

FOR AN EFFECTIVE RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS FOR ASYLUM FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE



On the occasion of 8 March 2022, International Day of Struggle for Women's Rights, more than 100 personalities from the political, associative, artistic and sports worlds - including Silvia Federici (Italy), Sofia Bekatorou, double Olympic medallist (gold and bronze) and initiator of the #Metoo movement in Greece, Eric Toussaint (Belgium), Ariane Ascaride and Robert Guédiguian (France), Madeleine Mawamba and Adam Broomberg (Germany), Pinar Selek (Turkey), José Maria Gonzales/Kichi (Spanish State), Ada Sousa (Portugal), Zbigniew Kowalevsky (Poland), Joan Collins (Ireland), Rina Nissim and Jean Ziegler (Switzerland) - launch an appeal in support of the European feminist petition for effective recognition of asylum grounds specific to women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people.

Launched on 11 November 2021 by the Feminist Asylum Coalition, this petition is now supported by more than 250 organisations, including the World March of Women, the International Federation for Human Rights, Médecins du Monde, the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights, the CADTM, the Committee for the European Civic Forum and the Party of the European Left. The signatories of the appeal, published on 8 March 2022, denounce «the tragedies taking place in the Mediterranean and on our borders. These tragedies reveal the flaws in asylum policy and cannot go unanswered.» They call on the political authorities to respect the international commitments they have ratified to protect people.

In addition to people's reasons for fleeing their country and seeking refuge in Europe to rebuild their lives, women have reasons that are a pure product of patriarchy, such as forced marriage, human trafficking, genital mutilation or death threats against people who deviate from the heterosexual norm. On the road to exile, new violence overwhelms them: imprisonment, kidnapping, repeated rape, abduction of children. Arriving in Europe - for those who have not died on the way - instead of a welcome that allows them to rebuild their lives and heal themselves, new obstacles await them. Far from being granted asylum and all the protection and care measures they need, they are exposed to further violence, living conditions and inhuman treatment that do not take into account the obligations set out in articles 59-61 of the Istanbul Convention.

Despite the commitments made by the vast majority of European countries and by the governments of the Schengen area through several international conventions - including the Istanbul Convention - none of the countries in Europe is currently giving itself the means to truly protect vulnerable people by granting them the right to asylum when they have experienced gender-based violence. This must change!

APPEAL TO EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY AND POLITICAL AUTHORITIES

WE DO NOT CLOSE OUR EYES

The tragedies that are taking place in the Mediterranean and on our borders cannot remain unanswered. These dramas reveal the flaws in European asylum policy.

In their flight path, women, girls and LGBTQ+ people are particularly exposed. In order to ensure that sexual and gender-based violence suffered in countries of origin or on the routes of exile is taken into account in asylum policy, we are signatories to the request launched by the Feminist Asylum coalition.

We call on the European political authorities and the governments of the Schengen area to build a Europe without repression, without deaths, without violence. All signed conventions, including the Istanbul Convention, must be applied to migrant women in accordance with the commitments made! We invite civil society to enlarge the circle of signatories of the petition: www.feministasylum.org Quickly!

THE SILENCE OF THE DEAD IS UNBEARABLE

Germany

Clara Bünger - Member of the German Bundestag
Adam Broomberg - Artist
Andrej Hunko - Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Madeleine Mawamba - President of Women in Exile and Friends
Cornelia Möhring - Member of the German Bundestag
Heidi Reichinnek - Member of the German Bundestag

Belgium

Mamadou Bah - Social worker, activist
Eva Betavatzis - Architect, CDATM activist
Saskia Bricmont - Member of the European Parliament
Denis Desbonnet - Journalist
Pierre Galand - Former Belgian Senator, President of OMCT-Europe (World Organisation Against Torture)
Michel Herman - Editor of the website «Ander Europa»
Renée Kammer - Artist, classical dance teacher, choreographer
Philippe Lamberts - Member of the European Parliament
David Murgia - Theatre and film actor
Riccardo Petrella - Professor Emeritus of the Catholic University of Louvain
Phoebe Zoé Maria Sanchez - University of the Philippines Cebu-Visiting professor at CriDIS, Catholic University of Louvain
Daniel Tanuro - Ecosocialist writer
Yannis Thanassekos - Scientific collaborator at the Institute of Sociology of the Free University of Brussels-former director of the Auschwitz Foundation
Eric Toussaint - Spokesman for the CADTM international network www.cadtm.org

