

IPPF EN CARES.

2023 Annual Report

OF THE IPPF EUROPEAN NETWORK SECRETARIAT (ENRO)

Come Together – IPPF's new global Strategy 2028

The International Planned Parenthood Federation's global <u>Come Together</u> Strategy 2028 makes a radical commitment to advancing social and gender justice in a turbulent and changing world. Launched in 2023, the Strategy sets out how IPPF intends to deliver on its transformative mission to advance sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice for all people, centring national organisations, social movements, young people and marginalised communities.

It commits to addressing damaging norms that hold back women, girls and genderdiverse persons all over the world through community dialogue and intersectional feminist action. And it states IPPF's determination to achieve, by 2028, an increase in societal support for promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender equality, greater prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and growth in inclusion and acceptance of gender diversity and rights. Come Together guides the work of the IPPF Member Associations, its Secretariat and its Board of Trustees.



Advancing SRHR and social justice in Europe and Central Asia: Our approach

IPPF European Network (IPPF EN) is one of IPPF's six regional networks. It is made up of a diverse community of Member Associations (MAs) and Collaborative Partners (CPs) in 39 countries, from Portugal to Kyrgyzstan and Norway to Israel, with a shared commitment to advance and protect SRHR and social justice.

The IPPF EN Regional Office (ENRO) supports its MAs and CPs to achieve the strategic goals of IPPF, in their own national contexts and together, as a collective force for change.

We facilitate spaces for MAs and CPs to work together and learn from each other's experience and expertise, enabling capacity sharing on advocacy, education and care provision, with a particular focus on marginalised communities. We support organisational development, provide core funding and strategic grants, and assist with resource mobilisation.

We **act with young people** to ensure they are at the heart of driving SRHR and gender equality in the region and at national level.

We work with the European institutions, the Council of Europe and national governments to **build an inclusive and intersectional feminist Europe** that is a global leader in SRHR and gender equality, at home and abroad.

We work on **new narratives** and with **social movements**, together with **strategic partners**, to help counter opposition to SRHR and gender equality, build solidarity for change, and create a more conducive SRHR environment in which our MAs and CPs can achieve their aims providing more impact for communities they serve.

We focus on **innovation** and **knowledge-sharing**, as well as **growing** and further **strengthening** our regional network and global Federation. These are underpinning commitments that enable success.

Coming together in solidarity for SRHR and gender equality

2023 was an intense year with many highs and lows for SRHR and gender equality, against the backdrop of a global landscape marked by multiple conflicts, looming climate crisis and the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. IPPF's humanitarian response continued to provide care to Ukrainian women and girls across multiple countries as Russia's war in Ukraine showed no sign of abating. And as conflict escalated between Hamas and Israel, IPPF initiated support to its local MAs in Israel and in Gaza to ensure, as far as possible, the uninterrupted delivery of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services.

Many states in Europe and Central Asia faced orchestrated attacks on the rights of women, LGBTIQ people and other marginalised groups. We continued to see how, as threats to our freedoms and intimate lives transcend national borders, so too must progressive movements in their defence of democratic values and human rights. It was in this spirit of solidarity that our regional Power of the Many Forum in October gathered over 150 people from 30 countries to explore how we can collectively advance inclusive, intersectional feminist causes.

Despite the setbacks, we celebrated and were encouraged by many positive developments. Voters in Poland, including record numbers of women and young people, succeeded in removing the extremist Law and Justice party from government, providing hope for their country's gradual return to European values and respect for women's rights. France took first steps towards enshrining abortion rights in its Constitution, bolstering momentum for stronger European Union (EU) action to safeguard reproductive freedom. And the EU institutions reached agreement on a landmark new law to combat violence against women which, while not perfect, contains real SRHR wins and paves the way for stronger EU action on genderbased violence (GBV) in the future.

We acted in solidarity with activists and advocates fighting for SRHR in hostile contexts that threaten the work and lives of human rights defenders. We had the privilege to begin walking the talk on IPPF's global commitment to stand in allyship with people who do sex work. We built on our work implementing transformative new approaches to addressing the root causes of gender inequality. And we continued to hold European donors accountable for commitments to support SRHR, while reflecting deeply on how our sector can decolonise its approaches.

