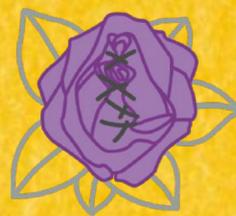




ANNUAL REPORT 2020



End FGM
EUROPEAN NETWORK





THE END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK

is a European umbrella network of
30 ORGANISATIONS, in 14 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
working to ensure sustainable European
action to end Female Genital Mutilation
and support Survivors.

Co-funded by the
European Union



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WHO ARE WE?

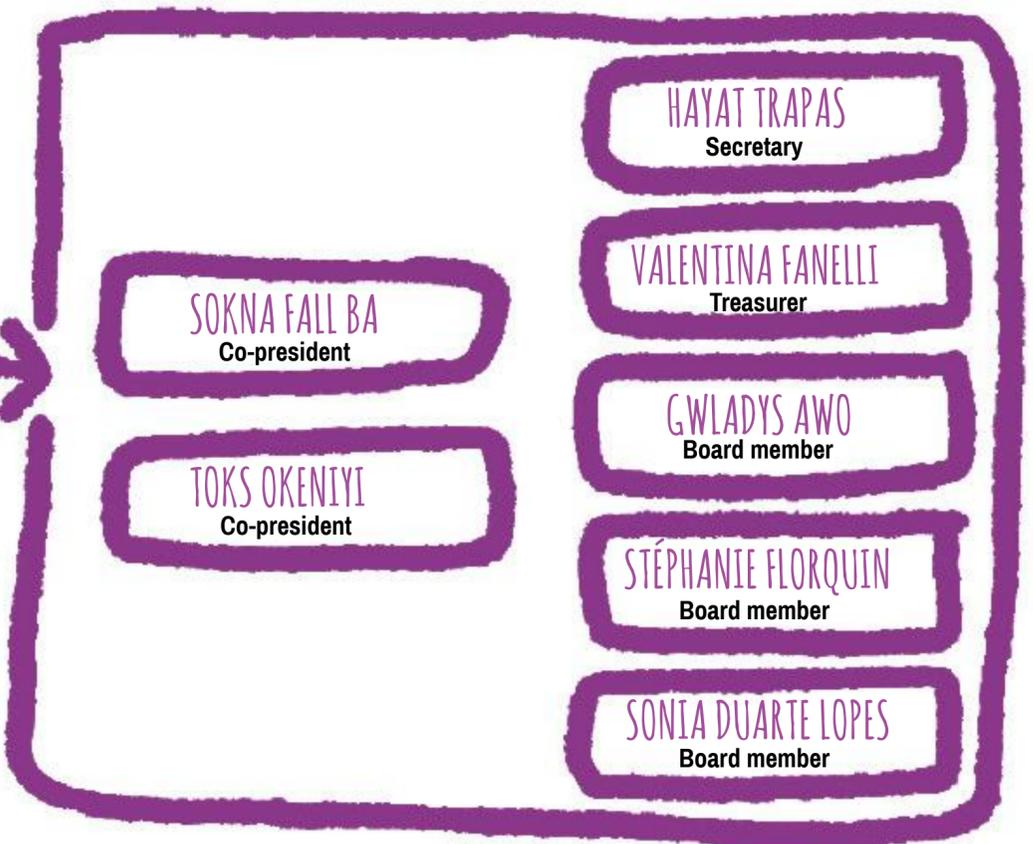
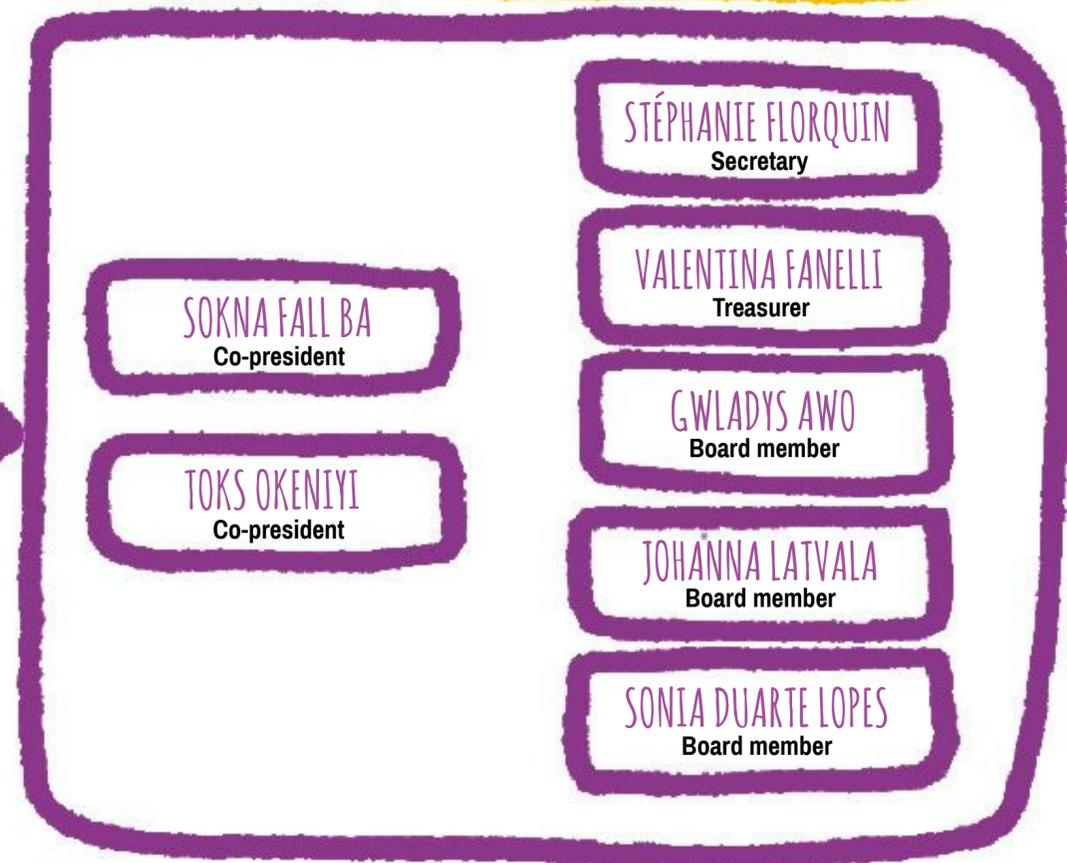
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BOARD

