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Establishing effective partnerships and networks among CSOs

Dear Community Members,

We are pleased to present the latest edition of the newsletter provided by Korea-EU Civil Society Network (KEN) focused on some of the most pressing issues of our time: human rights, climate change, women's rights, and gender equality. These are topics that are of utmost importance to both the European Union (EU) and the Republic of Korea (RoK), and this edition of the newsletter highlights the efforts being made by both sides to address these critical issues.

In recent years, there has been increasing recognition of the need to protect and promote human rights around the world. The EU and the RoK have been at the forefront of this movement, working together to promote fundamental rights and freedoms through dialogue, cooperation, and joint initiatives.

Another issue of great concern is climate change. As the effects of global warming become increasingly severe, the EU and Korea have recognized the urgent need for action. Both sides have taken significant steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and transition to a low-carbon economy, and this edition of the newsletter provides an update on these efforts.
Furthermore, gender equality and women's rights are essential elements of a just, resilient and inclusive society. In this edition of the newsletter, we highlight the EU and the RoK's efforts to promote gender equality and empower women in all areas of life, from the workplace to politics and beyond.

We hope that this edition of the KEN newsletter will provide valuable insights into these critical issues and the ongoing efforts to address them. We look forward to your continued interest and support.

Have questions, comments, feedback, or just want to say hi? Please, send us an **email (contact@kencso.org)** and share your thoughts!

Visit our website and follow us on Facebook for more. Don't forget to join the Korea-EU CSO Network on **Capacity4Dev - the European Union knowledge-sharing platform for International Cooperation and development -** to share views, exchange content, and continue to develop our community.

Best regards,

Your KEN team

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EU

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NEW TRAINING FOR GUARDIANS OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN

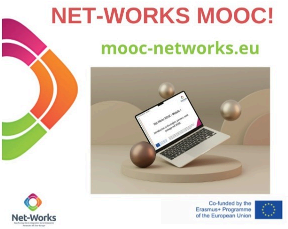
All unaccompanied children are entitled to a guardian under EU law. Guardians require specific knowledge and skills to promote the rights and best interests of the unaccompanied children they are responsible for. To guide guardians, the EU Agency of Fundamental Rights (FRA) created an online platform and manual.

The online training and learning platform targets trainers as well as guardians. This includes experienced professionals, volunteers, or future guardians.

For further information

NETWORKS OF WORK-BASED ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS CAPACITY BUILDING – MOOC ON HOW TO BUILD UP AND SUSTAIN NEW LOCAL/REGIONAL NETWORKS

The main objective of the free MOOC "Networks of work-based adult education providers capacity building" is to build up and sustain new local/regional networks of work-based adult education providers among developed and less developed networks, focusing on network building: networking principles, lobbying & advocacy, leadership, and financial sustainability, as well as knowledge sharing/ good practices to encourage mutual learning.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>> WOMEN & GENDER EQUALITY

SPECIAL REPORT: UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT WOMEN IN EUROPE IN THE POST-COVID PERIOD

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MIGRANT WOMEN

A new study by the HumMingBird project, and supported by the European Network of Migrant Women based on surveys and interviews with grassroots experts in Ireland, Malta and Poland, shows that the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions have exacerbated situations of vulnerability for undocumented women.

In many cases, lockdowns meant both loss of income and higher risks of losing a residence permit, and increased domestic violence and abuse. Access to health care remained limited.

For further information

#3StepsForward: WHY THE GREEN DEAL NEEDS A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

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STEPS
FORWARD

As part of this year's thematic focus of the Gender Equality Index EIGE will have a closer look at two areas with large contributions to carbon emissions – energy and transport. The Institute will provide updates related to the gender balance of women and men in decision making related to climate change and the environment.

Through the GREENA project, EIGE will also develop approaches and practical tools on how to simultaneously integrate environmental and climate action concerns along with gender equality issues in evaluations. By bringing evidence and recommendations to Member States and the EU, it is expected to reduce the gaps between different groups in accessing the benefits of a green and gender-equal Europe.