Meanwhile, there were a great many internal changes as we proudly embarked on implementing the first year of IPPF's Come Together Strategy 2028 in Europe and Central Asia. A global realignment meant the creation of some exciting new roles focused on youth, community engagement and partnerships, and membership support, and we said goodbye to some dear colleagues while warmly welcoming wonderful newcomers. In the autumn, our new Regional Director Micah Grzywnowicz took over the leadership of the Regional Office.

CENTER CARE ON PEOPLE

In 2023, we continued to support the delivery of all aspects of SRH care in Europe and Central Asia, with a special focus on people from the most marginalised communities.

Widen access

IPPF met humanitarian needs caused by the <u>war in Ukraine</u>, supporting 17 locally-led partners across Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Poland as they collectively provided the largest SRHR response of the crisis. Interventions included providing information, accompanying women to medical consultations and making critical referrals for those in urgent need of SRH and SGBV care, as well as strengthening existing health systems in Ukraine. Over 18 months, partners reached over 680,000 people with SRHR information and services and ensured support to 37 health facilities inside Ukraine and the training of over 600 clinical service providers in clinical management of rape and safe abortion care.

In the summer, ENRO celebrated the achievements of <u>Youth Voices</u>, <u>Youth Choices</u>, a project rooted in learning from young people's needs and experiences in the Balkans during COVID-19 to **champion better youth access to SRHR** over the longer term. Building on earlier research and advocacy, in early 2023 young volunteers ran social media campaigns in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo and North Macedonia to raise public and political awareness of the changes they want to see. In June the project concluded with the signing of a declaration of commitment to upholding young people's SRHR by decision-makers from all five countries.

Expand choice

We provided funding to our Member Association (MA) in North Macedonia to continue **increasing access to HIV self-testing** among key populations most impacted by the national HIV epidemic, which particularly affects men who have sex with men, as well as sex workers and people who use drugs. Our MA has played a vital role in gathering evidence on the potential contribution that self-testing can make to the HIV response and advocating for prioritisation of greater access at national level. In line with their research findings, in 2023 their long-standing HIV prevention work focused on delivering SRH services and HIV self-tests, and on supporting communities with information and education materials.

Advance digital and self-care

We continued to expand the reach of a vital tool developed by IPPF EN's young volunteers to ensure that sexuality and relationships education (SRE) tackles the root causes of gender inequality and supports prevention of SGBV among young people. In 2023, we trained trainers from our MAs in Latvia, Portugal, Spain, Cyprus and Austria to empower and protect youth from gender-based harms by integrating the IPPF EN/YSAFE '<u>Safe from SGBV</u>' programme into their SRE sessions. Over 2,300 young people and teachers/educators in these countries were reached with this enhanced curriculum.

Meanwhile, in partnership with our Portuguese MA and the University of Porto, we advanced with a <u>flagship IPPF EN initiative</u> to contribute new evidence on how a **transformative approach to SRE that addresses gender inequalities** and power dynamics is effective in preventing SGBV. In 2023, our 'Safe from SGBV' programme was accredited by Portugal's Scientific Pedagogical Training Council and integrated into the official national school curriculum, and teachers were trained to use it. By the end of the 2023/24 school year, the updated curriculum will be implemented in four schools, reaching a total of 286 students from 19 ninth-grade classes, enabling us to assess the impacts among these pilot groups.





MOVE THE SEXUALITY AGENDA

ENRO continued throughout 2023 to drive European leadership to advance SRHR and gender equality, working with our MAs, partners and young people to support positive shifts in social norms and champion progressive regional policies and legislation. IPPF EN's external engagement contributed to almost 70 supportive policy changes, of which 13 were achieved by ENRO at the EU level, while our MAs and CPs secured more than 50 in their national and local contexts.

Ground advocacy

Within the EU

Major **EU advocacy successes** to which we contributed included strong wording on SRHR and consent in negotiations on the draft Directive to Combat Violence Against Women, the first ever ministerial declaration on SRHR, and EU accession to the Istanbul Convention. With our MAs and like-minded partners, we provided inputs to negotiations on victims' rights and human trafficking instruments. We also contributed to key processes to protect the rule of law and civic space, highlighting how EU values such as equality, democracy and human rights are interlinked and inseparable, and urging decision-makers to defend them holistically.

