

Terms of Reference

Developing an Advocacy Paper for Reproductive Justice, including Fertility

IPPF European Network (IPPF EN) is one of the International Planned Parenthood Federation's six regional offices. IPPF EN has members in over 40 countries across Europe and Central Asia to empower everyone, especially the most socially excluded, to live with dignity and to have access to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

I. Overall Aim and Rationale

1. Overall Aim

IPPF EN wishes to develop a concise public-facing advocacy paper aimed at policy-makers, to advocate for reproductive justice. The paper should define reproductive justice, set out values and principles, highlight key aspects of reproductive justice, make clear calls to action, and policy recommendations to advance reproductive justice, including fertility, in the European context.

The paper shall aim to:

- **Provide a clear and accessible, values-based definition of reproductive justice**, highlighting its core components, including bodily autonomy, the right to have or not have children, fertility, and the right to parent in safe and supportive environments; grounded in a human rights-based, feminist, anti-racist, decolonial, intersectional, and systemic approach;
- Strengthen decision-makers' understanding of reproductive justice and **make the case for the adoption of a reproductive justice approach in EU and national policies; using strategic framing, taking into account the context of restrictive or instrumentalising narratives** around fertility and demography;
- **Set out key policy recommendations** across various relevant policy areas **for decision-makers at national and EU level.**

This paper will contribute to IPPF EN staff European-level advocacy, and also support IPPF EN membership in their national advocacy efforts.

It should be based on the existing work already carried out by IPPF EN and allies, drawing from a compilation of resources that will be provided separately.

2. Rationale

Policy debates on demographic trends, fertility, and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) are increasingly prominent at both EU and national levels. Yet, policy responses often remain narrow, fragmented, or instrumentalised, falling short of a comprehensive, rights-based and systemic understanding of these issues. A reproductive justice approach offers a necessary and coherent framework to address these gaps.

II. Objectives, Content and Use of the Paper

1. Audience

This paper is intended to inform:

- Decision- and policy-makers at the EU institutions and national-level across EU Member States;
- Other relevant stakeholders engaged in SRHR and equality policy and advocacy.

The paper will be publicly available. It will contribute to IPPF EN European-level advocacy, and also support IPPF EN membership in their national advocacy efforts.

2. Content of the paper

The paper should aim to address the following areas:

- Provide a clear, policy-oriented **definition** of reproductive justice tailored to external audiences, including its key principles and scope.
- Identify **the key policy areas where action is needed**, priority areas for policy intervention to advance reproductive justice, including but not limited to:
 - Equal access to SRHR services (including abortion, contraception, and comprehensive sexuality education);
 - Fertility and access to fertility care, and reproductive healthcare;
 - Structural and intersectional inequalities affecting access to these rights;
 - Combating obstetric and gynaecological violence, including practices affecting fertility (e.g. forced sterilisation);
 - Care, childcare, and family policies;
 - Anti-racism, decolonial approaches, and intersectionality;
 - Climate and environmental justice;
 - Rights-based approaches to demography.
- **Present a concise set of high-level, actionable policy recommendations** for EU and national decision-makers. IPPF EN has already developed draft recommendations that should be built upon and refined.

When drafting the paper, pay attention to **framing reproductive justice effectively**, by applying values-based messaging developed by IPPF EN, to counter anti-rights narratives and promote a rights-based, inclusive, and non-coercive approach to fertility and demography.

III. Tasks and Deliverable

The consultant will be responsible for:

1. Reviewing and building on existing resources

- Familiarise oneself and analyse the compilation of resources provided by IPPF EN;
- Identify and integrate any key missing references where relevant.

2. Synthesising and structuring content

- Develop a clear and concise definition of reproductive justice;
- Identify key policy areas and gaps;
- Refine and structure policy recommendations for EU and national levels.

3. Engagement with IPPF EN

- Participate in 1–2 coordination calls;
 - Incorporate feedback through iterative drafts.
- 4. Drafting the advocacy paper**
- Produce a short, accessible, and strategic paper;
 - Apply values-based framing throughout;
 - Ensure coherence with IPPF EN's existing advocacy positions.
- 5. (Possibly) Presenting the advocacy paper to the membership**
- At a Workshop convening advocates from IPPF EN membership in Brussels (max two-hour session on 30 September or 1 October).

Deliverables

- A **paper of 6-8 pages**, written in clear and accessible language;
- A summarised 2-page paper;
- Sources should be referenced throughout the paper, as hyperlinks or footnotes.

IV. Timeline and Application Process

Estimated duration

We anticipate that the project will require approximately 4 days of work.

Timeline

- Terms of Reference shared: [20 May]
- Application deadline: [10 June COB]
- Selection of consultant: [17 June]
- Kick-off briefing: Week commencing [22 June]
- First draft and one round of feedback: Week commencing [13 July]
- Final paper to be delivered by: [mid-September]
- Presentation to the membership: [30 September or 1 October]

Skills and qualifications

The selected consultant will have:

- Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills;
- Proven experience in drafting policy papers and developing advocacy messages;
- Strong understanding of the European (EU and Member States) policy and legislative context;
- Demonstrated expertise in reproductive justice, fertility, and related SRHR, human rights, and health issues.

Application process

Please send:

- A CV outlining relevant expertise;
- A short proposal including a time and fee estimate, including number of days, daily fee and total fee, preferably in Euros, specifying if VAT applies, if yes, specifying both excluding and including VAT.

Applications should be sent by [10 June COB] to Camille Butin (IPPF EN Advocacy Advisor): cbutin@ippf.org.