

Establishing effective partnerships and networks among CSOs



Dear Community Members,

We are pleased to announce that the Korea-EU Civil Society Network (KEN) continues in 2022 and 2023, with a series of activities aimed to foster cooperation between civil society activists, influencers and organisations from the EU and Korea.

As in the previous years, we will facilitate solutions-oriented exchanges and we will organise events on the topic of human rights and gender equality. In addition, we will expand the dialogue to climate change, with a particular focus on the voice and action of the youth.

Share your ideas and suggestions of topics you would be interested in, by sending an email to contact@kencso.org. We would be very happy to integrate them into our upcoming activities. We thank all KEN community members for their support over the past two years and we are convinced that the network will continue to grow in the coming years to work together on solutions to the current global challenges.

Below you can find some highlights from the EU as regards gender equality and climate related actions, as well as the upcoming KEN events.

Your KEN team

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE EU

>> GENDER EQUALITY

CHANGING ATTITUDES AMONG TEENAGERS ON CYBER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS



Since the creation of social media platforms, violence against women and girls has escalated in the digital sphere. Research shows that women and girls are specifically targeted by online violence.

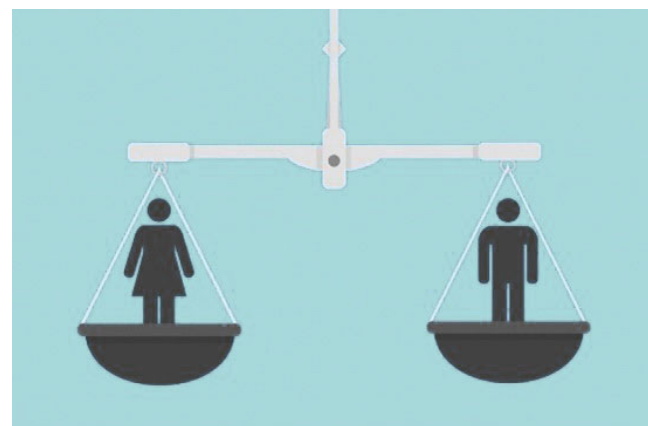
The EU estimates that 1 in 10 women have already experienced a form of online violence from the age of 15 onwards. The CYBERSAFE programme funded by the EU developed a toolkit that includes playful online to be used in a classroom setting.

[Read the article](#)

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ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF GENDER EQUALITY

A study from the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) on the economic benefits of gender equality puts forth robust evidence showing the positive impacts of reducing gender inequalities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education, labour market activity and wages.



[Economic Benefits of Gender Equality in the EU](#)

>> BIOECONOMY

SHAPING BIOECONOMY STRATEGIES IN EUROPE: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY



The EU Bioeconomy Strategy stresses the role of bio-based products as alternatives to fossil-fuel counterparts, and their importance in developing a sustainable economy based on renewable materials. A recent study takes a closer look at the role of civil society in the development and implementation of bioeconomy strategies in the EU.

[For further information](#)

FROM WASTE TO BIOPRODUCTS THROUGH BIOREFINERY

Due to the rapid growth of population, municipal solid waste has contributed significantly to the total amount of waste generated by our society. Today in Europe, each habitant generates, in average, 0.5 tonnes of municipal solid waste per year, increasing at an annual rate of 10%.



Around 40-50% of it correspond to organic waste. The URBIOFIN project demonstrates the techno-economic and environmental viability of an integrated biorefinery for the transformation of the organic fraction of municipal solid waste into new marketable bioproducts, chemical building blocks, biopolymers and additives.

[Fact Sheet Urbiofin](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



July 2022

Webinar on gender equality



August 2022

Panel discussion on the economic benefits of gender equality

