



## Annual Report 2009

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# WHO WE ARE

The Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) is a non-profit feminist organisation born in the year 2000 out of the passionate belief of academics, gender researchers and activists who wanted to make a difference in Cyprus, the Mediterranean, and, following Cyprus's accession, the European Union.

MIGS main aim is to promote and contribute projects of social, political, and economic themes relating to gender with an emphasis on the Mediterranean region. The Institute recognizes the multilayered levels of discrimination against women and accepts that this discrimination takes different forms. It is committed to the elimination of this discrimination using a combination of research, advocacy and lobbying, as well as trainings, conferences, and other activities.

MIGS is closely affiliated to the University of Nicosia ([www.unic.ac.cy](http://www.unic.ac.cy)), the largest academic institution in Cyprus. The institute has been actively involved, both as a coordinating institution and as a partner, in the administration and implementation of a number of projects related to issues of gender including the media, violence against women and girls, migration, leadership and decision making, employment and economic life, among others.



# EDITORIAL

On behalf of the MIGS team, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the Annual Report of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) highlighting our main projects and activities in 2009. This was an extremely busy period for MIGS and I am delighted to share with you the results of our activities which include research, training workshops, policy seminars, and lobbying and advocacy initiatives.

During this period, MIGS continued to work closely with its partners on a national and European level to end all forms of violence against women. Within the framework of a project funded by the Daphne II Programme aimed at preventing gender-based violence among adolescents in secondary schools, MIGS is engaging with young girls and boys to raise awareness and encourage their active involvement in creating an environment free of violence. I would also like to draw your attention to the END FGM- European Campaign ([www.endfgm.eu](http://www.endfgm.eu)) led by Amnesty International that seeks the adoption of a definitive strategy to end female genital mutilation. We urge all our readers to visit the campaign website and sign the campaign petition!

Also crucial has been our continued work on combating trafficking in women for the purpose of sexual exploitation. This year MIGS focused focus specifically on the demand side of trafficking in women for sexual exploitation and on mainstreaming gender in anti-trafficking polices. Importantly, MIGS received funding from the Global Fund for Women to continue research on the links between demand for sexual services and trafficking in women in Cyprus.

MIGS is expanding its activities in the area of gender and the media and has become the first Cyprus national coordinator of the Gender Media Monitoring Project (GMMP), the largest global study on the representation of women in the media coordinated by the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC).

Another important feature of MIGS work is its active involvement in the Cyprus Women's Lobby, a full member of the European Women's Lobby (EWL). Within this framework, MIGS actively supported the EWL 50/50 Campaign for Parity Democracy that aimed at ensuring the equal representation of women and men in European decision-making.

It was a particular honor for MIGS to host over 45 representatives of women's groups, academics, and activists from across the Middle East and North Africa in a regional consultation on the implementation of the CEDAW Convention in the MENA region, organised by IWRAW-Asia Pacific in partnership with MIGS. We hope to continue to work closely with women's groups in the region for the realization of women's rights on all levels.

On behalf of the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies I would like to thank all our excellent partners throughout the year. I would also like to thank the European Commission, the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, the Cyprus National Machinery for Women's Rights, the Cyprus Government, the Global Fund for Women, the European Parliament Office in Cyprus, and the European Programme on Integration and Migration (EPIM) of the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation (NEF), who have supported our work and in this way demonstrated their commitment to equality between women and men.

Finally, my warmest thanks to my colleagues at MIGS who make all this work possible, and for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment in implementing the objectives of MIGS.

**Susana Pavlou**  
Director, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies

# ADVOCATING FOR A SOCIETY FREE FROM VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Combating violence against women has been a thematic priority for MIGS since its inception, and we have been active in raising awareness, conducting research, and monitoring national and EU efforts to combat violence against women in all its forms. We lobby and advocate for the inclusion of a gender equality perspective in all policies and programmes to combat violence against women as well as for European level legislation that will ensure protection for all women. MIGS has also been active in preventing and combating gender-based violence among adolescents and young people through non-formal education.

