

Final Transnational Events for the COPGendered project in 2025

In June, WIDE+ and partners collaborating together for the Erasmus+ project: "Gender and Climate Justice: Knowledge for Empowerment", will organize an international afternoon conference on 5 June and a one-day workshop on 6 June. Both events are free of charge and are held in Brussels, Belgium. Registration closes before 4 June.

The project builds up tools, knowledge and methodologies for learners to upskill themselves (in groups, individually or with a teacher) in the relationships between gender inequality and the climate crisis. This includes providing tools for adult education providers. The project which lasts for three years ends in November 2025.

The consortium for this project consists of seven organisations, with WIDE+ as coordinator. Six partners are WIDE+ member organisations, WIDE in Austria, GADIP in Sweden, KULU Women and Development in Denmark, Mundubat in Spain and CSCD in Bulgaria. coupled with partner LIFE e.V (previously GenderCC). The associations involved are: WIDE+ (Europe), GenderCC/Life e.V in Germany,

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The Conference on 5 June and Workshop on 6 June are public events; the others are internal events.

Registration Link: [International Events 5 and 6 June on gender and climate justice](#)

Previous Capacity Building reports and the briefing papers are available on the WIDE+ website:

<https://wideplus.org/copgendered-project/>.

- Gender and Climate Justice: [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#) and [Swedish](#)
- Climate Justice, Gender and LGBTIQ: [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#) and [Swedish](#)
- Climate Justice, Gender and Energy: [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#) and [Swedish](#)
- Climate Justice, Gender and Transport: [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#) and [Swedish](#)
- Gender and Climate-Induced Migration: [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#) and [Swedish](#)
- Climate Justice, Gender and Extractivism: [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Spanish](#) and [Swedish](#)

International Conference: “Global Financing for Gender and Climate Justice: Utopia or Reality? A feminist reflection”

Thursday afternoon, 5 June, Brussels, Belgium

This afternoon in-person conference will reflect on the current political landscape in Europe of an ongoing roll back of funding for climate justice and gender equality. It will also discuss what are the main challenges and opportunities for feminist and climate justice activists to not only halt this development, but also transform it for a sustainable future.

Despite commitments towards climate funding for addressing impacts of climate change, a current wave of (ultra-)conservative politics -dominating both the governments in Europe and the EU- has actually led to further significant or drastic cuts in Official Development Assistance. This political development seems also to strengthen market- and technology-driven approaches offered as the panacea of climate change.

A feminist reflection on climate justice prioritizes an approach entailing a fair distribution of financing for prevention and inclusive adaptation of climate impacts. What comes to the forefront is the need for political solutions. Unfortunately it can be noted how this perspective is losing political relevance, causing a pushback on women's and LGBTQI* rights, shrinking of spaces for civil society engagements combined with a decrease of public finance to address sustainable development.

For those who want to join by lunch, kindly indicate in the registration and lunch is between 12.00-13.30.

13.30-14.00 Introduction

- Words of Welcome by Gea Meijers, General Coordinator @WIDE+.
- Introduction to COPGendered e-learning modules by Elena Georgiadi, COPGendered project coordinator @LIFE e.V.
- Introduction to Trainers Hub by Janine Wurzer, former coordinator @WIDE in Austria.

14.00-15.30 Panel Discussion

- **Patricia Munoz Cabrera**, researcher and independent consultant, member of gender and trade Working Group @WIDE+.
- **Daniela Pfeffer**, Team Coordinator Knowledge Management & Gender Focal Person Vienna @horizont3000.
- **Zahra Hdidou**, Senior Resilience and Climate Advisor @ActionAid UK which is a member @CONCORD.

- Moderation by Paulina Novo, policy analyst consultant, member of gender and trade Working Group @WIDE+.

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.00 Group Discussion through World Café Method

In two rounds people are asked to reflect on opportunities and challenges in order to come up with strategies for action, selection will be done by random numbering with project partners staying at table. The groups will be between 5 to 7 people.