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Tijana Okic - Philosopher

Spain

Jose Maria Gonzales (Kichi) - Cadiz Mayor
Fatima Martin - Journalist, promoter of the digital media "FemeninoRural.com"
Teresa Rodriguez - Deputy in the Andalusian Parliament
Miguel Urban - European Deputy

France

Gilbert Achcar - SOAS University of London
Ariane Ascaride - Actress
Claude Calame - Director of Studies Emeritus, EHES
Marie-Laure Coulmin Koutsafitis - Translator and activist CADTM
Penelope Duggan - Editor International Viewpoint
Didier Epszajn - Host of the blog "between lines between words"
Susan George - Political scientist, writer, anti-globalisation activist and honorary president of Attac
Robert Guédiguian - Filmmaker
Jacqueline Heinen - Professor Emeritus, UVSQ Paris-Saclay

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Michael Loewy - Director of research emeritus at the CNRS
Jan Malewski - Journalist
Valérie Manteau - Writer, Renaudot Prize
Gustave Massiah - IPAM Network, Initiatives For Another World
Philippe Poutou - Presidential candidate
Florence Poznanski - National Executive Secretary of the Left Party
Catherine Samary - Economist, writer, collaborator of Le Monde Diplomatique, member of the scientific council of Attac
Mariana Sanchez - National Union of Journalists CGT
Anne-Françoise Schmid - Philosopher
Patrick Silberstein - Doctor and editor
Eleni Varikas - Professor Emeritus at the University of Paris 8
Béatrice Whitaker - Anti-globalization activist member of the ATTAC migration committee

Greece

Eva Alexaki - Trade unionist of housekeepers of the Ministry of Finance
Sofia Bekatorou - Double Olympic medallist (gold and bronze), initiator of the #Metoo in Greece
Anastasia Christodouloupoulou - Former Minister of Immigration, former Vice-President of the Greek Parliament
Sianou Fotini - Activist for peace, non-violence and women's human rights
Giorgos Galanis - Economist, academic, Goldsmiths, University of London
Alexakis Giannis - Visual artist, animator
Elias Ioakeimoglou - Economic Analyst
Angelique Kourounis - Director and journalist
Moïse Litsis - Journalist
Marios Lolos - Photojournalist
Spyros Marchetos - Academic, writer
Giorgios Mitralias - Journalist
Louiza Mizan - Translator
Georgios Mpantis - Football player
Vassilis Papadopoulos - President of Greek Council for Refugees
Elena Psarrea - Ancienne députée de Grèce
Niki Roubani - President of the Board of the European Network of Women
Riki Van Boeschoten - Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology University of Thessaly
Nena Venetsanou - Singer, author, composer
Tasoula Verviniotis - Historian
Stavroula Zygouri - Olympic Wrestling Champion, Ambassador for Peace and Education of the International Centre of the Olympic Treve

Ireland

Mick Barry - TD member of parliament
Collins Joan - TD member of parliament
Murphy Paul - TD member of parliament
Thomas Pringle - TD member of parliament

Italy

Silvia Federici - Writer, activist, academic
Gigi Malabarba - Former deputy
Cristina Quintavalla - CADTM Italy, professor of philosophy

Luxembourg

Justin Turpel - Former deputy

Pays-Bas

Ingeborg Beugel - Journalist, programmer, writer
Willem Bos - Grenzeloos Editor

Pologne

Zbigniew Marcin Kowalewski - Writer
Stefan Zgliczyński - Director of the Polish edition of "Le Monde Diplomatique"

Portugal

Leonor Areal - Filmmaker
Antonio Pedro Doreis - University Professor, Researcher at the Centre for Research and Sociological Studies, CIES
Rachel Freire - Writer, filmmaker
José Gusmao - Eurodeputy
Marisa Matias - Eurodeputy
Rui Viana Pereira - Sound designer
Alda Sousa - Former MEP

