

# STANDING FIRMLY FOR



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EURONGOS ANNUAL REPORT 2017





## DEAR FRIENDS

We live in challenging times. All over the world, including Europe, we experience pushback on Sexual and Reproductive Health and on the Rights. **We also fight back: we have seen this in Poland, in the She Decides movement and in the international women's marches. And it also calls for a new EuroNGOs.**

2017 was a year of critical decisions for EuroNGOs, in terms of its sustainability and future. Over the past year, a specially established working group has been exploring and identifying a strategic concept to safeguard a progressive and powerful European voice on sexual and reproductive health and rights which is at stake due to the current political and operational environment of our work. Last September, the EuroNGOs membership firmly endorsed a proposed plan to become a new SRHR partnership which is more inclusive of CSOs, academia and other stakeholders present in our sector and beyond, connects both international and domestic agenda as well as is more action-oriented.

While transitioning into a new structure, we chose greater collaboration and solidarity over competition, and are determined to mobilise all actors who share the same strong belief that a fair and better world cannot be possible without reproductive and sexual justice. All this and more clearly echoed during the 2017 EuroNGOs conference which laid a foundation for the joint European SRHR agenda that we have an ambition to implement. We are very grateful for your inspiring ideas and support, and we call for your active participation and contribution to this new vision of the European SRHR community. **We will be able to make our partnership work as well as effectively respond to the current threats to SRHR only if we act together.**

*Ton Coenen,  
EuroNGOs Chair & Executive Director of Rutgers*

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## IMPACTS & KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

# SPOTLIGHT ON 2017



# BRINGING THE SRHR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

## What we do

The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs) provides a platform and opportunities for members and friends to inspire and provoke conversations, both in person and virtually, on the most pressing issues for our community, and to collectively strategise around innovative approaches and solutions to move the SRHR agenda forward.

**In 2017, we happily welcomed two new members to the network** – Share-Net International from the Netherlands and Women’s Rights Centre from Armenia - enabling us to expand our area of expertise and geographical scope of work.

**Our annual conference continues to be perceived as a key forum and one of the few safe spaces in Europe for critical debates on SRHR-related issues.** The 2017 conference took place in Brussels and attracted a diverse audience of more than 200 advocates, grass-roots activists, policy makers, private sector, government officials and like-minded stakeholders from different continents.

The participants collectively discussed the emerging challenges coming from the current political context in Europe and beyond, such as the rise of populism and right-wing extremism, and strategised how best to respond to this changing context using the 2030 Agenda and a rights-based approach to ensure SRHR for all

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- The largest conference in the history of EuroNGOs: **209** participants from over **100** organisations
- **21%** of participants were young people (<30)
- **100%** of participants said that it was worthwhile to attend the conference

READ HERE THE **REPORT SUMMARIZING KEY OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS** FROM THE 2017 CONFERENCE AND **WATCH THE VIDEOS** WITH KEY HIGHLIGHTS!

**Katja Iversen, Women Deliver**  
**@Katja\_Iversen** Anger and outrage is fine, but we need to move to action - fast. Great opening of #EuroNGOs2017 by @alexanderdecroo #SheDecides #SRHR



**||** Thank you to everybody who was involved with organizing this incredible conference. This year’s theme about promoting SRHR in a time of growing populism was so timely and critical for Europe (...) EuroNGOs was really just dipping our first toe into the European SRHR waters.



MARIETTA WILDT AND JILLIAN GEDEON,  
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE  
FOR FAMILY PLANNING

# FOSTERING CAPACITY & LEARNING

**Recognizing the critical need for SRHR in humanitarian settings and continuing our network's work in this area which started in 2016, EuroNGOs organised its second workshop in November 2017** in partnership with our members - Médecins du Monde, Reproductive Health Matters, the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU) and our partner, Countdown 2030 Europe. We learned about the current policies and accountability mechanisms as well as funding landscape for SRHR in the humanitarian context at national, regional and global levels. We also shared experiences European organisations faced when working in this field, and collectively assessed our capacity to work on SRHR in the humanitarian context. This led to the creation of a thematic focus group on SRHR in humanitarian settings within our membership and establishment of a realistic follow-up plan among our members and key partners: the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crisis and Countdown 2030 Europe.

