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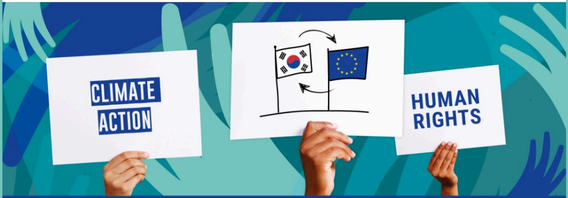

Establishing effective partnerships and networks among CSOs

Dear Community Members,

We are pleased to present to you the latest issue of the newsletter provided by the Korea-EU Civil Society Network (KEN).

This time, we focus on youth and their crucial role in strengthening civil society engagement to improve human rights, gender equality, and climate change. In the face of the current security and environmental changes, it is important for young people to tackle problems, take initiative and engage in constructive dialogue at the national and international level to defend their rights.

We would be very happy to invite you to the next consultation meetings and learn about your activities and topics of your interest! Please do not hesitate to contact us at **contact@kencso.org**.

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

>> HUMAN RIGHTS

EU ADOPTS THE FIRST YOUTH ACTION PLAN TO STRENGTHEN ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

The Youth Action Plan is the result of extensive consultations with over 220 stakeholders across the world, in particular children's rights and youth organizations. It responds to the legitimate demand by young people, also reflected in the outcomes of the Conference on the Future of Europe, to be involved in a more structured way in EU policy- and decision-making processes.

It stresses the need for equal, full and meaningful participation of young people in public and political life. What is more, it is the first-ever policy framework for a strategic partnership with young people around the world to build a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future.

For further information

PUTTING HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE HEART OF EUROPE'S FUTURE

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SUMMARY REPORT

Human rights experts and leaders meeting
7-8 September 2022

Europe stands at a delicate moment in its history, facing a convergence of major tests. Each of them taken on their own is significant. Together, they pose profound questions about the political, economic, and societal future of the continent.

This is a moment for strong commitment to put human rights at the heart of our vision for Europe's future. It is also time to demonstrate our determination to work together to this end.

Against this backdrop, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) brought together around sixty human rights leaders and experts from across the continent to discuss elements of a human rights vision for the future and to identify opportunities for action.

A full conference report will be available soon, including the specific ideas and proposals which arose from the meeting. Meanwhile, this is a summary of the conclusions.

An inflection point for Europe

The meeting focused on three major and overlapping human rights challenges: the climate crisis; the rise of disinformation and corresponding decline in civic engagement; and the war in Ukraine.

These human rights challenges are not unique to Europe, including the war in Ukraine which has a global impact. Nor are they the only challenges facing Europe, as we emerge from the pandemic and confront worsening economic pressures. And importantly, these challenges cannot be considered in isolation from each other.

The war in Ukraine and climate change are both bringing new migrants to Europe, who must be treated alike in line with international human rights law.

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The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights brought together sixty human rights leaders and experts to discuss three major challenges: the climate crisis, the rise of disinformation, and the war in Ukraine. These are complex challenges that require multi-faceted responses. The aim was to consider what contribution human rights could make and to inspire bold action.

For further information

>> WOMEN & GENDER EQUALITY

#3StepsForward FOR GENDER EQUALITY

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Towards
a stronger
more inclusive
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The combined crises of Covid-19, the war in Ukraine and the rising cost of living threaten progress towards gender equality. #3StepsForward campaign aims to reverse that worrying trend. It is inspired by the fact that we can all make a positive difference. The combined effect of each of us — from presidents to people who see value in gender equality — pledging to take three steps forward will have a real, transformative impact in our societies.

#3StepsForward is a powerful campaign that put gender equality on the agenda of governments.

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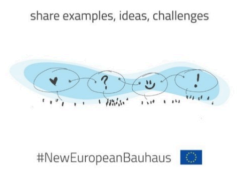
THE "NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS" AS A 'SOUL' OF THE EU GREEN DEAL



The New European Bauhaus initiative brings citizens, experts, businesses, and institutions together to reimagine sustainable living in Europe and beyond. In addition to creating a platform for experimentation and connection, the initiative supports positive change also by providing access to EU funding for beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive projects.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM KOREA

>> HUMAN RIGHTS

HELPING THE DISABLED TO BE SEEN

Characters with disabilities have popped up in Korean dramas or films occasionally. Yet, it seemed very rare for those characters to become the center of the show. The recent series, "Extraordinary Attorney Woo," challenged such notions by having a lawyer on the autism spectrum as the lead character.

This is very interesting in light of the current social developments in Korea with the introduction of the support housing model that combines housing and welfare services for people in need.

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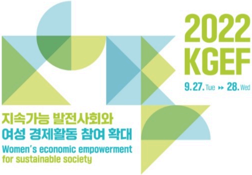
GENDER EQUALITY BOOSTS ECONOMICS GROWTH AND STABILITY



The Korea Gender Equality Forum took place on 27-28 September 2022. The event reviewed the outcomes of the efforts to expand women's employment worldwide and discussed how to bridge the gender gap in wages and prevent women's career interruptions.

According to Gita Gopinath, IMF First Deputy Managing Director, who attended the Forum, ensuring equality in opportunities and potential to participate in the economy can be catalytic for a faster recovery from recent shocks, and a strong engine of growth for more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economies going forward. Gender equality goes hand-in-hand with macroeconomic and financial stability, can stimulate economic growth, boost private and public sector performance, and reduce income inequality.

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>> CLIMATE CHANGE

SPREADING AWARENESS ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING AT CLIMATE CHANGE THEME PARK

Inside a tunnel at Climate Change Theme Park in Gimhae City people can play virtual reality video games to learn which pollutants harm the atmosphere and which animal species are under threat of extinction. In addition, Jangyu Library is another local hotspot in Gimhae that helps to demonstrate how a building structure that consumes a massive amount of energy on a daily basis can turn into a zero-energy building.

Gimhae is one of Korea's leading local municipalities in terms of environmental policies. For the first time in the country, the city government introduced 10 Codes of Action for Carbon Neutralisation and made them into a regulation for its employees to follow.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FORUM

24 - 25 Oct 2022

EIGE Gender Equality Forum 2022

Brussels, online

FORUM

10 - 11 Nov 2022

European Civic Academy

Florence, live streaming

WORKSHOP

29 Nov 2022 (morning)

Encouraging participation of women in Science and Technology: challenges for the young generations

Seoul, offline

FORUM

29 Nov 2022 (afternoon)

The 1st EU-Korea Women in Science and Technology Forum

Seoul, offline

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