Slovenia

Mocnik Rastko - Sociologist

Switzerland

Alexandre Duchêne - Professor of Sociolinguistics at the University of Fribourg
Yvonne Feri - Member of National Parliament, Director of FERI Mit-Wirkung, President of the Swiss Child Protection Foundation
Ruth Gaby Vermot - Anthropologist, former member of the Swiss Parliament and the Council of Europe
Denise Graf - Lawyer and former refugee coordinator of Amnesty International's Swiss section
Charles Heller - Research Associate, Graduate Institute Geneva. Co-president of Migreurop network and co-director of Border Forensics
Lisa Mazzone - Member of Council of States
Rina Nissim - Naturopath, author
Isabelle Pilloud - Visual artist
Stefanie Prezioso - National Councillor
Elise Shubs - Filmmaker
Jean Ziegler - Member of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council

Turkey

Canan Arin - International Award-winning Lawyer
Halime Güner - Founder and President, Flying Broom International Women's Film Festival
Tilbe Saran - Multi-Award-Winning Theatre and Film Actress
Pinar Selek - Writer

Europe

- CADTM, Comité pour l'abolition des dettes illégitimes
- European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights
- Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme
- Forum Civique Européen
- Marche mondiale des Femmes
- Migration-Control Project
- Parti de la Gauche Européenne
- Yeni Kadin

Austria

- Frauensolidarität
- StopDeportationsVienna

Basque Country

- Asamblea de Mujeres de Bizkaia-Bizkiako Emakumeen Asanblada
- Asiciacion Emakume Migratu Feministak-Sociosanitarias
- Bagera, nous sommes
- Bidez Bide Elkartea
- EH Feministak Nika
- EHko Bilgune Feminista
- ELA SINDIKATUA
- ESK Sindikatua
- Euskal Herriko Emakume Migratu eta Arrazializaturen Sarea
- Euskal Herriko Emakumeen Mundu Marcha
- Euskal Herriko Mugimendu feminista
- LAB SINDIKATUA
- Marimatraka Santurtziko talde feminista
- Martxantera talde feminista
- Mugarik Gabe ONGD
- ONGI ETORRI ERREFUXIATUAK. MUGAK ZABALDUZ
- Portugaleteko Mugimendu Feminista
- Sindicato LAB de Euskal Herria
- SMH-Aita Mari (Salvamento Marítimo Humanitario)
- STEILAS SINDIKATUA

Belgium

- CADTM - Comité pour l'abolition des dettes illégitimes
- CIRÉ - Coordination et Initiatives pour Réfugiés et Étrangers
- Marche mondiale des Femmes

Finlande

- Free Movement Network

France

- AIDES
- Alda-Lesbiennes Réfugiées Toulouse
- ANAFE
- APIAF Toulouse
- Association Caram'elles
- Association de Solidarité avec les Travailleuses et travailleurs immigré.es (ASTI) des Ulis, Bures et Orsay
- Association pour la Démocratie à Nice
- ATTAC Toulouse
- Avocats Sans Frontières France
- BAGDAM Espace Lesbien Toulouse
- Centre Evolutif Lilith (CEL) de Marseille
- Centre LGBTQIA 06
- Cercle Louis Guilloux
- CGT Education 06
- CIMADE
- CMPDF31
- Collectif AGIR
- Collectif Droits des Femmes 06
- COMEDE
- Ensemble
- FASTI (Fédération des Associations de Solidarité avec Tou-te-s les Immigré-e-s)
- Féministes révolutionnaires Nantes
- France Amérique Latine, commission Féministes et Genres
- GISTI
- GRAF
- Groupe Accueil et solidarités
- Habitat&Citoyenneté

- KARAVAN Toulouse
- LaisseBien TaGaiete
- Lesbiennes Dépassent Les Frontières
- Ligue des Droits de l'Homme
- Marche mondiale des Femmes
- Marche Mondiale des Femmes Occitanie
- MRAP
- Nice au cœur
- #Nous Toutes 06
- Planning Familial
- Qx1 Welcome Map
- Refugee Women's Centre
- Resf-48
- Roya Citoyenne
- She'lter, Terres à elles
- Solidaires 06 - confédération syndicale
- SOLIDAIRES 31
- SOMICO
- Sublimes Portes, Traversées artistiques en Méditerranée
- UJPP Union Juive Française pour la paix
- UNEF Toulouse
- Union syndicale Solidaires