International Workshop: “Gender and Climate Justice: A European feminist dialogue to explore future action”, 6 June, 2025, Brussels, Belgium

9.30-10.00 Opening of Workshop

Welcome and Ice Breaker(s), with asking questions, etc.

10.00-11.30 Plenary Panel: “The future of the Gender and Climate Justice Agenda in Europe”

This panel session provides a review of current European climate justice policy in different facets from a gender lens. And it will give insight into several current policy debates. We also explore what a feminist/gender equality/human rights approach to climate justice would entail, or in other words what is most needed to ensure a just solution to climate threats.

Panelists:

- **Kiara Titze**, student of agriculture @University of Vienna and @WIDE member.
- **Rachel Simon**, Senior Policy Coordinator on International finance & Development, @CAN Europe.
- **Katharina Wiese**, Policy Manager for Economic Transition and Gender Equality, @European Environmental Bureau (online).
- Moderated by Cristina Reyna, Project Manager at Free a Girl, member board and gender and migration Working Group @WIDE+.

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.15 First Session COPGendered workshop Methodologies

Two of the COPGendered methodologies that can be used to train groups are presented and practiced. In each methodology, there is the possibility of further work in small groups. We will highlight methods that we did not yet practice in this international context.

-Gender and Climate Bingo, moderated by Nancy Contreras and Allis Millegård, representatives @GADIP

The aim of Climate Justice Bingo is to spark discussions on Climate Justice and LGBTIQ topics in an engaging and inclusive way. Participants will work in groups to reflect on key issues, encouraging critical thinking and participation.

-Climate Bet, moderated by Susanne Wolf-Eberl and Eveline Braun @WIMEN

The Climate Bet is a method to deal with ecological knowledge and/or eco-friendly behaviour on the basis of a competition and a contract. Important: The competition is not against each other; it is a challenge to reach a self-defined goal or not. The “contract” is the key issue, it is negotiated within the group in terms of what, how, and timespan.

13.00-14.00 Lunch in the Matonge Building

14.15 Plenary Panel: “The future of the Gender and Climate Justice Mobilization in Europe”

In this panel we will delve deeper and highlight the experience of gender and climate justice activists. Topics that we will address are: Extractivism in Europe and beyond and gender-based violence, climate activism from the perspective of a young woman in digital spaces, international feminist climate action from a refugee experience, and feminist collaboration on climate impacts in Europe and Africa.

- **Stanimira Hadjimitova**, founder and director @CSCD in Bulgaria.
- **Marjolein Quist**, Programme Manager Gender and Sustainable Development @WO=MEN the Dutch Gender Platform.
- **Rose Wanjiku**, climate justice lead @International Women* Space, in Germany (online).
- **Yveline Nicolas**, coordinator @Adéquations, member of Feminists for Climate and Environment Alternatives.
- Moderated by Edmé Dominguez, former Associate Professor, and board member @GADIP as well as member gender and trade working group @WIDE+.

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.40 Second Session COPGendered workshop Methodologies

Same as above.

-Body Mapping: Connecting Experiences with Climate Change, moderated by Elena Georgiadi @LIFE e.V.

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Understand and articulate the connection between personal bodily experiences and climate change, emphasizing how environmental injustices impact our physical and emotional well-being.

-Hunting for fake news on Climate Change and Women's rights, moderated by Nancy Borisova and Stanimira Hadjimitova @CSCD.

In this inquisitive method people seek out fake news in order to expose it concerning climate change and women's rights. It set out using powerful and modern methods to make more people laugh at lies.

BIOGRAPHIES

Allis Millegård is a board member of GADIP and has recently joined WIDE+ as a consultant with coordinating tasks. She has a master's degree in global studies at the University of Gothenburg, specialising in Migration, and has experience from working with other Erasmus+ projects such as WE-EMPOWER and COPGendered.