A major step towards combatting gender-based violence

Our top policy priority in 2023 was advocating for adoption of the landmark **EU Directive to Combat Violence Against Women**. We maintained pressure for the final text to include the criminalisation of rape with a consent-based definition, to refer to sexuality and relationships education (SRE) as a prevention measure, and to require access to SRH services for survivors of sexual violence. Through our <u>Safe From Harm</u> communications campaign, we highlighted the urgent need for the EU to adopt a progressive law and emphasised our priority asks through <u>storytelling</u>, creative content and <u>media coverage</u>.

After months of negotiations, Member States ultimately withheld their support for the inclusion of rape, but through continuous, long term political outreach with our MAs and key partners, we successfully raised awareness of the issues at stake, ensured <u>Members of the European Parliament</u> (MEPs) took a very progressive stance in the talks and secured <u>positive wording</u> on consent awareness-raising, SRE and access to SRH care for victims.

This first ever binding EU law to tackle GBV is a vital step towards creating more genderequal societies where everyone is safe from harm and treated with dignity. It provides a solid foundation for future advocacy in support of more robust and progressive EU action. To maximise IPPF EN's ability to advance SRHR and gender equality in the EU, we facilitated the **sharing of knowledge and best practice** among our MAs and partners, running webinars and a workshop to build their capacity to shape EU processes through national institutions, and supporting representatives from various Member States to come together with experts to exchange on challenges, experiences and strategies to counter the backlash.

Through **digital advocacy**, we reinforced the impact of our political outreach and regional partnerships, disseminating well-framed, strong messages and <u>written</u> and visual content such as illustrations, press releases, a comic strip, <u>videos</u>, <u>blogs</u> and <u>interviews</u>. We engaged actively with target regional audiences on social media, <u>raising awareness</u> of latest EU policy developments and amplifying IPPF EN calls to action. ENRO communications had very high engagement rates on our priority social media channels and generated interactions with a wide range of influential accounts, from decision-makers, international organisations and civil society to media and activist groups.

EU as a global actor

2023 was a very important year for our longstanding work holding European donors and decision-makers accountable for major multi-year policy and funding commitments made on SRHR in international cooperation.

The ENRO-led <u>Countdown 2030 Europe</u> consortium produced its annual <u>Tracking What</u> <u>Counts</u> report on trends in European policies and funding support for SRHR and family planning (SRH/FP). This showed that in 2022, donor governments and the EU increased their contribution by 14% compared to 2021, providing a total of 1.622 billion Euros, clearly prioritising this area within overall SRHR funding. In 2023, donors continued to be vocal about the importance of SRHR in international cooperation, endorsing 17 new policy documents and speaking out publicly over 50 times in favour of SRHR at national, European and global level. In June we launched Countdown 2030 Europe's new **multi-year campaign**, <u>#AWorldWhere</u>, which is instrumental in reinforcing our ongoing call for Europe to make strong global commitments on SRHR/FP, advance gender equality and strengthen health systems.

The campaign kicked off with the first in a series of <u>Instagram Lives</u> designed to foreground activist and feminist visions of a world where SRHR and gender equality are a universal reality, and show how the EU can help achieve this. We successfully engaged target audiences, raising the visibility of the benefits of investing in women's rights movements, the importance of gender-responsive budgeting and the role of SRE in GBV prevention.

The Consortium's partners also organised national campaign launches that combined advocacy with art to make powerful calls for social change.



Throughout the year, we continued to call on the EU to prioritise SRHR and gender equality in its **funding for external action**, actively engaging in the mid-term review of the principal financing instrument for development and international cooperation, the NDICI, and publishing key <u>analysis</u> of EU bilateral aid going to SRHR. This will support our **push for vital funding for SRHR** over the coming years.

In addition, we kept up pressure for strong implementation of two crucial EU policy action plans. ENRO input to the mid-term review of the Gender Action Plan (GAP III), the main framework for **promoting gender equality in external action**, contributing an expert perspective on implementation so far and calling for greater prioritisation of SRHR and stronger civil society partnerships. With our partners in CONCORD Europe, we drafted a <u>parallel report</u> on GAP III implementation in Morocco, the Philippines and Kenya, helping to hold the EU accountable by highlighting the impacts of its policy on people's lives, including how transformative and intersectional approaches to gender equality have been applied.