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CIRCULAR ECONOMY: HOW TO RECYCLE HUMAN HAIR TO CLEAN WATERWAYS?

The Hair Recycle Project is led by Belgian non-profit Dung Dung, which develops waste recovery schemes that support a circular economy. For this project, clippings are collected from hairdressers across the country. The hair is then fed into a machine that turns it into matted squares.

Circular
Economy

These can be used to absorb oil and other hydrocarbons polluting the environment. They can also be made into bio-composite bags. The mats can be placed in drains to soak up pollution in water before it reaches a river. They can also be used to deal with pollution problems due to flooding and to clean up oil spills.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM KOREA

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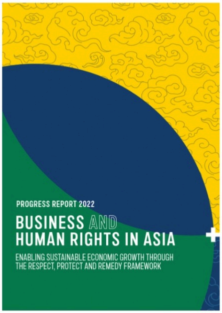
BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA - 2022 PROGRESS REPORT



PROGRESS REPORT 2022

BUSINESS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS IN ASIA

ENABLING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH
THE RESPECT, PROTECT AND REMEDY FRAMEWORK

This joint EU/UNDP action promotes the uptake in Asia of the Business and Human Right agenda and the implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) through the development of policy instruments and communications and visibility efforts. It enhances the rights of stakeholders and prevents human rights abuses through support to access to remedy and due diligence practice. Lastly, it strengthens the connections between business, environment and human rights through greater public dialogue and outreach through research products. During the reporting period, the EU-UNDP partnership on this action realized programming gains, and setbacks, under each output as demonstrated in the country profiles that follow.

For further information

DIFFICULTY ENTERING THE LABOR MARKET: CSOs DEMANDING POLICIES TO SUPPORT YOUNG CARERS

It is difficult for Korean young carers to enter the current, rigid labor market and get a full-time job, which means it is also difficult for them to obtain proper welfare. Several CSOs representatives and lawmakers proposed a law that would coordinate and compensate wage labor and care work for individuals.

Moreover, to break the structure in which women are exclusively in charge of caring, it is necessary to eliminate the gender wage gap and increase the value of caring labor.

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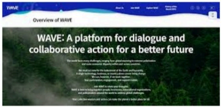
WAVE: A PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATIVE ACTION FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Global solutions platform Wave, launched by South Korea's largest lobby group, will play the role of bridging entities around the world to share ideas on resolving major challenges faced by the international community.



WAVE

Overview of WAVE

WAVE: A platform for dialogue and collaborative action for a better future

It will show solution results from different entities such as nations, organizations or companies that can bring changes through technology, systems and so on. Currently, on this voluntary solutions platform, anyone can raise topics that they are interested in by writing a post, and its users can offer opinions or solutions through comments.

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EHWA WOMANS UNIVERSITY LEADS STARTUP CULTURE

In line with Ewha's endeavor to serve as "A Creative and Innovative Platform Leading to a Sustainable Society" through creative research and educational innovation based on the "Ewha Vision 2030+" development strategy, the Office of Research and the Ewha University-Industry Collaboration Foundation (EUICF) is consolidating its efforts to establish a creative research ecosystem, by enhancing the value of the university's research and technologies through industry-academy-research collaboration and innovative growth.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEBINAR

25-27 Apr 2023

Measuring gender-based violence in Asia and the Pacific

Online

EVENT

25 Apr 2023

ECCK Information Session on Climate Change Response:
Carbon Net Zero & ESG

Seoul, offline

CONGRESS

8-11 Jun 2023

Global Greens Congress Korea 2023

Incheon, Offline

EVENT

26-29 Sept 2023

European Health Forum Gastein 2023

Gastein, hybrid

CONFERENCE

25-26 May 2023

Model European Union in Korea

Seoul, offline

CONFERENCE

20-22 Jun 2023

2023 European Energy Transition Conference

Bordeaux; offline & online

CONFERENCE

7-9 Jun 2023

2023 VSE Annual Conference – Protecting fundamental freedoms, a victim's perspective

Berlin, offline

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