

## EWL News December 2007

**The Nordic-Baltic Project.** The conference report of the Nordic-Baltic Pilot Project "***Strengthened cooperation against trafficking in women – from national to regional strategies***" is now available ([click here](#)). The meeting which took place on 5 October in Vilnius, Lithuania brought together a large group of stakeholders from the Nordic Baltic region and beyond to discuss victim-centred anti-trafficking approaches and strategies to combat trafficking in women for sexual exploitation. The European Women's Lobby is the regional co-ordinator of the three-year programme that aims to strengthen the cooperation and develop concrete actions to support and assist women victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation in the region.

**Roadmap for equality between women and men:** as part of EWL evaluation of the implementation of the European Commission's Roadmap, the **Informal Gender Lunch** on 4 December focused on indicators in the section relating to external policy of the Commission's Road Map, for which indicators are missing. The meeting discussed the many indicators that currently exist in this area from different sources and stressed that, in the first instance, it would be necessary to gather these with the view of linking them to this section of the Road Map. The Gender lunch is an informal gathering of women's NGO working on the field of cooperation, development and trade that meets monthly to discuss issues of common concern as well as providing information on ongoing projects and policy issues of the various NGOs.

**Council of Ministers Employment and Social Affairs:** In preparation of its meeting of 5 December, EWL addressed a letter to Ministers calling for a more inclusive gender perspective to the "***Common Principles of Flexsecurity***". The letter also highlighted issues for women in relation to ***indicators on women and poverty***. Please, [click here](#) for further details.

**"Equal Rights – Equal Voices Migrant Women in the EU"**, as part of its commitment to support and facilitate migrant women's input into and shaping of European policies on migration/integration, the second phase of the project will continue in 2008. It will focus on national pilot projects and a European seminar later in the year. More information on the project will be provided early next year.