We also took the opportunity of the first anniversary of the EU's **Youth Action Plan** to speak out on the implementation of this vital instrument for youth SRHR in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. With our partners, we published a <u>report</u> highlighting good practices drawn from civil society work and made recommendations on maximising the impact for young people's health and rights.

We helped ensure a <u>positive outcome document</u> at the UNECE **Regional Conference on ICPD+30** review. ENRO, together with eight MAs and our young volunteers, provided expert perspectives and helped ensure inclusion of key issues including universal access to SRHR, recognition of structural inequalities and intersectionality, GBV prevention, and the need for governments to condemn the backlash and support SRHR and Women Human Rights Defenders. IPPF EN will continue to continue to push for these issues to be prioritized at the global review in 2024 in New York.

Shift norms

To promote an **inclusive and intersectional feminist** Europe, ENRO began to mobilise in preparation for the 2024 European elections, communicating key <u>recommendations</u> to European political parties for their electoral programmes on both EU domestic policy and external action. In collaboration with our national and regional partners, we also called on the EU to implement an ambitious Feminist Foreign Policy.

ENRO organised strategic communications workshops for selected European Parliament and national government staff and civil servants, sharing good practices in **framing progressive narratives** to build broader public support for SRHR. Values-framed messaging has since been used in external communications on important SRHR topics by some participants. Meanwhile, to support our global Federation, ENRO and our Swedish MA supported IPPF members and partners in Kenya, Nigeria and Zambia to develop, test and deploy new narratives and hope-based visual content to win support from moveable audiences on key SRHR topics.

The polarisation of issues within the feminist movement acts as a barrier to advancing SRHR and gender equality and is actively encouraged and exploited by anti-rights actors. To help address this, ENRO and our MAs conducted a pilot project in 2023 in France, Portugal, and Spain and at the EU level, analysing and testing narratives on gender diversity and sex work and developing initial recommendations on strategies that can help to find common ground. We will continue to build on these initial results to develop new communications that can **build greater unity within the feminist movement** in Europe and beyond.

ENRO **engaged with the media** throughout the year via interviews, briefings and statements to shape narratives and raise visibility of national movements and opposition attacks on SRHR and gender equality, as well as EU-level developments. We contributed to 30 published articles in a range of international and national media outlets, including Politico, France Info, ZDF, Marie Claire, La Repubblica, Associated Press, the Washington Post, Euronews, Elle and Al Jazeera.



Act for youth

Building crucial life skills among the younger generations through sexuality and relationships education is central to IPPF EN's mission. In 2023, our MAs reached a total of more than 855,500 young people throughout Europe and Central Asia and trained over 30,000 educators to lead SRE sessions.

As part of our support for impact at national level, ENRO gave a grant to our MA in Bosnia & Herzegovina to **build better understanding of social determinants that discourage young people from using available SRH services**. Using a "Participatory Learning and Action" methodology that centres communities, the MA collaborated with youth to compare sociocultural factors that affect their access to care. This enabled it to update its SRE and mental health programmes to take a more transformative approach by recognising new trends and addressing root causes of gender inequality. The MA produced a guide to support other IPPF members to use a PLA approach that empowers and engages communities, enabling better health outcomes.

In 2023, we supported our regional youth network <u>YSAFE</u>, together with young volunteers from our MAs and partners, to begin **building new progressive partnerships** that go beyond the SRHR sector. Collectively, our young people engaged with a total of 25 national youth and/or women's groups, including student associations, human rights groups and poverty reduction advocates. This helped to create a broader network of young people with a shared commitment to advancing gender equality, many of whom came together at a **Youth Day** hosted by YSAFE in October to share and learn about pressing issues and challenges affecting young people and brainstorm ideas for future projects and collaborations on gender equality. IPPF EN will provide small grants for some of these initiatives.