SECRETARIAT

BEGINNING OF 2020

END OF 2020



A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK

CO-PRESIDENTS

DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the End FGM European Network,
we want to thank you for your support
throughout 2020.



SOKHNA FALL BA



TOKS OKENIYI

A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

The past year has been full of challenges,
but it also offered us **OPPORTUNITIES**
to innovate and connect differently.



SOKHNA FALL BA



TOKS OKENIYA

A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

2020 was the **FIRST YEAR** of the decade to eliminate FGM for good. Working from home and collaborating online, we still managed to achieve **MORE** than we had projected for the year.



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A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We invested the virtual space by organising informative and engaging **WEBINARS** with partners and members. We produced compelling digital materials for our **#ENDFGMMYTHS CAMPAIGN**.



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A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK

CO-PRESIDENTS

We trained journalists and media professionals on how to **REPORT ABOUT FGM**. We created safe spaces to promote **WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH** to communities and members.



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A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

In fact, we made the most of going online by broadening and reinforcing our connections
BEYOND BORDERS.



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A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We took part in international actions such as the **SUCCESSFUL OPERATION** calling to increase the EU budget for the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme.



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A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We spread the word about
THE GENDER ABC PROJECT with multiple
organisations throughout Europe and
gave a space to our Youth Ambassadors
and their project **THE PURPLE CHAIR**.



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TOKS OKENIYI

A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We welcomed **3 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**
Amref Health Africa (the Netherlands),
Ifrah Foundation (Ireland)
and Institut Women Safe (France).