## Working with Adolescents to End Gender-based Violence

In 2009 MIGS continued working with adolescents in preventing violence among adolescents within the framework of a project funded under the Daphne III Programme of the European Commission.

MIGS is a partner to the City of Modena, Italy in the implementation of 'Perspective', a project that aims to raise young people's awareness on gender violence and to propose emotional and relationship models based on the mutual respect between girls and boys, thus preventing the perpetration of violence in the future.

Specific objectives of the project included the promotion of 'peer education' methodology to prevent gender-based violence by directly engaging young people in the issues that affect them, and to strengthen the educational role of schools in preventing gender-based violence by promoting values based on tolerance, respect and equality.

## Public Seminar – Prevention of Gender-based Violence among Adolescents in Cyprus and Europe: Research and Educational Practices

The seminar brought together academics and practitioners working on gender-based violence (GBV) among adolescents from across Europe who presented and discussed research findings on issues such as bullying, sexual harassment, and sexual violence, as well as intervention programmes to combat GBV in school-based settings.

Over 45 participants attended the seminar including NGO representatives, trade unions, and teachers, representatives from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health, the Police, as well as other professionals working on issues related to gender violence, bullying, and education.



## Peer Education Programme

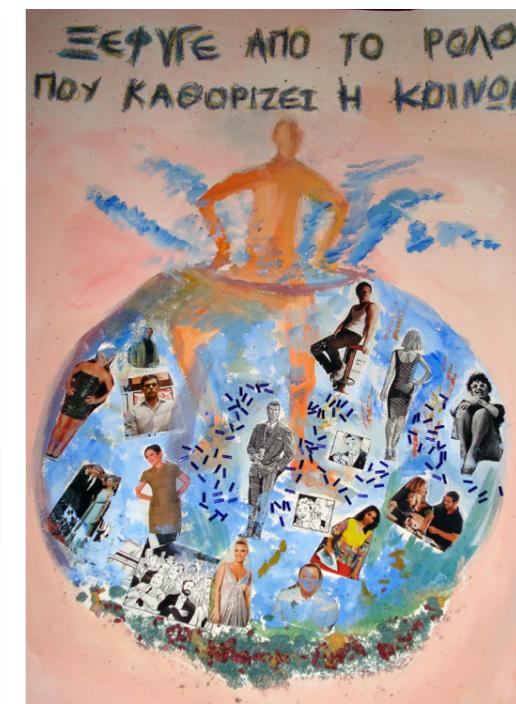
The most exciting element of the 'Perspective' project was the pilot implementation of peer education workshops with young girls and boys in secondary schools. The primary aim of the peer education workshops was to raise awareness among young people on gender-based violence and to promote new behavioural and relationship models based on mutual respect and zero tolerance toward violence. Peer education involves training a group of students who will then go on to educate others belonging to their peer group in order to effect change by attempting to modify a person's knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, or behaviours. Peer education empowers young people to take action

that can effect change at the group or even the societal level by modifying norms and stimulating collective action.

The workshops were implemented in three participating secondary schools in Nicosia involving over 50 students in active discussion and experiential activities on gender roles and stereotypes, bullying and violence in relationships, gender in the media, and peer education methodology. Methods used included group discussion, interactive exercises, role-play, as well as creative activities which included the development of awareness-raising posters with key messages in combating gender-based violence. The schools participating in the program include the GC School of Careers, the Latsia High School, and the Grammar School, Nicosia.



Posters created by a group of students to raise awareness on gender-based violence





## End FGM European Campaign

MIGS has partnered with Amnesty International Ireland for a three-year campaign that aims to echo the voices of women who have undergone mutilation and those at risk. Along with our partner organizations in numerous EU member states, the END FGM European Campaign seeks the adoption of a definitive strategy to end female genital mutilation (FGM) and to provide protection to women and girls who flee their countries for fear of being mutilated.

The campaign aims to ensure that the European Union protects the rights of women and girls who have been subjected to, or are at risk of female genital mutilation through a supportive legal framework, a trained health sector and developed community services.

MIGS has actively supported the campaign and disseminated its message to over 4,000 individuals and organisations on a national and EU level as well lobbied with MEPs encouraging them to support the campaign.