Throughout the year, YSAFE also produced <u>season three</u> of their **"Sex positiviTEA" podcast series**, exploring topics from student activism for LGBTIQ equality and global perspectives on abortion advocacy to collaboration within the sex work community and storytelling and cultural empowerment. The podcast series was listened to in 65 countries around the world, with the main audience in Europe and Central Asia.

ENRO helped centre youth voices in dialogue with EU decision-makers, continuing to play a leading role in organising the <u>European Week of Action for Girls</u> in October. Together with civil society partners, we brought 12 young advocates from around the world to Brussels to campaign for an EU that does better on girls' rights. Highlights included a movie screening with UN agencies, meetings with the Spanish EU Presidency and EU Member State delegates for international solidarity, and a debate with MEPs and the European Commission. An <u>IPPF EN youth advocate</u> from Kazakhstan spoke powerfully to decision-makers about the vital need for SRE for all, and the importance of involving girls in policy-making.

Democracy \star



CSE activist coming from #Vis Kazakhstan

SOLIDARITY FOR CHANGE

We continued to support and stand in solidarity with brave activists, social movements and MAs championing and defending SRHR and gender equality against backlash in their national contexts, using our voice and platform to centre communities that face systemic and intersecting forms of discrimination.

Support social movements

ENRO provided several grants to **support activists**, **social movements and MAs in hostile environments** to be better equipped to respond to attacks by ultra-conservative forces. These included support to Slovenian activists to create the country's only website providing accurate information on abortion, and campaign on family policies, and to Polish activists to strengthen their abortion rights movement, including building a team of feminist prochoice lawyers. In Italy and Croatia, we supported campaigning on issues including LGBTIQ rights and GBV. We gave small emergency grants to partners and MAs facing attacks in Armenia, Malta, Hungary and Latvia, and to our members in Bulgaria and the Netherlands to support development of better tools for communications and monitoring of digital spaces.

We continued to **speak out in solidarity with activists and advocates**, amplifying and mobilising with our partners in response to attacks in Belgium, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine, the UK and Andorra. ENRO leveraged our advocacy and communications capacities to raise awareness, condemn the backlash, denounce attempts by European countries to restrict access to SRHR and call powerfully for stronger EU efforts to protect civic space and Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRD). We mobilised MEPs, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, and influential media, and helped ensure strong international solidarity with WHRDs such as <u>Justyna</u> <u>Wydrzyńska</u> in Poland and <u>Vanessa Mendoza Cortés</u> in Andorra.

To strengthen MAs' and partners' ability to counter the anti-gender movement, ENRO provided coaching and support throughout the year. This included bespoke communications capacity building, both technical and strategic. We also facilitated a "Comms Clinic" for partners to seek support on specific challenges, and crisis communications training with an expert coach. In October, we organised a peer-to-peer "Solidarity for Change" workshop where 40 activists came together to learn and exchange on safety and security; art and social media as tools for change and resistance; and on the mental health of SRHR advocates and activists.

Build strategic partnerships



In October, ENRO hosted our **Power of the Many Forum** - a gathering of over 150 people from more than 30 countries in the European Network Region, who came together to learn, share and strategise on how we can collectively advance the agenda on SRHR, social justice and gender equality more effectively. Held in Sofia, Bulgaria, the Forum included inspiring speeches from Uluk Batyrgaliev, Vice Chair of IPPF's Board of Trustees, and pioneering activists for abortion rights, gender and equality. It provided spaces for IPPF MAs, partners, activists, young volunteers and community experts to explore topics ranging from LGBTIQ rights, safe abortion, anti-racism, sex workers' rights and art for transformation. This rich and diverse gathering, co-hosted with our Bulgarian MA, built a sense of solidarity and shared purpose aimed at fostering social and political change. It is a strategic priority for us to focus on the interactions between SRHR and these issues over the coming years, **increasing our impact for groups who face the greatest, often intersecting, obstacles to health, rights and justice**.

We proudly strengthened our collaboration and allyship with the European Sex Workers' Rights Alliance (ESWA), joining the European Coalition on Sex Workers' Rights and Inclusion and actively and vocally amplifying IPPF's global sex work policy, which calls for full decriminalisation as the only way to protect the rights and safety of people who do sex work. With our civil society partners, we pushed for the use of inclusive feminist language that does not perpetuate discrimination against this community in relevant EU policies and helped to prevent efforts to impose an abolitionist model across the EU. We also contributed to national and global advocacy by IPPF on sex workers' rights through the creation of new resources and spaces for learning and sharing.



