

2023 IN REVIEW: EPF'S ANNUAL REPORT

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY FORUM FOR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS



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Foreword

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As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of 2023, we are proud to present the Annual Report of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF). This report summarises our organisation's efforts to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) throughout Europe and beyond.

In 2023, EPF launched numerous initiatives to mobilise parliamentarians and advance legislative agendas for SRHR at the European Parliament and national parliaments. Our research efforts include the first-ever Global Contraception Policy Atlas, introduced in regional launches across the world and the European HPV Prevention Policy Atlas, showcased in over 10 countries in the region. EPF's original research gained further traction with the publication of the comprehensive European Combined SRHR Ranking Atlas, which consolidates 2020-2023 data from previous EPF atlases as well as our reports on the financing of anti-gender movements, such as Tip of the Iceberg, increasingly becoming the primary reference in the field.

2023 was an exceptional year for the international engagement of EPF delegations, whose members participated in more than 60 events in over 20 countries around the world. Through study tours, presentations, side events and parliamentary forums, we have fostered dialogue, shared best practices, and forged meaningful partnerships in France, Türkiye, Poland, Rwanda, El Salvador, the USA and beyond.

Today more than ever, EPF is composed of a vibrant and diverse community of parliamentarians from across the political spectrum but united in their common defence of human rights in sexuality and reproduction. We are grateful to the hundreds of parliamentarians who take up this fight, as for some parliamentarians in some countries, there can be many legal, political and even security risks. We are also grateful to our many partners, be they funders, institutions and allies, for supporting the work of parliamentarians to improve health and human rights for all. We extend our thanks to all the civil society organisations and other actors and individuals who provide support to our member all-party parliamentary groups as their Secretariats. It is through their vital work that parliamentarians around the world and in Europe are able to improve policies, enact legislation and increase funding so as to eliminate preventable maternal deaths, address the unmet need for contraception and end harmful traditional practices and gender-based violence. Together, we have made progress toward a world where sexual and reproductive rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled for all.

We hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report and look forward to continued collaboration in the years to come.



Hon. Petra Bayr
President



Neil Datta
Executive Director

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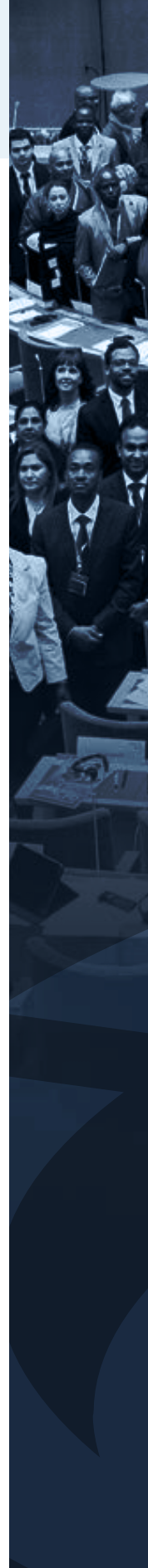
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of all people around the world.*

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Introduction

The **European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights** is a network of parliamentarians throughout Europe who are committed to **protecting the sexual and reproductive rights of all people around the world**.

The following pages lay out a **comprehensive overview of EPF's work** in 2023. EPF's 2023 Annual Report showcases **EPF's mission, vision, and core values** as well as all initiatives that EPF has undertaken during the year including **policy, advocacy, research initiatives and activities**.

EPF is a **long-established voice in the world of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)** that partners with all-party parliamentary groups (APPGs), parliamentarians, donors, and other entities to achieve its goals and advocate for SRHR around Europe and beyond.

EPF is led and represented by our President who chairs an Executive Committee consisting of 11 Members of Parliament. Our members are served by a Brussels-based secretariat with expertise in SRHR, advocacy, EU policy, communications, and finance.

With the establishment of the **Global Parliamentary Alliance for Health, Rights and Development (GPA)**, an EPF initiative, the aim is **to boost parliamentarians' efforts to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the areas of health and human rights**. GPA is a platform for parliamentarians from around the world to advocate for better health care, expanding human rights both in their home countries and abroad.

2023 in a nutshell

Mobilising Parliamentarians & further sustaining a supportive MP infrastructure

EPF plays a crucial role in **advancing the rights of individuals in relation to SRHR**. By mobilising parliamentarians, EPF can help to ensure that SRHR remains **a priority on the political agenda** and that laws and policies are **put in place to protect these rights**. Likewise, EPF can help to ensure that individuals have **access to the information and services** they need **to make informed decisions** about their sexual and reproductive health.