**||** *I've learned the ABCs of SRHR in crisis settings, I know what type of actors should be included in a special network at national level, and I feel I can count on my colleagues' expertise whenever I encounter a problem in my activity in this field.*

**||**  
SOURCE: POST-WORKSHOP EVALUATION SURVEY

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ABOUT THE OUTCOMES OF OUR WORKSHOP

**We continued to put our best efforts into the dissemination of information and intelligence among our members and the SRHR community** to foster knowledge, enhance effectiveness of our actions, and promote best practices developed by our members and partners. We maintained two virtual spaces for exchanging and learning among the European and global SRHR community. We also expanded our social media reach by establishing a Facebook account that showcases the work of our network and members, and developed new communication tools, such as infographics and twitter sheets.



**12 monthly newsletters**  
produced on key SRHR  
developments within global  
&European dimensions



**24 round-ups**  
on the 2030 Agenda shared  
with our members



**Virtual safe spaces for the SRHR  
community:**  
more than 180 organizations from all  
over the world

# COLLECTIVELY DRIVING CHANGE

**To foster synergies and encourage alliance building, EuroNGOs maintained strong alliances with other networks and groups.** In 2017, this included participating in the civil society advisory group for FP2020 and a presentation at the High Level Political Forum at the United Nations. Ahead of the She Decides Conference in Brussels, EuroNGOs collected signatures in support of the initiative from 235 organizations from all around the world and organized a civil society pre-meeting to exchange information, clarify doubts, and jointly brainstorm on civil society engagement in the conference as well as the overall initiative.

## SHAPING THE FUTURE

**A bold and transformational strategy for our network to help prepare us for the future of SRHR has been adopted!** The EuroNGOs membership approved that EuroNGOs will evolve to become a SRHR Partnership that is inclusive in nature, based on solidarity and functions as a platform for linking, learning, strategizing and implementing. Specifically, the SRHR Partnership's objective is to set the SRHR agenda for Europe and to ensure its implementation.

### THE SRHR PARTNERSHIP IN A NUTSHELL

MORE  
INCLUSIVE

We convene and connect not only **NGOs** but also involve **civil society networks, academia, foundations and private organizations.** We encourage cooperation not only with the SRHR civil society community but also **create linkages with other relevant stakeholders.**

MORE  
ACTION  
ORIENTED

We convene and connect stakeholders from the European SRHR community with others who work on SRHR to strategize, align, plan and work together. **We stimulate action to ensure implementation of a strategic joint SRHR agenda** through thematic task forces, capacity building and joint projects.

BROADER  
SCOPE

We aim to connect the SRHR and broader community working at **domestic and international level.**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

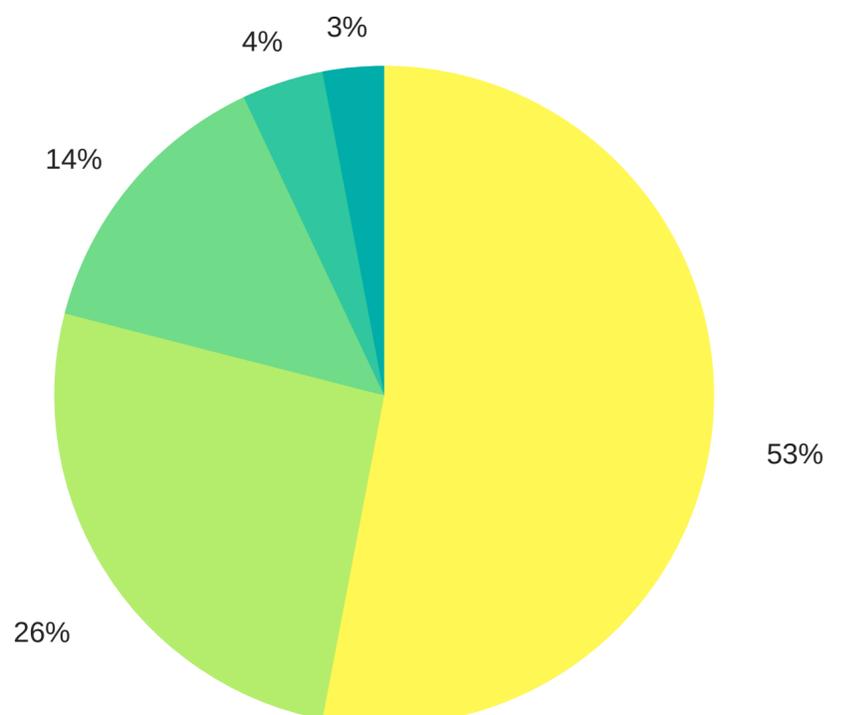
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2017