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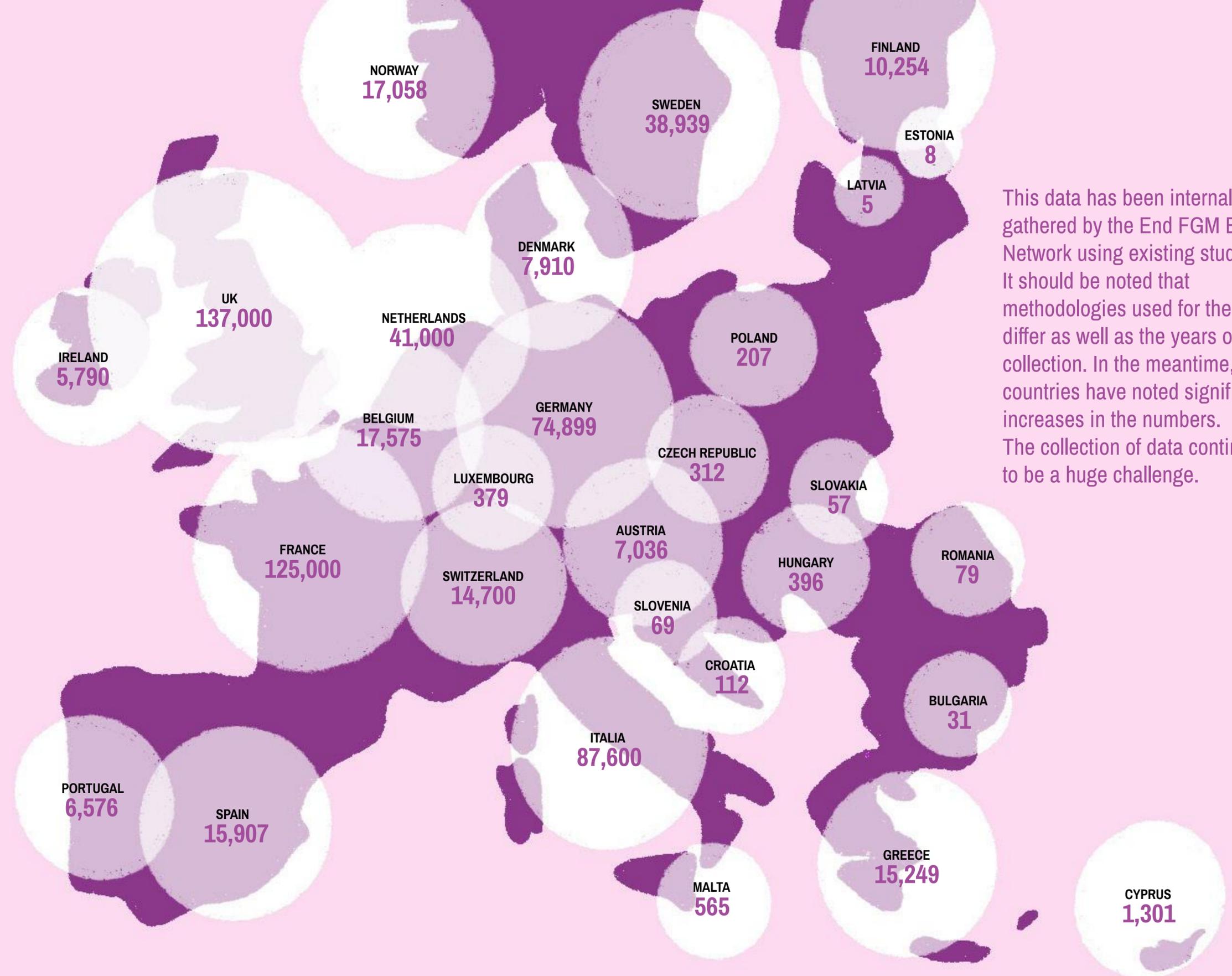
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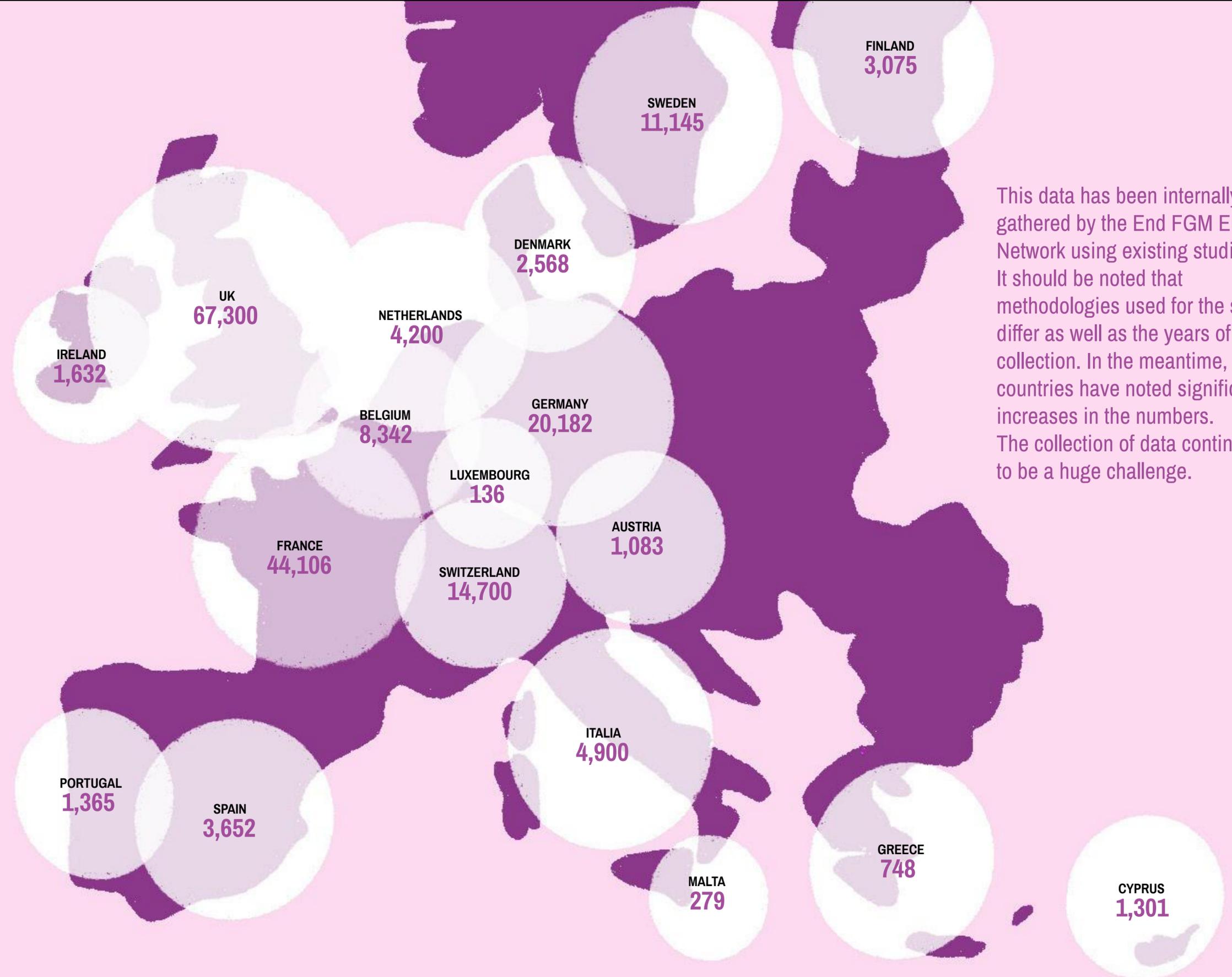