**EPF Executive
Committee Meeting,**
(Motovun, Croatia)



**EPF Council
Meeting,**
(Kigali, Rwanda)



**EPF Executive
Committee Meeting,**
(Rome, Italy)

Council

Kigali, 19 July 2023



EPF Research in 2023



European Parliament,
Brussels (Belgium)

White Paper “The Imperative of Equal Access to Fertility Treatments across Europe”

Infertility affects approximately 17% of the global population, totalling 25 million EU citizens. Yet, access to fertility treatments varies significantly across Europe: some countries offer publicly funded programs, while others rely on private insurance or out-of-pocket payments by patients. The White Paper highlights the need for the **European Union to guarantee Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights (SRHR)** to all citizens of the Member States and policymakers in other European countries by building upon the insights of the **Fertility Europe’s “European Fertility Treatments Policies Atlas”**.



Romanian Parliament,
Bucharest (Romania)

European HPV Prevention Policy Atlas 2023

The European HPV Prevention Policy Atlas is a joint project that scores countries throughout Europe on their **HPV vaccination efforts and cervical cancer screening policies**. The Atlas reveals a very uneven picture across the European region. **The best-performing countries include Denmark, Sweden, Finland, the UK, and Ireland. Countries at the bottom of the ranking are Kosovo, Azerbaijan, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.**

Regional launches:

- **Regional Cervical Cancer Prevention Alliance** in Tbilisi (*Georgia*), 28 September 2023
- **European Congress on Gynecological Oncology (ESGO)** in Istanbul (*Türkiye*), 29 September 2023
- **Serbian Parliament** in Belgrade (Serbia), 6 October 2023
- **World Health Summit** in Berlin (*Germany*), 16 October 2023
- **South East European Forum on HPV Prevention** in Ohrid (North Macedonia), 11 November 2023
- **European Cancer Summit 2023** in Brussels (*Belgium*), 15 November 2023





**Women Deliver Conference,
Kigali (Rwanda)**

Global Contraception Policy Atlas 2023

The Global Contraception Atlas investigates how **countries perform in access to contraceptive supplies, family planning counselling, and online information on contraception** in six regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, Europe, Africa, Asia Pacific, and Oceania, Canada, Australia, for **a total of 189 countries, 118 indicators, and 3.643 data points.**

Regional launches:

- **Contraception Policy Atlas Europe 2023**, 8 February 2023 at the European Parliament in Brussels (*Belgium*)
- **Family Planning Policy Atlas Middle East & North Africa 2023**, 7 September 2023, Global Congress on Population, Health and Development (PHDC'23) in Cairo (*Egypt*)
- **Contraception Policy Atlas Latin American & the Caribbean 2023**, 18 September 2023, Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (Parlatino) in Panama City (*Panama*)
- **Contraception Policy Atlas Asia & the Pacific**, 16 November 2023, 7th Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok (*Thailand*)



**We launched
the new interactive
online platform
www.srhrpolicyhub.org
showcasing the data
and the detailed
country profiles!**



EPF Research in 2023



▶ UNECE Regional Conference
on ICPD30, Geneva (Switzerland)

European Combined SRHR Ranking Atlas 2020-2023

The European Combined SRHR Ranking Atlas shows the state of SRHR in Europe, consolidating data and findings from previous EPF's Atlases on **abortion laws, contraception policies, fertility policies, HPV prevention policies, SRHR development funding, and gender-based violence prevention efforts**. Although progress has been made, no country has reached the perfect score of 100 and evident geographical disparities across Europe remain, with a visible **East-West divide** affecting the region. **The best-performing countries are the United Kingdom, France, and The Netherlands, followed by Belgium, Sweden, and Iceland. Countries that are at the bottom of the list include Azerbaijan, Belarus, and Russia.**



▶ European Parliament,
Brussels (Belgium)

SRHR Donor Funding Atlas 2023

The SRHR Donor Funding Atlas provides essential information on the **status of development funding for SRHR in 30 donor countries based on three main criteria: political commitment, policies in force and funding**. This atlas highlights the importance of accountability for the 10% SRHR target (IPCI 2002), helps MPs and MEPs understand where their countries stand on international commitments, emphasises the need to address women's health and empowerment holistically, and the urgency of setting the tone for SRHR funding in order to inspire further development efforts. **The best-performing country is Germany, with its funding commitments for 2023 in terms of Official Development Assistance (ODA) exceeding the target, a policy and legislative framework that supports a feminist agenda, and strong political commitments to UN-led initiatives and international pledges.**



Anti-gender

- **Around 30 events and invitations** dedicated to increasing awareness about anti-gender movements.



