

Seminar on Advancing Migrants Women's Rights in the European Union

The Seminar was held in Bulgaria on 26 October 2007 on the eve of the EWL General Assembly and in the context of a project, which started in January 2007. It brought together representatives of EWL member organisations and migrant women activists participants in the EWL project. Together, they looked at strategies to advance the rights of migrant women at national and European level and explored ways to strengthen capacity building of national migrant women's NGOs, the role of women's organisations in supporting migrant women's agenda and the need for migrant women's NGOs to mobilise at European level. For more information please contact Maria Collins (collins@womenlobby.org) at EWL secretariat.

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The EWL General Assembly was held on 26-27 October in Borovetz, Bulgaria. Meetings of the EWL Executive Committee and Board of Administration took place on 25 and 26 October. The General Assembly brought together about a hundred delegates, observers and guests from 29 EU Member States and accession countries, and representatives from European wide NGOs. Two new national coordinations from Slovenia and Romania were accepted as full members and coordination from Poland was accepted as observer. Five issue groups were organised by member organisations and allowed for in depth discussions on the following themes: women in decision-making; women and entrepreneurship; violence against women and migrant women; trafficking and prostitution; and conflict prevention and gender). The GA also passed a motion tabled by 11 member organisations, demanding specific legislation on equality between women and men on the European level covering all areas of social life.