Innovate and share knowledge

Benefitting from IPPF's internal voucher system of grant-making, MAs continued to share and learn from one another, with several building their capacities to use the Flag System - a tool developed by our Belgian Member Association to support healthy sexual development and prevention of sexual violence among children. The MAs of Serbia, Albania, Cyprus, North Macedonia and Latvia increased the reach of the Flag System in their countries, facilitating the training of 170 teachers and school staff on how to integrate it into their daily work. In some countries the IPPF EN tool was presented to decision-makers as a good regional practice. Thanks to the voucher grants, members were also able to develop projects and share expertise on topics such as reaching young people through sexuality education campaigns, together with tactics for dealing with aggressive opposition and disinformation triggered by this work in some contexts.

As part of our drive to **push back against the anti-gender movement**, ENRO provided a range of platforms for our MAs and partners to exchange knowledge, good practices and expertise. These included sessions to train trainers from 24 countries on framing for SRHR in the face of opposition; a community of practice on research and campaigning; a weekly newsletter sharing intelligence and latest developments; and a revamped e-learning platform with tailor-made digital content on topics ranging from value-based communications to movement building.



NURTURE OUR FEDERATION

Providing support to our MAs remained ENRO's central focus in 2023. We facilitated resources, spaces and connections to enable our network to continue learning, exchanging, growing and becoming more sustainable, as we collectively worked to achieve the strategic goals of IPPF.

Chart our identity

As IPPF works at the global level to develop a new **Charter of Values** and prepare a rebrand of the Federation, the Executive Directors of our MAs met in October to debate and provide their inputs to this process. Together, they reflected on how IPPF values might best be defined from a regional perspective, gave feedback on the direction of the rebrand, and discussed how to ensure the balancing of national needs with global ones.

Grow our Federation

We have prioritised Türkiye and the UK as countries where IPPF does not currently have a Member Association and would like to **expand our regional footprint**, due to their key geopolitical roles as well as the shrinking space for civil society and human rights in Türkiye in particular. In 2023, an analysis of the SRHR and civil society context was conducted in both countries, identifying current challenges and opportunities for our future work. These were followed by mappings and discussions with potential future MAs. New collaborations are expected to be announced in 2024.

MAs in Belgium, Romania, Israel and Slovakia were reaccredited as IPPF members in 2023, as the third cycle of IPPF's global **accreditation** process came to an end. In parallel, we embarked on the fourth cycle, carrying out accreditation reviews with the MAs in Sweden, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Georgia, Albania, Denmark and Latvia.

ENRO was awarded our second annual operating grant from the European Commission under its <u>Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme</u> (CERV). This enabled us to continue important work positively influencing attitudes, behaviour and norms that support gender equality in the EU, as well as ensuring more resilient EU policy and political frameworks relating to rights and values. In 2023, we provided subgrants to EU-based MAs and partners for the first time, supporting their impact advancing SRHR and countering the anti-gender movement in four countries. Thanks to CERV funding, we also supported national advocacy to combat SGBV in Finland and the Netherlands, the implementation of a study on the contribution of SRE in SGBV prevention in Portugal, and work on inclusive language as a follow-up to organisational gender assessments in Belgium and Ireland. We continued to support MAs in the important area of **monitoring**, **evaluation and learning** (MEL). Contributing to the operationalisation of IPPF's new Strategic Results Framework, we helped refine new indicators that are most relevant to contexts and impact in Europe and Central Asia and built our network's technical capacity to provide quality annual data. We contributed to increasing IPPF's global capacity for modern results and evidence-based management, helping lead development of a new business intelligence tool, the **Partnership Dashboard**, that brings together a wealth of institutional data from different sources. And we enhanced **results-based management** (RBM) knowledge and practices by updating an IPPF EN e-toolkit to support interactive online learning for our MAs, complemented by additional coaching from ENRO.

