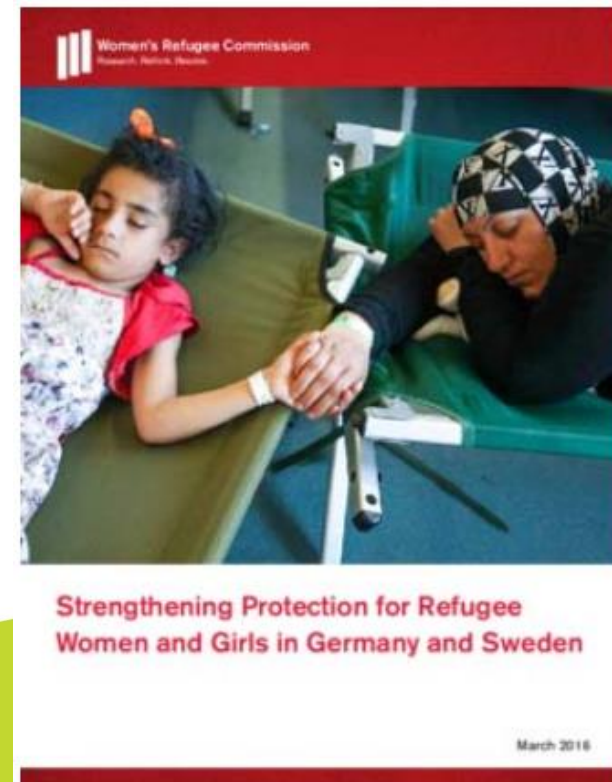
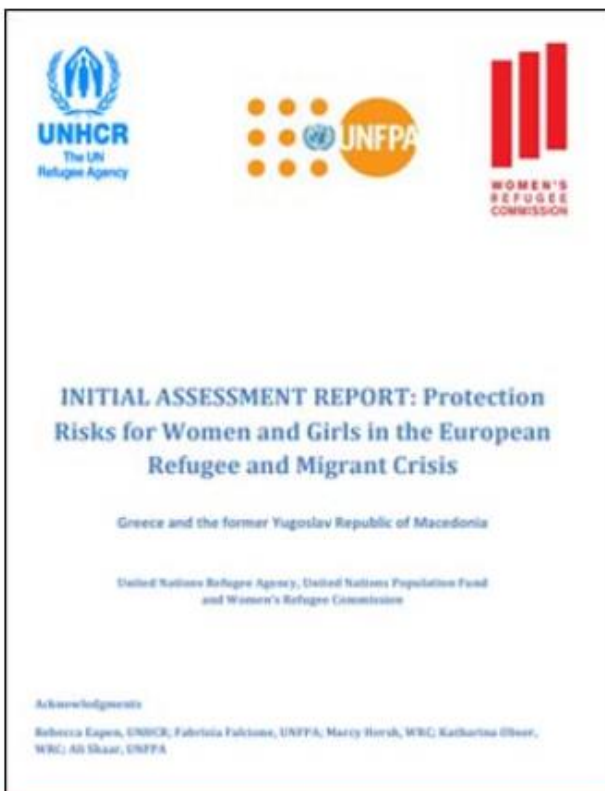


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WRC work

- ✓ Greece and Macedonia, Nov. 2015
- ✓ Slovenia and Serbia, Dec. 2015
- ✓ Germany and Sweden, Feb. 2016



EWL past advocacy work



CSW60 side event
Tuesday 15 March · 10.00am – 11.30am
Baha'i International Community Offices, 866 UN Plaza
(First Avenue opposite Beekman Towers)

Displaced Women and Girls: The Price of Gender

- Julie Ward**, Member of the European Parliament
- Abigail Osmond**, NAWO YWA
- Francisco Yermo**, Action Aid
- Meera Khana**, Guild of Service
- Hellen Apila**, FEMNET
- Hattie Beck**, NAWO YWA
- Pierrette Pape**, European Women's Lobby
- Marcy Hersh**, Women's Refugee Commission

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- ✓ Written statement to CSW60
- ✓ Organisation of and participation to side events on refugee and displaced women and girls, at CSW60



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EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY (EWL) CALL FOR ACTION

TOWARDS A EUROPE FREE FROM ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

IN EUROPE...

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN NOW!

- In Denmark 70% of reported rapes don't result in a conviction.
- Only 11 out of the 28 EU Member States launched campaigns for the prevention of sexual violence since 2011.
- Victim-blaming in cases of sexual violence or rape is still the norm in Europe.

WOMEN NEED PROTECTION!

- Only five EU Member States comply with the requirement of one place in a safe shelter per 7500 inhabitants.
- Shelters and services for women victims of violence (hotlines, rape crisis centers, etc.) are closing down everywhere, due to austerity measures and lack of funding.

1 in 3 women has experienced physical and/or sexual violence since the age of 15.

50 women die every week from male domestic violence.

Every second woman has faced sexual harassment.

75 % of women in top management positions have experienced sexual harassment at work.

1 in 4 women experience physical and/or sexual violence during pregnancy.