CURRENCY: EUR

	BUDGET	ACTUALS	BALANCE
HUMAN RESOURCES	217.778	220.316	-2.538
OFFICE	11.044	10.234	810
CONFERENCE AND AGM	94.974	80.635	14.339
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS	6.103	4.536	1.567
STRATEGIC MEETINGS	13.375	1.760	11.615
REPRESENTATION	2.000	791	1.209
CONSULTATIONS	4.000	5.182	-1.182
IT COSTS	1.080	1.074	6
PUBLICATIONS	2.500	2.427	73
MISCELLANEOUS	54.662	0	54.662
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>407.516</b>	<b>326.955</b>	<b>80.561</b>

## 2017 INCOME

-  The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
-  The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
-  Membership Fees
-  UNFPA
-  Conference Sponsors



# EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

## PROUDLY PRESENTING OUR MEMBERS:

### ARMENIA

Women's Rights Center

### AUSTRIA

**OGF:** Österreichische Gesellschaft für Familienplanung

### BELGIUM

**Sensoa:** Flemish Expertise Centre for Sexual Health  
**EPF:** European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development

### BULGARIA

**BFPA:** Bulgarian Family Planning and Sexual Health Association

### DENMARK

**Sex & Samfund:** The Danish Family Planning Association

### FINLAND

**Väestöliitto:** The Family Federation of Finland

### FRANCE

Equilibres & Populations  
Le Planning Familial  
Médecins du Monde

### GERMANY

**DSW:** Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung

### HUNGARY

**BOCS:** BOCS Foundation

### IRELAND

**IFPA:** Irish Family Planning Association

### ITALY

**AIDOS:** Associazione italiana donne per lo sviluppo

### LATVIA

**Papardes Zieds:** Latvia's Association for Family Planning and Sexual Health

### LITHUANIA

**FPSHA:** Family Planning and Sexual Health Association of Lithuania

### THE NETHERLANDS

Rutgers WPF  
dance4life international  
Share Net International

### NORWAY

**Sex og Politikk:** Norwegian Association for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

### POLAND

**FEDERA:** Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning

### PORTUGAL

**P&D Factor:** Associação para a Cooperação sobre População e Desenvolvimento

### ROMANIA

**SECS:** Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala

### SPAIN

**APS:** Alianza por la Solidaridad  
**FPFE:** Federación de Planificación Familiar Estatal

### SWEDEN

**RFSU:** Riksförbundet för sexuell upplysning

### SWITZERLAND

**SANTE SEXUELLE Suisse - SEXUELLE GESUNDHEIT Schweiz - SALUTE SESSUALE Svizzera**

### TURKEY

**WWHR:** Women For Women's Human Rights – New Ways

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Commat:** Commonwealth Medical Trust

**MSI:** Marie Stopes International

**Plan UK**

**Reproductive Health Matters**

**You Act:** European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights

**APPGPDRH:** All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health, UK

**Population and Sustainability Network**

# THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION

## It was a truly exciting year!

### WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TOWARDS:

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**OLD AND NEW MEMBERS OF OUR STEERING COMMITTEE:** Katrin Erlingsen, DSW and Ventzislav Kirkov, BFPA who ended their mandate in September 2017; Ton Coenen, Rutgers; Marianne Haslegrave, Commat; Yesim Erkan, WWHR; Ana Rizescu, YouAct and Annika Malmberg, RFSU.

**MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT TO WHOM WE SAID GOODBYE IN 2017:** Patrizia Pompili who coordinated the EuroNGOs Secretariat for six years; Joke Lannoye, Senior Program Officer and Anamaria Suciu, Administrative Assistant.

### MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND OUR FRIENDS WHO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE 2017 CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

**INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION EUROPEAN NETWORK (IPPF EN)** and its staff, for serving as the EuroNGOs fiscal agent, hosting our Secretariat and providing support staff for finance and IT.

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