- The most searched and read EPF publication is the **Tip of the Iceberg** report.
- **Type of events and invitations:** international media outlets, government officials, high-level diplomatic staff and parliamentarians.
- **Events on anti-gender attended in Europe:** Switzerland, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Australia, Spain, Luxembourg, Denmark, UK Embassy

Advancing the legislative agenda for SRHR

In the European Parliament



EPF provides the Secretariat to a working group with the European Parliament called **MEPs for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (MEPs for SRR)**. **MEPs Sophie in 't Veld and Fred Matic** are the co-chairs of this working group which includes 43 MEPs as members. In order to discuss a common strategy, ongoing reports, actions, and events, EPF organises regular meetings with assistants of relevant MEPs and policy advisers.



*Members of
the European Parliament
championing sexual
and reproductive rights*

#MEPS4SRR



MEPs for SRR
contributed to 12 reports
 of which **7 are to be adopted**
 by the end of the mandate:

1. **Report on the EU priorities for the 67th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (RSP)** of 15 February 2023 – FEMM
2. **Report on sexual harassment in the EU and MeToo evaluation (INI)** of 1 June 2023 – FEMM
3. **Report on the implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (INI)** of 15 June 2023 – DEVE, ENVI
4. **Report on the regulation of prostitution in the EU: its cross-border implications and impact on gender equality and women's rights (INI)** of 14 September 2023 – FEMM
5. On 1 October 2023, the **Istanbul Convention entered into force in respect of the European Union**, which became the 38th party. It happened inter alia based on the EP Interim report on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, by the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (COM(2016)0109 -2016/0062R(NLE)), 2 February 2023 – LIBE, FEMM
6. **Report on proposals of the European Parliament for the amendment of the Treaties (INL)** of 22 November 2023 – AFCE
7. European Parliament **Resolution** of 23 November 2023 **on how to build an innovative humanitarian aid strategy: spotlight on current and forgotten crises (2023/2000(INI))** – DEVE
8. **Report** on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council **laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse** – LIBE
9. **Report** on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council **amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims** – LIBE, FEMM
10. **Report** on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on **combating violence against women and domestic violence** – LIBE, FEMM
11. **Report on the implementation of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (INI)** – AFCE, DEVE
12. **Report on EU development cooperation to enhance access to education and training in developing countries (INI)** – DEVE





Parliamentary letters to governments on key SRHR developments:

- 1. Statement of MPs and MEPs condemning the verdict in the case of Justyna Wydrzyńska (March, 2023)**, a Polish activist who was convicted and sentenced to eight months of community service for supplying a pregnant woman with abortion pills in a landmark trial under the country's ultra-strict abortion laws.
- 2. Letter of MEPs to Slovak Parliament (April, 2023)** expressing their deepest concerns regarding several legislative proposals under discussion in the National Council. These proposals related to LGBTIQ rights and the right to safe and legal abortion, had the potential to significantly impact the rights and well-being of Slovak citizens.
- 3. Letter of MEPs for SRR and MPs to Prime Minister of Malta Robert Abela (August, 2023)** expressing their deep concern regarding the Maltese government's decision to enact legislation that would allow abortion only in cases when the life of the person is in immediate danger.
- 4. Letter of Nordic MPs to President of Honduras Castro (December 2023)**, encouraging Castro to continue on the path for gender equality and SRHR for all in Honduras and congratulating her on recent policy breakthroughs.

Main EPF events at the European Parliament:

- **Launch of the 6th edition of the EPF European Contraception Policy Atlas** hosted by MEP Predrag Fred Matic (S&D, Croatia) and MEP Sophie in 't Veld (Renew, the Netherlands)
- Panel discussion: **Sexual violence in fragile contexts – lessons learned, and policy objectives moving forward** hosted by MEP Predrag Fred Matic (S&D, Croatia) and MEP Frances Fitzgerald (EPP, Ireland)
- Event **Linking the Right to Abortion with the State of Democracy** organised in cooperation with Le Centre d'Action Laïque and hosted by MEP Predrag Fred Matic and MEP Sophie in 't Veld
- Event **International Week of the Girl at the EP in the form of a dialogue between youth and MEPs, European Commission and EEAS representatives on advancing girls' rights around the world**, which was organised by EPF, DSW, IPPF, ONE, Plan International, Save the Children, World Vision and End FGM EU
- Event **Driving Development: Donor Country Performance on SRHR which launched EPF's SRHR Donor Funding Atlas** hosted by Malin Björk (The Left, Sweden) and Samira Rafaela (Renew, the Netherlands)