On the eve of International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women, MIGS on behalf of the End FGM European Campaign, called on Cyprus to engage with African nations to protect the rights of young women and girls who are subjected to, or are at risk of, FGM at home and abroad. MIGS also urged the Cyprus Government to adopt a comprehensive strategy to prevent and protect young women and girls against FGM in light of its commitment towards the Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Convention against Torture.

Support the campaign at: [www.endfgm.eu](http://www.endfgm.eu).



## Training Professionals on Violence against Women and Children

MIGS, in partnership with Women against Violence in Europe (WAVE) and the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family, organized a Train the Trainer Seminar for Professionals Working on Violence against Women and Children. The training workshop took place on the 9-11 November 2009 and was conducted by Ute Rosemann, an expert with years of experience in women's shelters and women's counselling and advocacy programmes.

The objectives of the workshop were to raise awareness on the dynamics of violence against women and children, to exchange best practice examples, and to build the capacity of the participants to transfer the knowledge gained to their colleagues within their departments and services.

Over thirty participants attended the training workshop from all relevant authorities including the Social Welfare Services, the Public Health Services, the Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Education, as well as NGOs. The seminar took place with the support of the European Commission, Daphne III Programme.



## Council of Europe Convention on Violence against Women

MIGS calls on the Cyprus Government to support the efforts of the Council of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO), to draft a convention for preventing and combating all forms of male violence against women.

According to the Council of Europe one-fifth to one-quarter of all women have experienced physical violence at least once during their adult lives, and more than one-tenth have suffered sexual violence involving the use of force. In Cyprus, the Cyprus Police have reported that 80% of victims of domestic violence in Cyprus are women, and 85% of perpetrators are men. Despite this, reporting rates as well as rates of conviction remain at very low levels. This reflects the mistaken perception that violence against women is a private affair as well as the prevailing culture of victim blaming that places responsibility for violence on the victim and not on the perpetrator. The phenomenon of violence against women is inextricably linked to gender inequality and socio-economic power structures both in private and public life, creating an environment in which violence against women is tolerated and accepted.

We believe the convention is an opportunity for CoE member states to demonstrate a clear political will to tackle male violence against women in all its forms.

# FOCUSING ON DEMAND AND GENDER EQUALITY TO END TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

*“Men who frequent brothels, strip clubs, massage parlours, escort agencies and street corners in our countries want unlimited access to a varied supply of women and girls from different countries, cultures and backgrounds. This constant demand for new merchandise is what dictates the international trade in women and girls”* Gunila Ekberg, EAVES Housing, UK

In 2009 MIGS continued its policy and advocacy work on trafficking in women for sexual exploitation with a particular focus on demand for sexual services, and gender equality. Although positive developments took place on a policy level in 2009, most notably the abolition of the ‘artiste visa’ for women third-country nationals to work in high risk establishments for trafficking in women, MIGS stresses that the Cyprus Government must take further steps to effectively combat the phenomenon, focusing on prevention.

## Researching the Demand Side of Trafficking in Women

With the generous support of the Global Fund for Women, MIGS has embarked on a research project to investigate the demand side of trafficking in women for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The main aim of the project is to identify the factors linked to male demand for sexual services and second, to examine the buyers/ clients’ perceptions and attitudes towards women in prostitution and possible victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation.

This project is a follow-up to a research report published by MIGS in 2007 with the support of the National Machinery for Women’s Rights entitled Mapping the Realities of Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation in Cyprus. The main aim of the project was to gain and share awareness, knowledge and understanding of the phenomenon of trafficking in women in Cyprus for the purpose of sexual exploitation, from a feminist perspective.

## Policy Seminar - The Changing Facets of Trafficking in Human Beings: Challenges and Policy Developments

To mark EU Anti-Trafficking Day, MIGS cooperated with the European Commission Representation in Cyprus, the Embassy of Sweden in Cyprus, and the Centre for Migration, Identity and Rights Studies to organize a seminar on the 16 October 2009. The seminar aimed at informing and promoting open dialogue among all relevant stakeholders on all forms of human trafficking in Europe and Cyprus, as well as at identifying policy developments in the area and continuing challenges to combating the phenomenon.