Violence against women costs **226 billion euros** each year, which represent almost 2% of the annual EU budget.

OUR GOVERNMENTS MADE COMMITMENTS

"We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence."

United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in September 2015

"Violence against women is a manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between men and women."

Beijing Platform for Action (United Nations, 1995)

EWL PRINCIPLES ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Male violence against women is structural, not accidental: it is a cause and consequence of inequality between women and men.
- Women's rights are human rights! Violence against women and girls is a human rights' violation.
- Any action to end violence against women should promote the autonomy and empowerment of all women and girls.
- Prostitution and trafficking in women constitute violence against women and a fundamental violation of women's human rights.
- Women are affected by male violence in different ways due to their diverse identities. Comprehensive strategies should be adopted to ensure inclusion and protection of all women and girls.

EWL DEMANDS

- We call on the European Union to **adopt and implement an EU Strategy to end all forms of violence against women in Europe**, based on the 6 Ps: Policy, Prosecution, Prevention, Protection, service Provision and Partnership.
- We call on the EU and its member states to **ratify and implement the Istanbul Convention** (Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence).

EWL OBSERVATORY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Set up in 1997, it is a dynamic group of experts and front-line NGO activists from 33 European countries. It plays a key role in identifying burning issues and monitoring progress towards a Europe free from male violence against women.



EWL work on violence against women and girls (VAWG)

- ✓ EWL Observatory priority on the Istanbul Convention
- ✓ EWL campaign against sex trafficking and prostitution
- ✓ EWL position 'Engendering peace' (2010)
- ✓ Intersectionality

Half the population, half the future! Our future starts now!

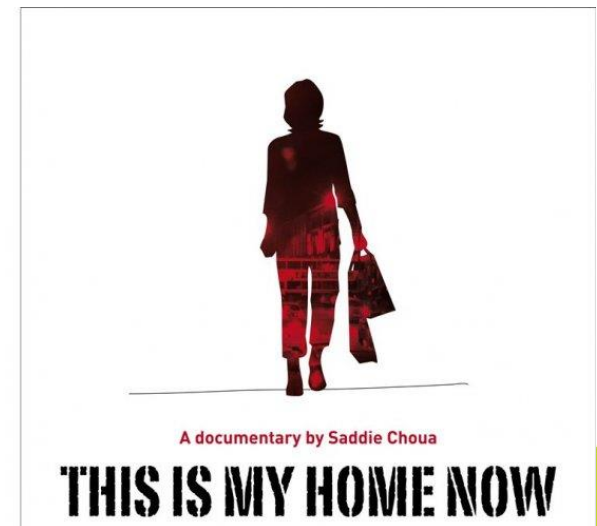
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European Network of Migrant Women

- ✓ EWL-ENoMW work on violence against migrant women and stereotypes, since 2008
- ✓ ENoMW calling for: ratification of Istanbul Convention, gender mainstreaming of asylum and answers to violation of rights, implementation of UNSCR1325



GENDER-BASED DANGERS FACING MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN



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European and international contexts

- ✓ European Agenda for Migration
- ✓ Discussion on the EU asylum system (reviewing Dublin)
- ✓ Action Plan on Integration
- ✓ European consensus on humanitarian aid: gender dimension included (para 2.5)
- ✓ European Parliament resolution on the situation of women and girls refugees and asylum seekers, March 2016

- ✓ UN and human rights instruments (like UNHCR guidelines, etc.)
- ✓ CSW60 recommendation on gender perspective in WHS deliberations (para m)
- ✓ 5 Core Commitments of UN high-level roundtable on women and girls in light of WHS
- ✓ World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), May 2016, Istanbul

The #womensvoices project

- ✓ **Raising awareness** on the situation and needs of women and girls fleeing conflict and travelling through Europe
- ✓ Calling for Member States and EU responsibility and due diligence to **prevent, protect and answer to all forms of male violence** faced by women and girls refugees and asylum seekers
- ✓ Demonstrating **how gender-blind asylum policies have an impact** on women's and girls' ability to escape or denounce male violence

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January-April: meetings with key players in Brussels, and stakeholders mapping

March: constitution of EWL follow-up group, discussion on the questionnaire

March-April: consultation of EWL members on EWL questionnaire

19 April: #womensvoices Forum with key players, Brussels

May: EWL recommendations based on Forum outcomes & questionnaires



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2 June: EWL high-level event #womensvoices,
Brussels, Swedish Perm. Rep., 4-6pm

- ✓ EU Commissioners Jourova and Stylianides
- ✓ UN High Commissioner for Refugees
 - ✓ EU Trio Presidency
 - ✓ Testimony from refugee women
- ✓ EWL-WRC-ENoMW recommendations



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EWL #womensvoices questionnaire

- ✓ The ideal situation – framing a collective vision of the change we want to see
- ✓ Violence against refugee women and girls – developing recommendations, calling for due diligence and measures
 - . Policies in the country (Istanbul Convention, measures on VAWG, measures for refugee women & girls, UNCSR1325)
 - . Situation on the ground, in terms of reality of VAWG, human resources, services, spaces
- ✓ Asylum policies – developing recommendations based on information of asylum processes



