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Editorial Note

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[What joy to be back in the EuroNGOs battlefield!](#)



Greetings, dear EuroNGOs colleagues, it's me again, Daniela Draghici, the Romanian advocate with the board membership habit. I have been involved in numerous EuroNGOs-related events and activities for ten years now and I've also had the distinct opportunity to serve on the EuroNGOs Steering Committee for two consecutive terms, 2012 through 2015. After a two-year break, I've run again for the current term and guess what: I've been approved. What drives me? I want to be close to the battlefield, particularly now that times are harder than before for SRHR advocacy, while money is tighter than ever before in this line of work, when donors are shying away from supporting such efforts and many more governments are restricting access to SRHR-related information, policies and services.

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[Conference in Belgium: How are social \(gender\) norms linked to \(sexual\) health of adolescents?](#)

The Ghent University organizes a conference about social (gender) norms and adolescent (sexual) health on Friday March 30th 2018 in Ghent. If you would like to attend, please register before Monday March 26th 2018.

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[Turning promises into action: Gender Equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

UN Women has released its flagship report which examines global progress and challenges in implementing the SDGs from a gender perspective and highlights four key areas of action.

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Hot Topics

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[UNFPA and UNICEF call for accelerated actions to end female genital mutilation](#)



On the 6th of February, the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), UNICEF and UNFPA released a joint statement which emphasizes that FGM is a violation of human rights and its elimination is crucial for achieving SDG 5.3 and the whole 2030 Agenda.

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[What to expect at the 37th session of the UN Human Rights Council?](#)

The HRC37 is currently taking place from February 26 to March 23 2018. See more information about anticipated sexual rights-related resolutions, panels and reports, UPR outcomes, and parallel events prepared by the Sexual Rights Initiative.

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[UN senior management reached full gender parity](#)



On 2 February, António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, announced that full gender parity has been reached in the UN senior management and reaffirmed his commitment to the UN's zero tolerance policy on sexual harassment. Furthermore, he indicated a five-step approach to address sexual harassment. Earlier in January, he also announced a three-pillar

[Breaking Ground 2018: Treaty Monitoring Bodies on Reproductive Rights](#)

This booklet published by the Center for Reproductive Rights summarizes the jurisprudence from United

approach to greater equality and inclusion for women.

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[The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 70 years](#)



The United Nations kicked off a year-long campaign to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the U.N. General Assembly on the 10th December 1948 that will culminate on the same day in 2018.

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Focus on Europe

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[European Parliament says it has zero tolerance for female genital mutilation](#)



On the 7th of February, the European Parliament highlighted the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and adopted a resolution calling the European Commission and the EU Member States to ensure FGM prevention measures in all policy areas.

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Eurongos Updates

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[We keep growing with two new members](#)



We are happy to inform you that the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) and the Serbian Association for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Association (SRH Serbia) have recently joined our network. Furthermore, the Steering Committee welcomed two new members ad interim: Daniela Draghici (SECS, Romania) and Caroline Hickson (IPPF EN).

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Get inspired

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[AIDOS: Building Bridges between Africa and Europe to tackle FGM](#)



On the 6th of February, International Day of Zero Tolerance on FGM, AIDOS launched videos produced within the project "Building Bridges between Africa and Europe to tackle FGM" supported by UNFPA/UNICEF Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting.

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Nations treaty monitoring bodies on reproductive rights, particularly the standards on reproductive health information and contraception, maternal health care, and abortion.

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[UK violates women's rights in Northern Ireland by restricting their access to abortion](#)

See a recently published report by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) which highlights that the UK violates the rights of women in Northern Ireland by unduly restricting their access to abortion.

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[Reproductive health care for Rohingya refugee camps](#)

Since August 2017, around 700,000 Rohingya have been forced to flee their homes in Myanmar due to ongoing violence and persecution. See an overview produced by on what's like to provide reproductive health care in Rohingya refugee camps.

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[Girls' Rights Platform](#)

The Plan International launched a new online platform with a wide-ranging online resources for diplomats, NGOs, activists and academics to strengthen girls' position in international law and highlight their particular challenges.

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[Overcoming eHealth challenges with social and technical innovations](#)

Developing countries are turning to digital technologies to improve the health and well-being of their populations that is referred as eHealth. International Development Research Centre explored whether and in which circumstances eHealth can

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Call for Papers – Exploring sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) inequities within countries



In this issue, we ask authors to explore differences in services, quality of services and care, health knowledge, and health outcomes within countries, based on what are often intersecting social divisions such as race, age, ethnicity, caste, disability, sexuality, and gender.

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Dutch Postcode Lottery donates 11,9 million euro to Rutgers for safe abortion



The Dutch Postcode Lottery has donated € 11,9 million euro from its Dream Fund to Rutgers and its American partner DKT International for the worldwide reduction of unsafe abortions. The Postcode Lottery made this known during the 'Goed Geld Gala' in Amsterdam on February 14. The programme 'She Makes Her Safe Choice' will start in Kenya and Ethiopia providing information about contraception and safe abortion and will make safe abortion methods available. It is the first time that Rutgers has received such a large amount to improve access to safe abortion.

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SEXUAL HEALTH: report on sexuality education approved



On February 21, the Swiss Federal Council has approved a report of experts on Sexuality Education in Switzerland. The report is the response on a postulate of a member of parliament who had raised critical questions in relation to sexuality education in Switzerland and had attacked SEXUAL HEALTH Switzerland as the Swiss umbrella organisation of the Swiss centers on sexual and reproductive health and professional organisations involved in sexuality education.

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Share-Net: expert meeting on child marriage



On December 12th 2017, Share-Net Netherlands and Girls Not Brides the Netherlands, organized the expert meeting 'Child Marriage, Exploring choice and agency' where researchers shared the outcomes of the child marriage alliance baseline studies in Asia and Africa, with a focus on choice and agency.

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YouAct's Participation in the RFSD

respond to key challenges to deliver quality services to everyone. Read more about the outcomes of this project in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, Peru, and Vietnam.

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2018 Class of Young Leaders

Women Deliver has selected the 2018 Class of Young Leader who will receive training and resources to extend their influence and actively shape programs and policies that affect SRHR. Read who are the 300 leaders from 121 countries.

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EU Budget reform: opportunities and challenges for global sustainable development

A new paper published by the German Development Institute explores five ways of including the 2030 Agenda into the next EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

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4 recommendations for a stronger DFID transparency agenda

DFID's Transparency Agenda launched on Tuesday 6 February details the UK government's commitments to the transparency of aid and development up to 2020. Read what are the Bond recommendations on this matter.

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From the 28th of February to the 2nd of March, Anja Pedersen has participated in the UN ECE Regional Forum of Sustainable Development (RFSD) in Geneva, as the representative of YouAct. The forum is one of two regional reviews of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in our region. The other review is undertaken by the European Union. One key difference consists in that the UN ECE region is larger than the EU and includes the Balkans, Israel, Central Asia, Russia Canada and the US. The Chair's note, the outcome document of the meeting, is submitted to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), the forum of the global review of the SDGs, which place at the UN headquarter in New York.

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Jobs

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[Senior Digital Communications Officer at Girls not Brides](#)

Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage is recruiting a Senior Digital Communications Officer to join the Communications team in the Girls Not Brides office in London. Girls Not Brides brings together over 900 civil society organisations, in more than 95 countries throughout Africa, South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas.

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