Josie Christodoulou, Policy Coordinator at MIGS, in giving an overview of policy developments in combating trafficking in women in Cyprus stressed that it is demand that fuels all forms of trafficking and noted that in Cyprus, in a population of less than a million, a disproportionate number of cabarets and other ‘high risk’ establishments operate.

Among our guest speakers was Gunila Ekberg, Policy and Legislative Adviser on Prostitution and Trafficking in Human Beings at EAVES Housing in the UK, who pointed out that trafficking in women for sexual purposes is a gender specific crime and a serious barrier to gender equality in all societies. She further explained that one of the most important prerequisites for trafficking in women for sexual purposes is the existence of local prostitution markets, where men are able and willing to purchase women and girls for sexual exploitation.

# TOWARD A STRONGER VOICE FOR MIGRANT WOMEN IN CYPRUS

In 2009 MIGS focused on supporting migrant women in Cyprus their efforts to organise and initiate the development of a migrant women organisation that will actively engage in public dialogue on integration and migration. Furthermore, MIGS continued its lobbying and advocacy work with policy makers on a national and EU level for the integration of gender mainstreaming in migration and integration policies.

## Equal Rights, Equal Voices: Migrant Women in the EU

MIGS, in partnership with the European Women's Lobby and with the support of the European Programme on Integration and Migration (EPIM) of the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation (NEF), implemented activities within the framework of the project "Equal Rights, Equal Voices: Migrant Women in the EU" that aims at actively involving migrant women in the development, monitoring, and implementation of policies related to migration and integration at the European level.

Within this framework, MIGS in cooperation with the NGO Action for Support, Equality and Anti-Racism (KISA) organized a capacity building workshop for migrant women to effectively advocate for their rights in Cyprus and to initiate the development of a migrant woman organization that could, in future, act as the Cyprus national platform for the European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW). The workshop took place on the 20 December 2009 at the KISA premises

and twenty migrant women from various communities (Philippines, Sri-Lanka, India, Mymar, Bangladesh, and Indonesia) participated. Charito Basa was our expert trainer with expertise on gender, migration and development.

The project was concluded with the organization of a policy seminar that took place at the University of Nicosia that aimed to expose and explore issues affecting migrant women in the EU and in Cyprus and discuss the need to integrate gender mainstreaming in migration and integration policies. More than 30 participants attended the seminar including MPs, journalists, the Secretary General of the National Machinery for Women's Rights, NGOs and migrant women. Keynote speaker was Ms Virginia Greiner, President of ENoMW, who presented the network, its aims and key objectives. Other speakers included Soritoulla Charalambous, Minister of Labor and Social Insurance, Neoklis Sylikiotis, Minister of Interior, Amandine Bach, Policy Officer and Project Coordinator at the European Women's Lobby (EWL), Charito Basa, Expert, and Anthoula Papadopoulou, Member of the Steering Committee of KISA.

## European Network of Migrant Women

With the support of the European Women's Lobby, the European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW) was established in 2009 representing migrant women's organisations in 20 countries in the EU. Its objectives are to promote equal rights and better integration of migrant women in Europe; to provide regular input on all areas of EU policy development and implementation that have an impact on migrant women's lives; to help shape social policies and design action programmes addressing migrant women's specific needs; to represent member's organisations and lobby for and with migrant women to have a stronger voice at the European level; and to support migrant women's organisations and movements through information and trainings.

More information at:  
[www.migrantwomennetwork.org](http://www.migrantwomennetwork.org)



## Policy Seminar - Migration Regimes under Review: Intersectionality of Gender and Race

To mark International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, MIGS organised a policy seminar entitled "Migration Regimes under Review: Intersectionality of Gender and Race" that took place at the University of Nicosia on 20 March 2009.

The main aim of the seminar was to discuss and explore how the intersection of gender and race produce specific forms of exclusion that support and legitimate each other, and the need to integrate gender in immigration and integration policies on a national and EU level. The participants identified and discussed the major gaps in policies on migration in Cyprus and stressed need for a incorporating a gender dimension in all migration related policies.