Germany

- ATTAC Germany
- Bavarian Refugee Council (Bayerischer Flüchtlingsrat)
- Bundesfachverband unbegleitete minderjährige Flüchtlinge
- CENİ - Kurdisches Frauenbüro für Frieden e.V.
- FIM - Frauenrecht ist Menschenrecht e.V.
- Flüchtlingsrat Baden-Württemberg
- Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg
- Flüchtlingsrat Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.
- Flüchtlingsrat NRW Nordrhein-Westfalen e.V.
- Flüchtlingsrat RLP
- Frauenhauskoordinierung e.V. / Association of Women's Shelters
- Fraueninformationszentrum Stuttgart
- Hessischer Flüchtlingsrat (Refugee Council of Hesse) e.V.
- JUNO - eine Stimme für geflüchtete Frauen/JUNO - a voice for refugee women
- KOK - Bundesweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel e.V.
- Network against Trafficking in Human Beings (KOK e.V.)
- NETZ für Selbstverwaltung und Selbstorganisation e.V.
- PRO ASYL
- Pro Bleiberecht Rostock
- Queer refugees support Hamburg
- Refugee Council of Lower Saxony /Flüchtlingsrat Niedersachsen e.V.
- Refugee council Saxony-Anhalt /Flüchtlingsrat Sachsen - Anhalt e.V.
- Republikanischer Anwältinnen- und Anwälteverein e. V.
- Sächsischer Flüchtlingsrat e.V. / Saxon Refugee Council
- Seebücke
- Terre des femmes - Menschenrechte für die Frau e.V.
- Vereinigung Demokratischer Juristinnen und Juristen e.V. (VDJ)
- Women in Exile and Friends, Brandenburg
- XENION Psychosoziale Hilfen für politisch Verfolgte e.V.

Germany and Greece

- Equal Rights Beyond Borders

Greece

- FemArtAct
- HumanRights360
- Κέντρο Γυναικείων Μελετών και Ερευνών 'Διοτίμα' - Centre for Research on Women's Issues 'Diotima'
- Κέντρο Έρευνας και Δράσης για την Ειρήνη (ΚΕΔΕ) - Center of Research and Action for Peace (KEDE)
- Ομάδα γυναικών του συλλόγου κοινωνικής και Πολιτιστικής Παρέμβασης «θρυαλλίδα» - Women Group of the Association of Social and Cultural Intervention «Thryallida»
- Ομάδα ΛΟΑΤΚΙ+ Εργασιακής Υποστήριξης - LGBTQI+ Employment Support Group
- Ελληνικό Φόρουμ Μεταναστών- Greek Forum of Migrants

- Ελληνικό Παρατηρητήριο των Συμφωνιών του Ελσίνκι- Greek Helsinki Monitor
- Ελληνικό Συμβούλιο για τους Πρόσφυγες/Greek Council For Refugees
- Δίκτυο για τα Πολιτικά και Κοινωνικά Δικαιώματα- Network for Political and Social Rights
- Ελληνικό Δίκτυο Κοινωνικής Υποστήριξης Προσφύγων και Μεταναστών- Network of Social Support for Refugees and Migrants
- Φεστιβάλ Υπερφάνειας Θεσσαλονίκης
- Thessaloniki Pride Festival
- Δίκτυο Οργάνωση Γυναικών Ευρώπης- Réseau des femmes grecques d'Europe
- Samos LGBTQI+ Group, Samos Volunteers and Samos Advocacy
- Οργάνωση Ενωμένων Γυναικών Αφρικής- United African Women Organization Greece
- ΠΡΩΤΟΒΟΥΛΙΑ ΓΥΝΑΙΚΩΝ ENANTIA ΣΤΟ ΧΡΕΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΑ ΜΕΤΡΑ ΛΙΤΟΤΗΤΑΣ - ΧΩΡΟΣ ΑΛΛΗΛΕΓΓΥΗΣ ΓΥΝΑΙΚΩΝ - Women's initiative against debt and austerity measures - Women's solidarity venue
- Σωματείο Γυναικείων Δικαιωμάτων «ΤΟ ΜΩΒ» «TO MOV» Women's Rights Association
- ΜΗΤΕΡΑΣ ΕΡΓΟΝ Σύλλογος Πολύτεκνων Μητέρων- Mother's Work, Association of Multi-Children Families

