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THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER INCLUDES

- Register for the 27th WAVE Conference from 22–23 September 2025
- WAVE Statement on the Alarming Shrinking Space for Feminist Civil Society and Women's Rights Defenders in Europe
- Translation Available: Primary Prevention as Key to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls (Bosnian, German, and Turkish now available!)
- New Article: Digital Misogyny - How the Manosphere Shapes Youth Through Anti-Feminist Narratives
- New Podcast Available: Across Borders, Against Violence - Feminist Youth Voices
- New WAVE member from Spain: Association of Women Lawyers Themis | Asociacion De Mujeres Juristas Themis
- WAVE Voices from
 - Austria: Free Online Brochure on Digital Violence Against Women and Girls Available Now
 - England: Registration now open for FiLiA 2025 Conference

This newsletter covers updates from WAVE and our members including political developments from across Europe.

💖 [FIND HELP on WAVE's database of around 2,000 contacts of women's specialist services!](#)

[💡 Urgent times call for unwavering support!](#)
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WAVE EVENTS



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WAVE NEWS

WAVE STATEMENT ON THE ALARMING SHRINKING SPACE FOR FEMINIST CIVIL SOCIETY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN EUROPE

Across Europe, feminist civil society and women's rights defenders are facing increasing threats—from political repression and surveillance to defunding and exclusion. WAVE members report a shrinking space for activism in countries like Georgia, Ukraine, Hungary, Serbia, Slovakia, and Russia. These attacks not only endanger vital women's services but also democracy itself. WAVE calls on all European leaders to protect feminist voices and uphold human rights.

Read our full statement [here](#).

TRANSLATION AVAILABLE: PRIMARY PREVENTION AS KEY TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

WAVE's key publication on primary prevention is now available in Bosnian, German, and Turkish. This resource highlights the importance of proactive strategies to end violence against women and girls—before it starts. It features insights from experts across Europe and practical tools for feminist organisations.

Access all translations [here](#).

WAVE OF CHANGE. NEW ARTICLE

In August, we published a new article in our online magazine WAVE of Change: "Digital Misogyny: How the Manosphere Shapes Youth Through Anti-Feminist Narratives."

This piece explores the growing influence of the manosphere and how its online communities spread harmful anti-feminist rhetoric among young people. Learn more about the risks, patterns, and prevention strategies in the full article.

Read it [here](#).

NEW PODCAST AVAILABLE: RECLAIMING OUR POWER TO END VIOLENCE - FEMINIST YOUTH VOICES

Just in time for International Youth Day 2025, WAVE has released a brand-new podcast episode featuring WAVE Youth Ambassadors Laura Seidl (Austria) and Tea Milosavljević (Serbia). In this inspiring conversation, they explore what feminist solidarity and collective action mean for young activists today, sharing stories of resistance, community-building, and cross-border organising. Tune in for powerful insights into youth-led movements to end violence against women and girls.

Listen to the episode [here](#).

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER FROM SPAIN

We are thrilled to welcome a new member from Spain to the WAVE Network – the Association of Women Lawyers Themis ([Asociación de Mujeres Juristas Themis](#)). Founded in 1987, Themis works to advance gender equality and defend the rights of women through legal support, advocacy, and policy reform. We're excited to collaborate with them in the fight to end violence against women and girls.

Interested in becoming a WAVE member? Click [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

updates from WAVE Members and political developments

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE: NEW RESEARCH AND REPORTS

AUSTRIA: #TOGETHERAGAINSTVIOLENCE - ONLINE BROCHURE ON DIGITAL VIOLENCE NOW AVAILABLE SPREADING LOCAL AWARENESS OF THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

The Network of Austrian Counseling Centres for Women and Girls (**Netzwerk österreichischer Frauen- und Mädchenberatungsstellen**) has released a new online brochure on digital violence against women and girls. Developed for both survivors and support professionals, the brochure answers key questions about what digital violence is, the forms it takes, and how to take the first steps toward protection.



Now available for free in:

- [German](#), [English](#), [Turkish](#), [Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian \(BCS\)](#), [Arabic](#), and [Easy Read \(German\)](#).

Shared by the Network of Austrian Counseling Centres for Women and Girls.

PUSHING ACTION: CAMPAIGN & PROJECT UPDATES



ENGLAND: ENGLAND: JOIN FILIA 2025 - THE LARGEST GRASSROOTS FEMINIST CONFERENCE IN EUROPE

After the WAVE Conference, keep the momentum going at FiLiA 2025, taking place October 10-12 in Brighton. With 150+ speakers from over 50 countries, **FiLiA** brings together feminists working on the frontlines—activists, researchers, service providers, and advocates—for three days of workshops, panels, art, and connection. It's more than a conference—it's a powerful space for resistance, renewal, and solidarity.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the movement.
Tickets and details: filia.org.uk/tickets

Shared by FiLiA.

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