The seminar was opened by the Minister of Labour and Social Security, Ms Sotiroula Charalambous and Ms Androula Kaminara Head of the European Commission Representation

of Cyprus. Guest speakers included Amandine Bach, Project Coordinator and Policy Officer at the European Women's Lobby and Zelia Gregoriou, Assistant Professor, University of Cyprus and Board Member of MIGS.

As a result of the seminar, MIGS drafted policy recommendations aimed at the Cyprus Government for the integration of female migrant domestic workers based on the results of the transnational project Integration of Female Migrant Domestic Workers: Strategies for Employment and Civic Participation funded by European Commission, INTI Preparatory Actions 2005.

The recommendations are based on three main areas: the introduction of gender mainstreaming in integration policy; the need to address the precarious legality of female migrant domestic workers; and the need to address migrant admission and migrant integration and inseparable policies.

## EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE, PROMOTING CHANGE



The development of critical thinking regarding gender equality and the deconstruction of gender stereotypes among youth of Cyprus is considered by MIGS as a basic tool for building healthy relationships and eradicating violence and inequality for future generations. In 2009 MIGS worked with young women and men to promote active citizenship in promoting equality between women and men using creative and innovative methods.



In 2009 MIGS won a grant from the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism to implement the project YOUTH ALERT: Theatre for the Promotion of Gender Equality Awareness among Young People, in partnership with the Cyprus Family Planning Association and Rooftop Theatre Group.

The main aim of the project is to raise awareness and critical thinking on gender [in]equality and gender socialization among young people while providing them with a forum to become actively involved in addressing these issues using creative and innovative methods. The idea was to promote young people's active citizenship and encourage them to challenge gender stereotypes and norms in our society that perpetuate and sustain gender inequality and gender-based violence.

The project consists of four training workshops with 25 young women and men that combine presentations, interactive exercises, experiential activities, and theatrical methods to address a variety of issues ranging from

gender identity, gender stereotypes and roles, body image, sexuality and reproductive rights, and violence against women and girls. The trainers and facilitators used a combination of interactive exercises, experiential activities, and theatrical methods based on the Theatre for Social Change.

The participants also explored the above issues by conducting interviews with women in their own social environments and then engaging with these through the methodology mentioned above. Furthermore during the workshops participants became familiar with the play 'Vagina Monologues' by Eve Ensler which formed the inspiration for many of the activities and themes that were undertaken during the workshops.

The final outcome of the project will be the production of a theatrical play addressing issues concerning gender and gender-based violence in Cyprus, produced and performed with the active involvement of the project participants and based on material produced during the workshops.

# GENDER AND THE MEDIA: ENSURING EQUAL REPRESENTATION, COMBATING STEREOTYPES

MIGS systematically monitors the media on issues of gender and equality and prepares media interventions on specific policy issues wherever necessary. In 2009, MIGS began working more systematically to raise awareness among media professionals and promote gender equality in and through the media.

## MIGS participates in the GMMP Media Monitoring Project

MIGS is the national coordinator of the Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP), the largest global study on the representation of women in the media. In 2009, the GMMP brought together volunteers from women's rights organizations, media associations, and academia in a one-day global research on gender in their local news media. Research results are applied as a tool for change towards gender equality in and through media. The global preliminary report was presented at the 54th session of the CSW meeting in New York, for the Beijing +15 Review. The global, regional and national reports for the 4th GMMP will be published in September, 2010.



More information at:  
[www.whomakesthenews.org](http://www.whomakesthenews.org).

## Examining women's media representation during the European Parliament Elections

In July 2009, MIGS completed a study to examine the quantity and quality of the representation of women and men political candidates during the period prior to the European Parliament elections of June 2009.

The study, which focused on two main national newspapers in Cyprus, revealed that women candidates were severely under-represented with only 20% coverage in the print media during the period when political discussions in relation to the European elections intensified. Even when women candidates were represented, articles reproduced gender stereotypes reinforcing patriarchal discourses on women's role in society. Parallel to this, issues of gender equality were completely absent from political public dialogue during the election campaign and the gender dimension of central political questions, namely the Cyprus Problem and the economic crisis, were all but ignored.