Cristina Reyna is a board member of WIDE+ and an active member of the migration working group and the Caucus, she joined the WIDE network already in 2000. She has a long trajectory working in women's rights, gender, migration, SRHR and Women Peace and Security. She has worked in different countries and NGOs across the world. She is based in Amsterdam where she is currently working on topics related to sexual exploitation of girls.

Daniela Pfeffer is a professional in international development cooperation, with almost 20 years of experience, primarily working with NGOs. Her work has focused on coordinating diverse development programs, with a geographical focus on Africa, where she also lived and worked for seven years. Currently she is responsible for a global knowledge management programme at horizont3000 in Austria, paying particular attention to "sharing & learning for gender equality", involving CSOs across 10 countries in Africa and Central America.

Edmé Domínguez R. is a former Associate Professor (docent) in Peace and Development Studies. She worked for more than 30 years as lecturer in Latin American Studies, Gender studies and Global Political Economy at the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg. During the last 20 years she has been working and publishing on gender issues related to citizenship, political participation, labour, transnational activism and free trade agreements particularly in the case of Mexico, El Salvador and Bolivia. She is also chairwomen of GADIP (Gender and Development in Practice) in Sweden, has been member of the board of WIDE+, where she has been active for several years and nowadays coordinates the working group of Gender and Trade.

Elena Georgiadi joined GenderCC in 2022 and became its programme officer for the COPGendered project when GenderCC merged with LIFE e.V in 2024. She is currently part of the department for international projects in LIFE e.V and responsible for coordinating and preparing a lot of the COPgendered e-learning modules.

Eveline Braun, is board member of WOMEN, Health- and Clinical Psychologist, worked and did research over many years in the field of traffic psychology, was a lecturer for Applied Social Psychology at the Faculty of Psychology/Vienna University for many years.

Katharina Wiese is Policy Manager for Economic Transition and Gender Equality at the European Environmental Bureau. She completed a Master of Science in Environmental and Sustainability Science in Lund, Sweden. Previously, she has been working for different renewable energy development projects in West and East Africa and as technical consultant for a social impact consulting firm in Berlin, Germany. She has also been investigating gendered impacts of environmental policies in the Global South and Europe, publishing scientific articles on that nexus.

Kiara Titze is an environmental advocate, youth leader, and sustainability strategist dedicated to creating meaningful social and environmental change. Currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Environmental

and Bioresource Management at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, Kiara has emerged as a passionate voice in the climate and women rights movement. She has represented youth at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) with Servas International, moderated discussions on women's health, and plays a key role in organizing and leading the Servas Women International Youth Group, fostering global connections and youth empowerment. In 2025, she is honored to be part of the Austrian delegation at CSW69, advocating for gender equality and environmental justice on an international stage.

Marjolein Quist is Programme Manager Gender and Sustainable Economy at WO=MEN. She coordinates WO=MEN's lobby and advocacy efforts on inclusive and fair economic policy. She focuses on the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, as well as the European Union and the WTO. Additionally, she is part of the Feminist Economic Realities working group of Count Me In! and is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee.

Nancy Borisova is an officer of CSCD among other things. She has a career as a communications manager in the NGO sector, trainer and as a journalist for online media.

Nancy Contreras is employed by the civil society association of adult education for workers, ABF (Arbetarnas bildningsförbund). Nancy has been a project leader for GADIP in two Erasmus projects WE-EMPOWER and COPGENDERED in cooperation with WIDE+. And she is a WIDE+ board member. She is an experienced operations developer and coordinator with solid creative expertise in project development and project management within non-formal adult education, focusing on integration, environment, and sustainable development. Nancy has several years of experience in adult education, cultural activities, and organizing study circles. She has a master's degree in environmental science at the University of Gothenburg.

