



Women working for women – across Europe and across generations

What we believe in

EUW

- Is a Europe-wide network of women interested in political and social development and cultural exchange.
- Is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) accredited to the United Nations and the Council of Europe.
- Fights for the recognition of human rights and especially women's rights in Europe and beyond.
- Campaigns against all kinds of injustice and violence against girls and women and all kinds of discrimination.
- Organises events and exchange programmes to help members understand the cultural, economic and political differences across Europe.

Who We Are

About Us

EUW is a Europe-wide network of women with different political and social backgrounds, different cultures and capabilities, all equally dedicated to the European ideal of peace, freedom and prosperity for all people.

EUW is based on the spiritual and moral values of our Christian heritage in Europe. We stand for the safeguarding of human dignity, the maintenance of cultural heritage across Europe, social and economic progress and the protection of the rights of the individual.

EUW and its Commissions work to understand and work within the political contexts of the member countries, to comment on political issues and deal with social problems to try to find solutions.

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EUROPEAN UNION OF WOMEN



Established in 1953



Lola Sola and Colleagues 1955

Our History

Women with ideas coming together

In 1953, in the aftermath of World War II, a group of Austrian women from the People's Party (OVP) and led by Dr Lola Solar, invited women of the Christian Democratic and Conservative Parties across Europe to a conference in Salzburg.

These women agreed to work closely together to find common solutions for problems concerning women and families and to influence the legal processes in pursuit of their aims.

EUW was officially established as an NGO in September 1955 in The Hague.

Initially there were seven member countries - Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy and the Netherlands, with observers from Belgium and Switzerland. There are now 15 member countries of EUW and two recent applicants.



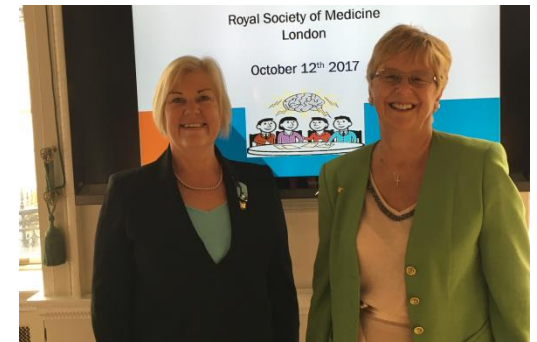
EUW is represented at the United Nations in New York, Vienna and Geneva and the Council of Europe

Our Research Commissions

EUW's main instruments of work are the International Commissions. These bring together interested women with expertise from across all our member countries, exchanging information on problems affecting women, families and society. The commissions are

- Education and Employment
- Europe Alive
- Legal and Human Rights
- International Policy
- Sustainable Development
- Health and Social Affairs

They undertake reviews and research into current areas of concern and produce reports and resolutions to be sent to national governments, the United Nations and the Council of Europe.



Our President (right) and General Secretary 2017

The organisational structure of EUW

EUW is run by a Board, consisting of an elected President together with the General Secretary, the Presidents of the national EUW member Sections and the Commission Presidents. Our central decision making body is the General Assembly, named the 'Council'.

Below the European level the national EUW Sections (countries) have their own special organisations, right down to the regional and local level to organise their business, events and commissions to suit the interests and needs of the members in their country.

EUW takes part in the consultation processes of the European Commission