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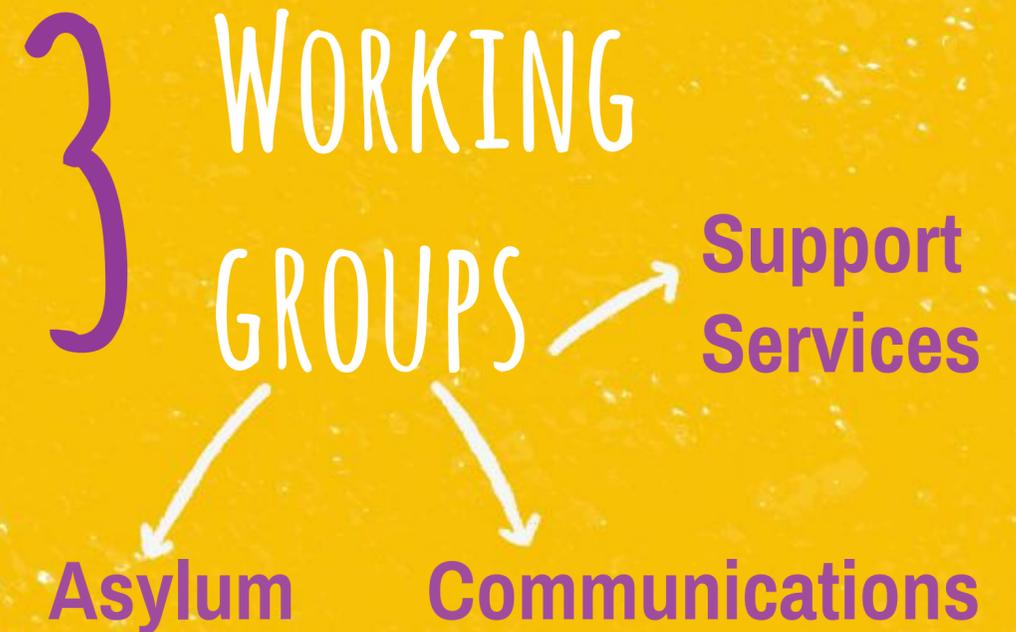
2020 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

