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Newsletter - December 2021

NEWSLETTER in NUMBERS

- **31 in-person guests** attended our annual APPG secretariats' retreat in Barcelona in November.
- EPF President Hon. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria) attempts to increase the Austrian development budget by **20%**.
- **133 MEPs** sign a letter in solidarity with Polish women against restrictions on abortion access.

EPF NEWS



[EPF APPG Secretariats' retreat takes place in Barcelona](#)

EPF's annual retreat for the staff of secretariats of the all-party parliamentary political groups that we work with took place in Barcelona at the end of November. This is the first time this event took place since 2018 and allowed attendees to network and discuss future projects in the Catalan capital.



[European Atlas of Fertility Treatment Policies launched](#)

EPF in conjunction with Fertility Europe came together to launch the **European Atlas of Fertility Treatment Policies** at an online event with over 450 confirmed attendees.



[EPF President tables to increase Austrian development policy budget](#)

EPF President Hon. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria) tabled an amendment to the Austrian National Budget recently that would have increased the alpine nation's development budget by 20%.



[133 MEPs express solidarity with Polish women](#)

133 Members of the **European Parliament** have written to the President of the **EU Council and several EU commissioners** to express their concerns on the area of human rights in Poland, in particular, that of the human rights of women.

They write on behalf of the **MEPs for Sexual and Reproductive rights group** as well as **All of Us**, the European Parliament's cross-party, pro-choice campaign.



[EPF delegation visits Cyprus](#)

On 15 November, a delegation led by **EPF President Hon. Petra Bayr** visited the Parliament of the Republic of Cyprus in Nicosia.

The **Chairperson of the Parliament's Committee on Human Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, Hon. Iríni Kharalampídou MP**, and her fellow members, **Hon. Yiórgos Koukoumás MP (Deputy Chairperson)**, **Hon. Ríta Theodórou Soúperman MP**, **Hon. Photiní Tsirídou MP**, **Hon. Mários Mavrídis MP** and **Hon Alexandra Attalidou MP** welcomed the EPF delegation.



[Baroness Sugg presses UK government on ODA](#)

In the British House of Lords, **Baroness Sugg** has sought clarification from the Government on the recent reversal of Overseas Development Assistance cuts.

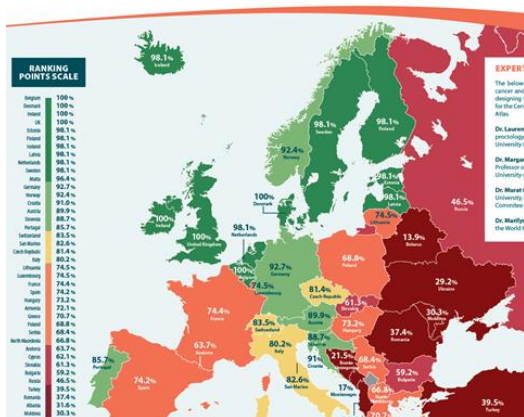
On November 16, the UK Foreign Secretary announced a reversal of an earlier decision to cut ODA. **Lord Goldsmith** informed the Baroness that there would be "£20 million of new funding to help stop violence against women and girls around the world."



EPF engages with Maltese MEP

A delegation from the EPF had an engaging meeting with **Hon. Cyrus Engerer MEP** at the European Parliament on reproductive rights and abortion access in his native Malta.

CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION

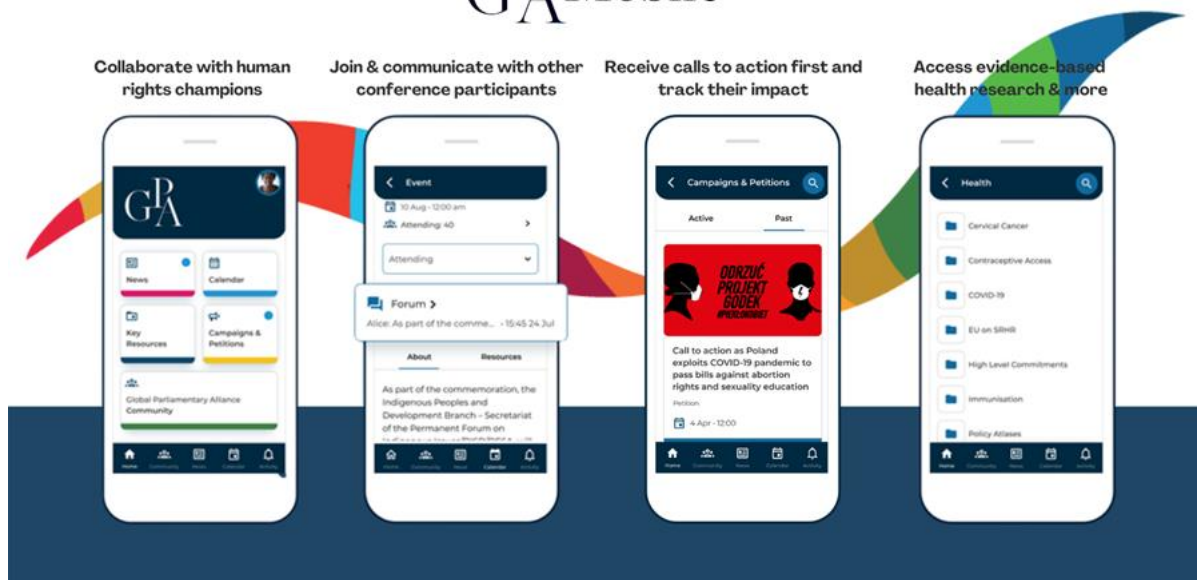


EPF remains highly active in the area of Vaccine-Preventable Cancers

On 5 November, Ms Marina Davidashvili addressed the Eliminating Vaccine-Preventable Cancers webinar, organised by Bratislava-based think tank, **GLOBESEC**.

Later in the month, EPF presented the Cervical Cancer Prevention Policy Atlas poster at the 34th **International Papillomavirus Conference (IPVC)** from Toronto, Canada.

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