Italy

- ARCI Associazione di Promozione Sociale Roma
- Association «Popoli in Arte» Sanremo
- Associazione Albatros Laboratorio teatrale e Centro di Solidarietà - Alba (Cuneo)
- ATTAC Imperia
- Campagna LasciateCIEntrare
- Casa delle Donne di Milano (Women's house of Milan)
- Casa delle Donne Parma
- Cisdà (Cordinamento Italiano Sostegno Donne Afgane Onlus)
- Cooperativa Giolli, Montechiarugolo (Parma) - Centro di Ricerche Teatro dell'Oppresso
- Fucsia Teatro, IAM Intersectionalities and more - Bologna
- Il Deposito dei Segni - Pescara
- La bottega del Barbieri, Imola, Bologna
- Laboratorio Politico per un'altra città, Firenze
- Libera Università delle Donne, Milano
- NUDM La Spezia
- NUDM Modena
- NUDM Ponente Ligure
- Re.Co.Sol (Reti Comuni Solidali), Chiaro Sasso
- Réseau Sanremo Solidale Sanremo

Italy and Bosnia

- Linea D'Ombra

Lithuany

- Center Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation
- Equally

Netherlands

- Gambe - GRUPO de APOIO as mulheres no exterior
- SAP Grenzeloos

Poland

- Fondation Kazimierz Lyszczyński

Portugal

- A Coletiva

Spain

- Anticapitalistas
- Kifkif, Migraciones y Refugio LGBTI+
- Ca la Dona
- Refugees Welcome España
- Viento Sur

Switzerland

- ACAT
- ADF Neuchâtel
- APDH
- Appartenances

- Asile LGBTQI+
- Association de médiatrices interculturelles (AMIC)
- Association Découvrir
- Association du Témoignage Chrétien
- Asylex
- ATTAC Suisse
- Be-Hôte Neuchâtel
- Brava (anc. Terre des Femmes)
- Camarada
- Caritas Genève
- Carrefour Orientation Solidarité
- CEFAM, centre d'accueil et d'intégration pour femmes migrantes et leurs enfants habitant Meyrin
- Centre social protestant Genève
- Commission fédérative Femmes SSP/VPOD
- Commission femmes de l'Union syndicale suisse
- Coordination asile.ge
- DAO Dachorganisation der Frauenhäuser Schweiz und Liechtenstein
- Droit de Rester VD, NE et FR
- Elisa-asile
- Ensemble à gauche
- Femmes socialistes suisses
- FIZ Centre d'assistance aux migrantes et aux victimes de la traite des femmes
- Freiplatzaktion Basel - legal counseling center for refugees

- Grève féministe suisse
- Juristes démocrates de Suisse
- L'AMAR – Lieu Autogéré Multiculturel d'Accueil et de Rencontres /Neuchâtel
- La Roseraie
- Le deuxième Observatoire
- LeLab.church
- Les Scribes
- Ligue des Droits de l'Homme
- Marche mondiale des Femmes
- Médecins du Monde
- Schweizerische Beobachtungsstelle für Asyl- und Ausländerrecht (SBAA)
- Observatoire suisse du droit d'asile et des étrangers (ODAE-Suisse)
- Plateforme Traite
- Pluri-Elles
- Rainbow Spot - Permanence LGBTQI+ Asile-Migration (Vaud)
- RECIF
- Résistons Genève
- SAO Association for displaced women
- Solidarité Femmes région Neuchâtel
- Solidarité sans frontières
- Solidarité Tattes
- SolidaritéS CH
- Solinetz Luzern

- SOS Asile Vaud
- Transgender Network Switzerland
- UNIA
- Viol-Secours
- Vivre Ensemble

Turkey

- AĞ-DA Toplumsal Cinsiyet Eşitliği Dayanışma Ağı
- Antalya Kadın Danışma Merkezi ve Dayanışma Derneği
- Aramızda Gender Studies Association
- Cinsel Şiddetle Mücadele Derneği / Association for Struggle Against Sexual Violence
- Dünya Kadın Yürüyüşü Türkiye Koordinasyonu
- Eşitlik İçin Kadın Platformu (EŞİK)
- Göç İzleme Derneği
- Kadın Gözüyle
- KAOS Gay Lesbiyen Association
- SES Eşitlik ve Dayanışma Derneği

Sweden

- Swedish Federation for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Rights