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EPF provides us with in-depth analyses of Member States' policies on SRHR. Thanks to their work we can clearly see and understand the differences between approaches to those policies as well as better coordinate our work to standardize SRHR across Europe and thus, bring us closer to the true Europe of Equality. ”

Robert Biedron MEP (S&D, Poland)



In the Council of Europe

With its participatory status at the Council of Europe, EPF works to raise awareness and support parliamentarians regarding SRHR and achieving gender equality as an integral part of human rights. **EPF participated in all four sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**. PACE is one of the two statutory organs of the Council of Europe. It is made up of **324 parliamentarians from the national parliaments of the Council of Europe's 46 member states** and generally meets 4 times a year in Strasbourg. General committees prepare the reports and follow the state of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

1. Resolution on **conflict-related sexual violence based on the report by Hon. Petra Bayr (MP, Austria)** was adopted unanimously by PACE on the 24th of January 2023.
2. Resolution on **improving access to sexual and reproductive healthcare through innovative approaches based on the report by Hon. Petra Stienen (MP, the Netherlands)** was adopted by PACE on the 3rd of March 2023.
3. PACE's decision to call on Member States to sign and ratify the Rome Statute – as the legal basis for the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and to use universal jurisdiction as a means of **prosecuting perpetrators wherever they have committed crimes of conflict-related sexual violence**.
4. PACE's decision to invite States to **make comprehensive sexuality education mandatory and part of school curricula at all levels** and advocated making detailed information on SRHR available to the general public through online platforms managed by public health authorities.

Study Tours

Study tour on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) and Family Planning



► Tanzania
and Zanzibar



A delegation of seven parliamentarians from the UK, Austria, Finland and Ireland, participated in the study tour on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) and Family Planning in Dar Es Salaam. During this visit, the parliamentarians took part in several field visits: hospitals providing healthcare for mothers and HIV/AIDS patients, a local project providing a safe environment for youth to access FP information and services, and a visit to young mothers who have been banned from completing their education. Further, parliamentarians met with local partners Integrating Capacity Community and Advancement Organisation (ICCAO) and with international partners United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW). EPF parliamentary delegation had multiple opportunities to engage with Tanzanian and Zanzibarian parliamentarians.



Study tour on family planning, including adolescent pregnancies, unsafe abortion and modern contraception



► Malawi



A delegation of five parliamentarians from Ireland, Finland, Romania, Belgium and Portugal, visited Malawi to learn about family planning, including the issue of teenage pregnancies, unsafe abortions and access to modern contraception in the region. EPF's delegation met with members from the Malawian parliamentary committees on Health and Social Services as well as the Women Caucus and Sustainable Development Caucus. The field trips centred on visits to public-run hospitals focused on maternal healthcare and access to contraception, especially for young girls. Parliamentarians also met with youth civil society to discuss their participation in SRHR issues at the policy level and spoke to service providers at the One Stop Center which provides a holistic approach to survivors of sexual violence.



Study tour to learn about the situation of sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls, and adolescents



► El Salvador



A delegation of five parliamentarians from Spain, Belgium, Finland and the UK, travelled to El Salvador to learn about the situation of sexual and reproductive rights of women, girls, and adolescents in the region. To this end, EPF, together with the host organisation Agrupación Ciudadana por la despenalización del aborto and in collaboration with the Federación de Planificación Familiar (SEDRA), sought spaces for dialogue with public officials, cooperation agencies, the diplomatic corps, human rights organisations and field visits.



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The EPF Study Tour is a trip I will carry with me for the rest of my life because it was my first parliamentary trip, but also because it was such a cultural shock, and really confronting. We're going to question the Secretary of State for Equal Opportunities and the Minister for Development Cooperation. (...) We're going to try to focus the policy on international cooperation in terms of SRHR, and implement a strategy based on sexual and reproductive rights'. ”

Laurence Zanchetta (MP, Belgium)

EPF Delegations of Parliamentarians to International Events

67th session of the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67)



▶ New York, USA



EPF assembled a parliamentary delegation to participate to the CSW67 to learn more about the CSW process and its attendant challenges in general, about achieving gender equality in the digital age and how Parliamentarians can advocate for it. During the week-long session, the delegation participated in various plenary sessions, side events and meetings with partners focused on advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, particularly for women and girls.