We prepared the ground for a new edition of a key IPPF EN resource, the **Survey on Abortion Legislation**, **Policy and Practice in Europe and Central Asia**, an important tool for our MAs and partners to protect and advance abortion rights. By gathering extensive data from our network on the state of play in national contexts, we are building an updated knowledge base on access and challenges to abortion care for women and girls, and exploring how implementation and practice aligns with national legislation and policies on safe abortion. The new Survey has an added focus on access for marginalised communities and on the impacts of anti-choice opposition. Results will be published from 2024.

Throughout 2023, IPPF carried out a global realignment to ensure the Federation is optimally placed to deliver on its Come Together Strategy. This led to several staff changes at ENRO, including the creation of a **Youth Networker** position and five "**Architects of Cooperation**" (AoC) roles, designed to further enhance our support to our young volunteers and our MAs. Each AoC will have a geographical focus, enabling greater contextualisation and collaborative impact within our network. It is particularly exciting that we will have a colleague dedicated to supporting our Central Asian members for the first time, given the worsening political context for SRHR in their countries. Another important new position is the Lead for **Community Engagement and Partnership**, which will enable IPPF EN over the coming years to further deepen our allyship and collaboration with, and support to, groups that face intersecting forms of discrimination and stigma, from sex workers and Roma communities to LGBTIQ people and migrants.

Walk the talk

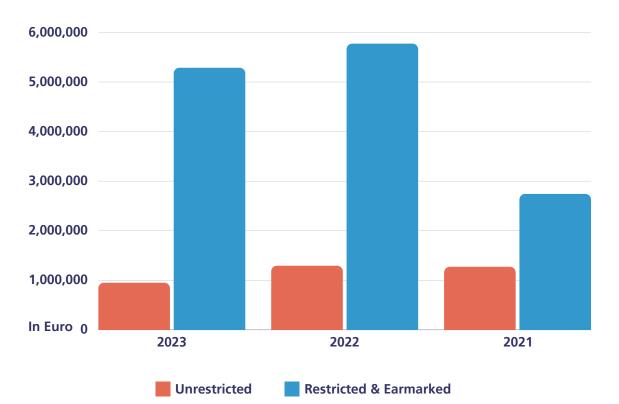
In line with IPPF's global commitment to anti-racism and **decolonising the Federation**, the ENRO-led Countdown 2030 Europe consortium continued to reflect deeply on how it can address inequities within its advocacy and move towards integrating a decolonial, feminist and inclusion lens in its strategies and approaches. In September, C2030E adopted a 3-year Decolonisation Action Plan, which will guide this transformational journey.

Meanwhile, ENRO participated actively in IPPF's global Secretariat **anti-racism** working group and created a space at our Power of the Many Forum for MAs and partners to exchange on this work, hearing from community members about systemic discrimination and stigma experienced by Roma people and migrant communities of African descent in Bulgaria and the UK respectively, and learning about the experience of our Swedish MA in their anti-racism journey.

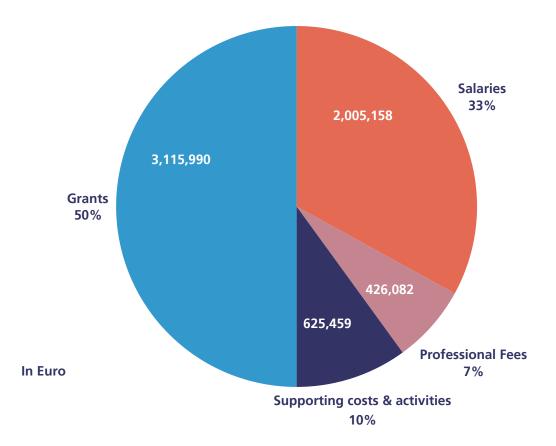
We continued to apply <u>transformative approaches</u> to tackling the root causes of gender inequality, funding MAs in Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands as they used IPPF's tool for organisational **gender assessment** and produced gender action plans. This brings the total number of members in Europe and Central Asia who have carried out this crucial work to 26. We also supported MAs in Ireland and Belgium to implement their gender action plans, bringing them more knowledge and experience on use of inclusive language and how organisations can take a more inclusive approach to reaching out to different communities.