Patricia Muñoz Cabrera is a researcher and consultant on equality and intersectionality in international cooperation, with a PhD in Belgium, focussing on Postcolonial Studies, Comparative Literature & Cultural Studies and African American Feminist Studies. Her recent academic research focused on transformation processes triggered by feminist-driven governmental action/public policies in Chile. She has worked for several international NGOs and has been an active member of the European WIDE(+) network for many years. Currently, she works as an independent gender consultant, for institutions such as the Council of Europe. Recently, she was part of the evaluation team of the EU Gender Action Plan II for development cooperation.

Paulina Novo is a policy analyst and life-long international human rights activist who has spent decades championing environmental and economic justice and is currently a member of Women in Development Europe+. Her fields of expertise include financial flows, Food Sovereignty, trade, feminism and human and environmental rights. She is originally from Mexico but has worked around the globe on issues related to gender and indigenous rights, immigration, corporate and financial accountability. She has a bachelors in Economics and International Business from the Tecnológico de Monterrey in Guadalajara Mexico and MA in International Relations from the University of San Francisco, CA. She currently lives in the Netherlands.

Rachel Simon is International finance and Development Policy Coordinator at Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe. She has worked at CAN Europe for 8 years, and in her most recent position focuses on the international climate negotiations mainly the UNFCCC, and how the EU should deliver on those commitments in its policies and financing.

Rose Wanjiku is a climate and social justice activist based in Berlin, committed to amplifying the voices of those affected by systemic oppression. She is involved in climate justice collectives that highlight the

disproportionate impact of climate change on African communities. Currently she is with International Women Space (IWS), where she engages in activism, community organizing, and documentation, working to amplify refugee women's voices and strengthen their agency in the fight for justice and self-determination. With 15 years of experience as a journalist in Kenya, she has worked as a writer and editor, covering issues of inequality, human rights, and social justice. Her work has focused on collaborative knowledge-building and community-driven advocacy, particularly with marginalized women navigating structural barriers.

Stanimira Hadjimitova is the founder and director of the Center for Sustainable Communities Development Foundation (CSCD). In 1995, she established one of Bulgaria's first advocacy groups in the field of gender equality—the Gender Project Foundation in Bulgaria—and in 2004, she founded the Bulgarian Fund for Women. She holds a degree in production automation engineering and has been an entrepreneur for many years. Since 1999, she has served as the National Coordinator of the Gender Task Force of the Stability Pact. Under her leadership, numerous projects have been implemented across the country, along with preparations for the establishment of the Bulgarian Coalition for Gender Equality, which unites representatives of institutions, NGOs, media, and political parties. She participated in the Fourth UN International Conference on Women in Beijing (1995) and the UN preparatory session for the review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (New York, 2000). Since 2004, she has been a founder and member of the Board of Trustees of the Bulgarian Fund for Women.

Susanne Wolf-Eberl, is chairperson of WOMEN, which is an Austrian association, works for equality, for socio-ecological concerns and better visibility of female experts. It is committed to fact-oriented and creative work based on facts and figures. In critical analysis and discussion, WOMEN formulates position papers e.g. against discrimination. In terms of Susanne Wolf-Eberl's education, she is a business economist with focus on (market) research and data analysis. She has long experience in research in the fields of youth, mobility, energy and gender. In her work she combines creative methods with knowledge to get in touch and discuss with people. She advocates against violence towards women and is also chairperson of a local dementia association.

Yveline Nicolas is since 2026 coordinator of the Adéquations association. Her long career in French associations and international networks center around promoting international solidarity, environmental protection, human rights and sustainable development. She has coordinated collectives and awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns aimed at public authorities, notably at international conferences. She has been responsible for citizenship and international solidarity education projects and development projects in West Africa, particularly on food, agricultural, and environmental issues.

Zahra Hdidou works for ActionAid UK as a Senior Resilience and Climate Advisor. She has a BA in Geography and African Studies from SOAS/KCL and an MSc in African Development from the London School of Economics. She has worked previously in regional humanitarian response coordination and in rural and sustainable agricultural development in East Africa and Latin America, for a range of UN and non-governmental organisations and consulting firms.