Women Deliver 2023 Conference "Spaces, Solidarity, and Solutions"



▶ Kigali, Rwanda



Over 50 Members of Parliament (MPs) from 46 different countries gathered in Kigali (Rwanda) to attend the parliamentarians' forum. The forum included targeted thematic sessions with interventions from key selected leaders delivering for women and girls followed by open discussions. During the Women Deliver Conference EPF also contributed with:

- Parallel session launching the Global Contraception Policy Atlas 2023 on the 18th of July;
- Parallel session titles 'The geopolitics of sex and gender: building resilience towards anti-rights efforts in East-Africa' on the 20th of July;
- Intervention at the plenary on anti-rights movements by Neil Datta;
- Intervention at plenary session by EPF President Petra Bayr;
- A short study tour at a local school in the Ruhanga region.



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Sexual and reproductive health and rights are a cornerstone for better health and must be an integral part of policies, laws, and budgets governing universal health coverage.”

***Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
WHO Director-General***

EPF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WHO



► **Geneva,
Switzerland**



The collaboration between the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the UN Special Research Programme HRP, began in 2014, covering various initiatives addressing sexual and reproductive health and rights. On 25 August, this collaboration was strengthened by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU intended to move evidence into policies for promoting SHRH, in three key areas:

- Technical support to promote evidence-based policies;
- Advocacy initiatives to mobilise parliamentarians;
- Capacity building to fortify cooperation between WHO and parliamentarians.

Parliamentary Forum at the UNECE Regional Conference on ICPD30



► Geneva,
Switzerland



EPF conveyed a delegation of 14 MPs to participate to the parliamentary forum during the UNECE Regional Conference organised by UNFPA. As ICPD marks 30 years, UNECE and the UNFPA Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia aimed to review progress achieved and to identify gaps in implementation and chart pathways for realizing individual and societal potential in new demographic realities. Hence, the Parliamentary Forum served to discuss ICPD30, review achievement and the means of parliamentary involvement, ensuring accountability and engagement in the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action. During the conference, EPF parliamentarians presented a Statement and the EPF Executive Director presented the European Combined SRHR Ranking Atlas 2020-2023.

Seminar on Sexual and Reproductive Rights under Pressure: Government and Parliament Responses



► Vitoria-Gasteiz,
Basque Country
(Spain)



EPF co-organised a seminar on the critical role of parliamentary actions in countering anti-gender movements with the collaboration of the SEDRA-Family Planning Federation and Emaize Sexological Center.

Parliamentary Workshop on Population, Demography and Fertility



► Rome,
Italy



EPF co-organised a parliamentary workshop at the Italian Parliament in collaboration with Associazione Italiana Donne per lo Sviluppo (AIDOS). The presentations and discussions revolved around the issue of demography and fertility and aimed to address and clarify the polarisation of the political discourse surrounding SRHR about demography, in today's democracies. The event involved parliamentarians in discussions regarding the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