EWL #womensvoices Forum

Issue 1:
Violence against refugee women & girls

Plenary presentation by experts of the EWL Observatory on VAW

Group discussion on good practices to end VAW

With: EWL members / DG Justice / PICUM / UN Women / FES / Germany

Issue 2:
Reality from the ground

Plenary presentation by the Women's Refugee Commission

Group discussion on our best model for protection of refugee women & girls

With: EWL members / DG ECHO / UNHCR / WRC / Caritas / OSF

Issue 3:
Engendering EU asylum policies

Plenary presentation by Asylum Aid UK

Group discussion on strategies to engender asylum policies

With: EWL members / DG Home / Asylum Aid UK / EPIM / Sweden

→ To complement the answers of the questionnaires

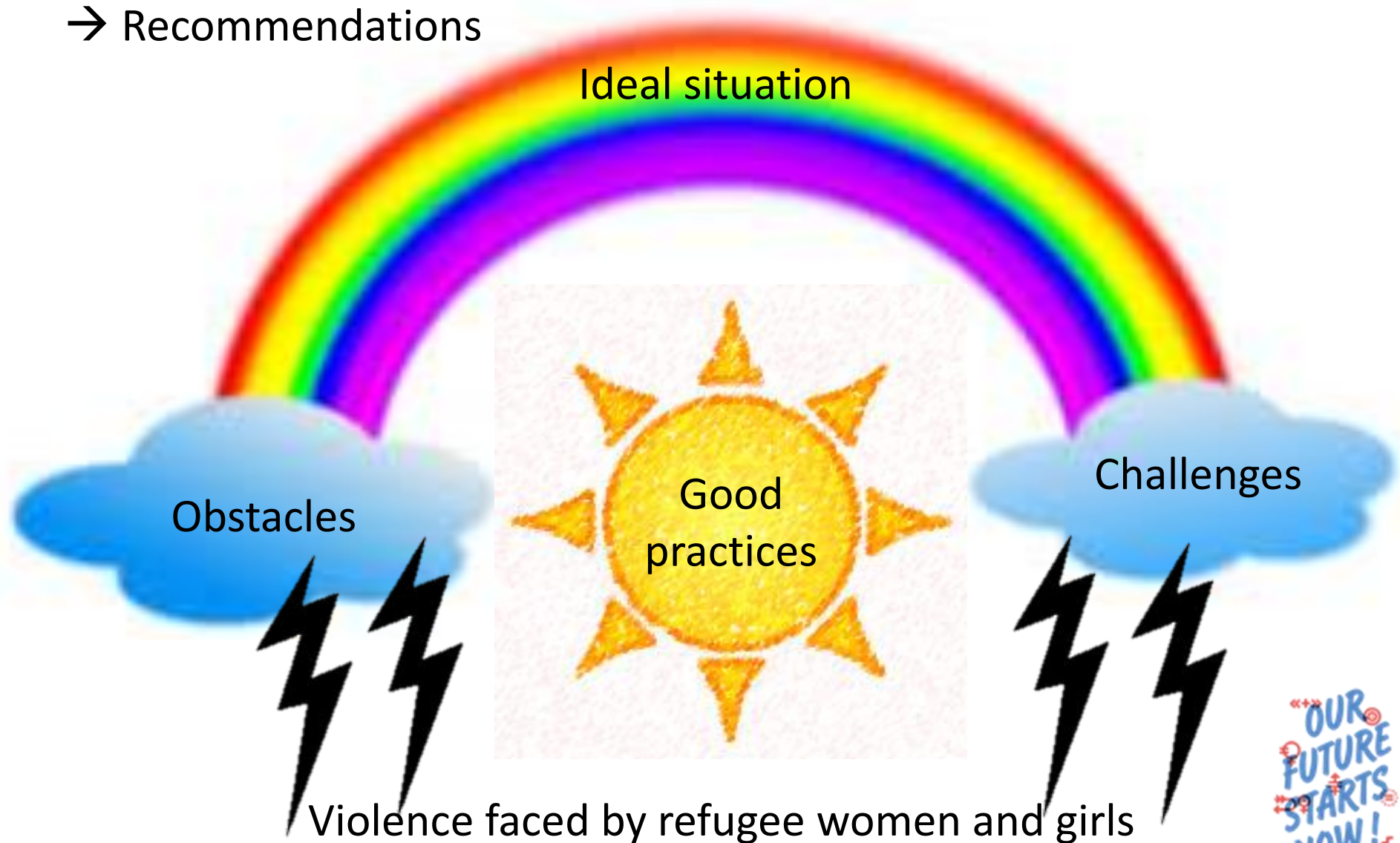


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Group 1: Violence against refugee women and girls

→ Recommendations



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Group 2: Reality from the ground

→ Check list



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Group 3: Engendering EU asylum policies

Gender actions
or indicators

→ Indicators map



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