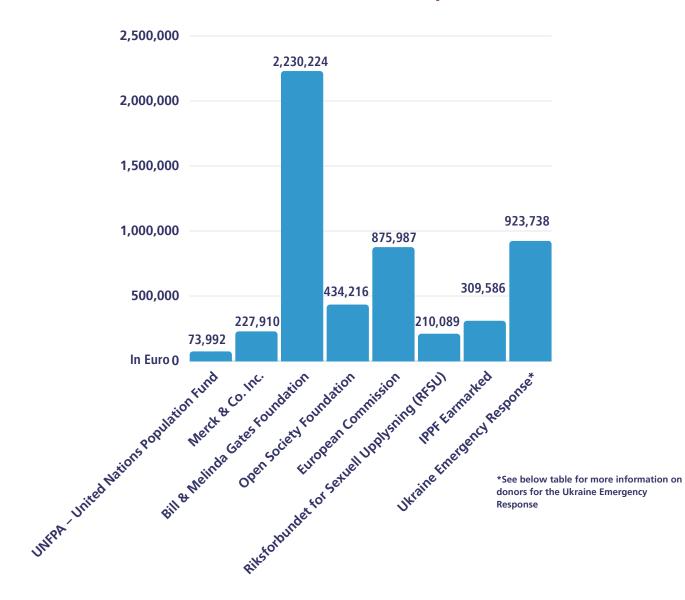
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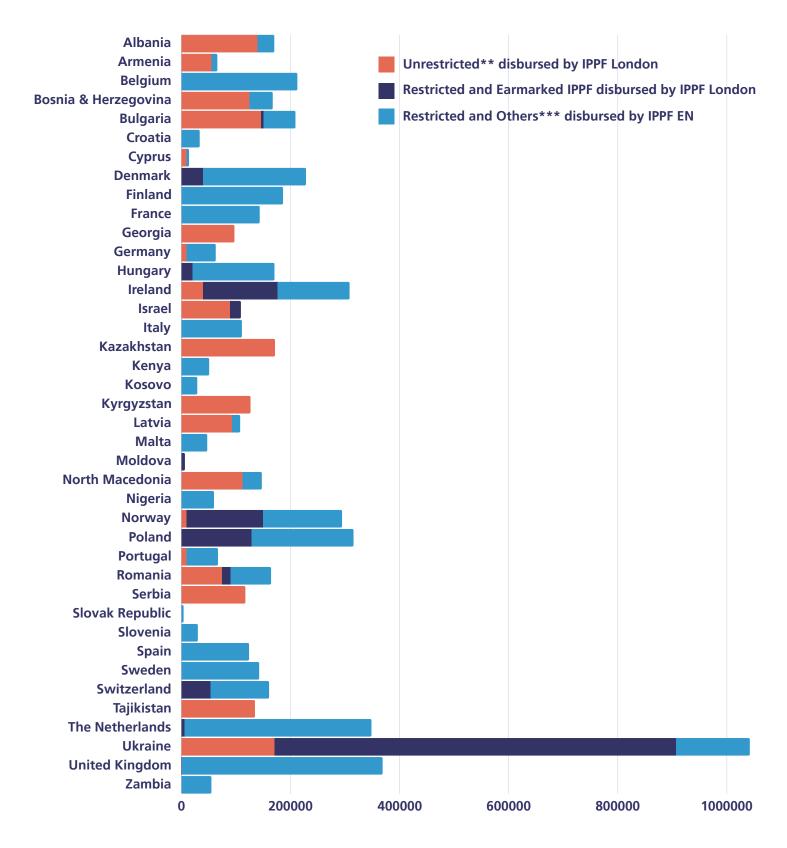


Income Restricted & Earmarked per Donor

Ukraine emergency response

Donor	Amount in Euro
UNFPA-United Nations Population Fund	14,705
CARE Deutschland.e.V	49,565
Open Society Foundation	536,123
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office - FCDO	94,668
Government of France	60,000
Swiss Funds	49,786
Appeal funds	2,471
Japan funds	33,508
BMZ	82,913
Total	923,738

Grants to MAs and partners per country*



*Currency: USD. Grants paid by IPPF London are not included under EN income and EN books of accounts. Excluding SAAF, CSE, GAC

**Core, Vouchers, Youth movement, Opportunity grant, Stream 2 and Stream 3

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