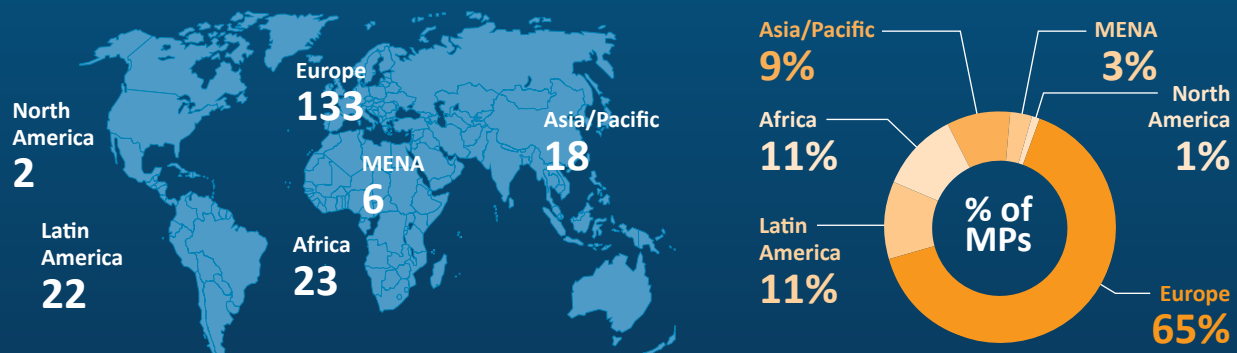


Engagements and Events

EPF delegations engage in other side events, presentations, and meetings with EU governments, UN agencies, NGOs and partners all around Europe and beyond. In 2023, **EPF travelled to more than 20 countries to attend more than 60 events.** More than 200 MPs from all over the world participated in our events. **Main topics were** Anti-gender, EPF Contraception Policy Atlas, HPV Prevention Policy Atlas, SRHR & Human Rights, Fertility and ODA for SRHR.



Global distribution of MPs contributing to EPF events





Communications & Media

Communication is one of the EPF's main pillars together with policy, advocacy, and research. In 2023, EPF had over **100 media appearances** in more than 20 countries on media outlets such as El Pais, POLITICO, Euractiv, EuroNews, the Parliament Magazine, Rolling Stone, Deutsche Welle, NTB (Norwegian News Agency), Argos Medialogica, among many others. The main topics include abortion, contraception policies and ODA for SRHR as well as all our anti-gender publications.

About **EPF's social media channels**, EPF is active on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram. All EPF's social media platforms have an increased number of followers:



4,200

Followers
on X (Twitter)



2,800

Followers
on Facebook



2,700

Followers
on LinkedIn



1,400

Followers
on Instagram

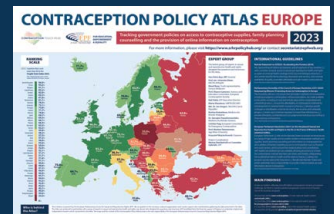


EPF's most popular publications:



Tip of the Iceberg:
Religious Extremist Funders
against Human Rights for Sexuality
& Reproductive Health in Europe

12,789 views



European Contraception
Policy Atlas

11,683 views



European Abortion
Policies Atlas

4,380 views



Governance & Management

Executive Committee

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Hon. Petra Bayr, MP
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Hon. Catalin D. Tenita, MP
EPF Executive Committee Member



Hon. Guillaume Gouffier Valente, MP
EPF Executive Committee Member

EPF Secretariat

Our member parliamentarians are served by a Brussels-based secretariat with **expertise on SRHR, advocacy, communications and finance.**



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Members of EPF

At the national level, EPF members are organised into **All-Party Parliamentary Groups** (APPGs). All-Party Parliamentary Groups are **cross-party groups by Members of Parliament (MPs) who share a common interest in our policy area**.

EPF's membership is currently made up of **32 such groups spread across Europe: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, European Parliament, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Spain - Basque Country, Spain - Catalonia, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, UK, Ukraine**.



Finance

EPF is financed by **public and private institutions** almost equally. EPF is grateful to its many partners for their generous support of our shared objectives. EPF has been an Implementing Partner of the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** for over a decade now and in 2023 UNFPA has been the main international public funding agency for EPF. From the philanthropic sector, the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** continues to represent the principal contributor to EPF’s activities. Few selected private companies such as **Organon, MSD and Ferring** provide generous support to policy research and awareness.

Countdown 2030, the advocacy coalition on SRHR, is also an enduring partner in the development of EPF’s actions. In addition, EPF wishes to recognise the very valuable and kind contributions which partner civil society organisations, academics, and think tanks make to our work as well as the many parliaments which have hosted EPF events and delegations.

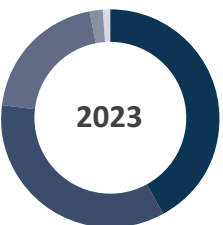
How is EPF budget devided?

- Activities
- Administration & Finance
- Advocacy
- Governance
- Research
- Communication
- Overhead



How is EPF financed?

- 45% Public sector (i.e. UNFPA, WHO)
- 31% Philanthropic foundations
- 20% Private sector
- 4% Partner projects



EPF funds by activities

- 42% Conferences
- 35% Policy and Research
- 20% Study tours
- 2% Governance (Executive Committee & Council meetings)
- 1% National events

Partnerships

EPF's main partnerships in 2023 include:



EPF acknowledges support and collaboration of the UNDP-UNFPA-UNICEF-WHO-World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP), a cosponsored programme executed by the World Health Organization (WHO).



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