The full report is available at:  
[www.medinstgenderstudies.org](http://www.medinstgenderstudies.org).

## Gender Media Training Workshop with Journalists

Within the framework of raising awareness among journalists and media professionals, MIGS in collaboration with the Cyprus Journalists Union organized a Gender and Media Training Workshop that took place at the Journalist House on 13 November 2009.

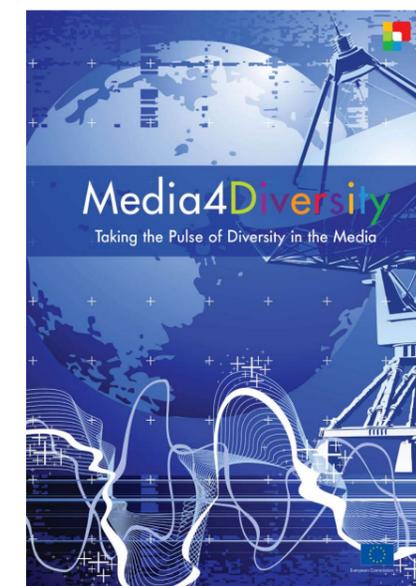


Our expert trainers were Garjan Sterk, researcher and consultant on media and diversity, Marga Miltenburg, former journalist and Director of ZijSpreekt (SheSpeaks) in Holland, and Maria Angeli, Research Associate at MIGS. The main aim of the workshop was to discuss how the media can contribute towards the realization of gender equality and promote the equal participation of women and men in public life. The workshop, that was attended by ten journalists from both the print and radio media, also aimed to explore ways in which journalists can incorporate a gender perspective in their work and promote non-biased and gender-balanced reporting through constructive dialogue.

## MIGS project selected among 30 top initiatives promoting anti-discrimination and diversity in Europe

MIGS project 'Gender, Conflict and the Media: Working toward Egalitarianism and Peace' was selected among the 30 top initiatives promoting anti-discrimination and diversity across Europe. The selection was made within the framework of a study conducted by the Media Diversity Institute, Internews Europe and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), and commissioned by the European Commission.

The Study on Media & Diversity identified over 150 initiatives by, or about, the media that counter discrimination and promote diversity across Europe. From these 150 initiatives, 30 selected examples were included in the final publication together with analysis and recommendations for future action based on the research.



More information at: [www.media4diversity.eu](http://www.media4diversity.eu)

# THE CYPRUS WOMEN'S LOBBY: THE EWL 50/50 CAMPAIGN FOR PARITY DEMOCRACY

MIGS is an active member of the Cyprus Women's Lobby (CWL), a network of 16 women's organisations and NGOs, and member of the European Women's Lobby (EWL) since 2008. The CWL mission is to promote the empowerment of women in all their diversity, to advance gender equality, to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women, and to ensure full access for all women to their human rights through their active involvement in society and in policy development and implementation.

The CWL actively supported the EWL 50/50 Campaign for Parity Democracy ([www.5050democracy.eu](http://www.5050democracy.eu)) that sought to ensure the equal representation of women and men in the European Parliament elections that took place in June 2009.

Within this framework, the CWL organized a national event to promote the EWL 50/50 Campaign in cooperation with the European Parliament Office in Cyprus and the European Commission Representation in Cyprus. The event took place under the auspices of Ms Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Health of the European Commission and an ardent supporter of gender equality. The event also received the support of the National Machinery for Women's Rights.

Over 80 participants attended the event including NGOs, women's organizations, trade unions, members of parliament, media, among others. Guest speakers were Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General and Chairperson of MIGS, and Sonja Lokar of the CEE Network on Gender Equality. Also present as speakers were representatives of all major political parties in order to present their positions as to women's representation in the upcoming EP elections and also on how gender equality issues featured in their pre-electoral programmes.

This was the first time that all relevant stakeholders, and particularly political parties, had come together to discuss directly the issue of women's political representation in Cyprus. As a result, the political parties understood that, during this EU electoral campaign, they would be under the pressure and scrutiny of the women's movement and that they would have to think about gender aspects of their electoral programmes and campaigns.

The event received extensive media coverage by all major television channels during their news bulletins and by all major newspapers. In addition, all national radio stations mentioned the event in their news bulletins, whilst the event organizers and guests were invited to a number of radio and television programmes to discuss the 50/50 Campaign and the issue of women's representation in political life more generally.



# LINKING THE LOCAL WITH THE GLOBAL: WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE MENA REGION

## MIGS hosts Regional Consultation on the Implementation of CEDAW in the MENA

Women's groups, academics, and activists from across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region came together in December 2009 to examine the challenges women's rights advocates face in promoting women's equality and non-discrimination, and to consider how the United Nations Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and other human rights instruments can be utilized to support their work.

The Regional Consultation on the Implementation of CEDAW in the MENA Region, took place in Nicosia on 2-5 December 2009, and was organized by IWRAW Asia Pacific in partnership with MIGS. The Consultation provided a space for women's rights advocates to examine the successes in, and barriers to, promoting the implementation of the Concluding Observations of the CEDAW Committee as a process for holding states accountable to their obligations under the Convention. The participants also explored the potential for strengthening existing alliances as well as for building new ones, and developing national and regional strategies for collective action towards the promotion and protection of women's human rights, including effective state implementation of the CEDAW Convention.

In the closing session of the consultation, participants unanimously agreed that it was important to initiate planning for the implementation of CEDAW / Concluding Observations at the national level and to work towards the establishment of mechanisms, processes and strategies at the regional level to support, build capacity and provide different levels of coordination for national efforts.

An important result of the MENA Consultation was the Statement on Women Living under Occupation and in Situations of Armed Conflict, issued by the participants and calling on the CEDAW Committee to issue a General Recommendation at the earliest possible date to address the conditions of women under occupation and in situations of armed conflicts. The participants also called on the Committee to consider this a priority issue when reviewing country reports of relevant countries in the region and to request detailed information from these countries on the situation of women living under occupation and in situations of armed conflict.



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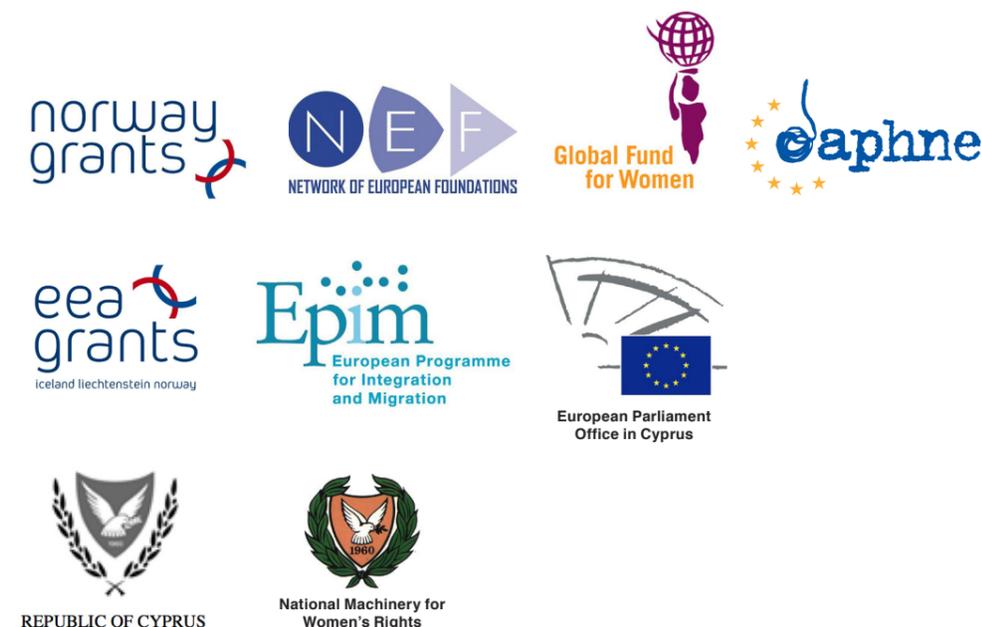
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