3 NEW MEMBERS



15 MEETINGS

4 NEW FUNDING SOURCES



2020 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

5 WEBINARS



Wellbeing and
mental health
during COVID



Media & FGM



Services
for Holistic Care
for FGM Survivors



FGM
Survivors' bodily
perception
& sexual pleasure



FGM
prevalence
data collection
in Europe

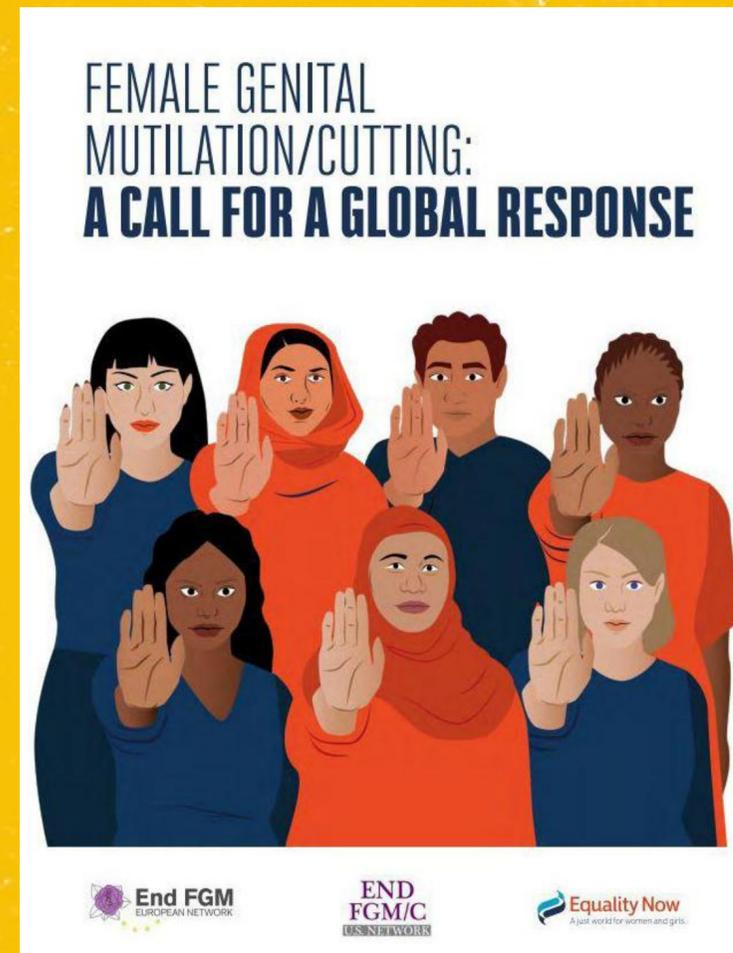
2020 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

The Network also organised...



The official launch of **the World Health Organisation's FGM Cost Calculator** which calculates **the healthcare cost of FGM** over the next **30 years** in **27 countries**, together with the Belgian Permanent Representation to the European Union. **40 actors** of the movement to end FGM were present!

Our global report launch with **Equality Now and the US End FGM/C Network** "FGM/C: A Call for a Global Response" with over **100 participants**. The report shows that FGM is present in over **92 countries** and **5 continents**.



...and we trained more than **200 professionals** on FGM!

In total over the year, we engaged with ...

976 KEY ACTORS

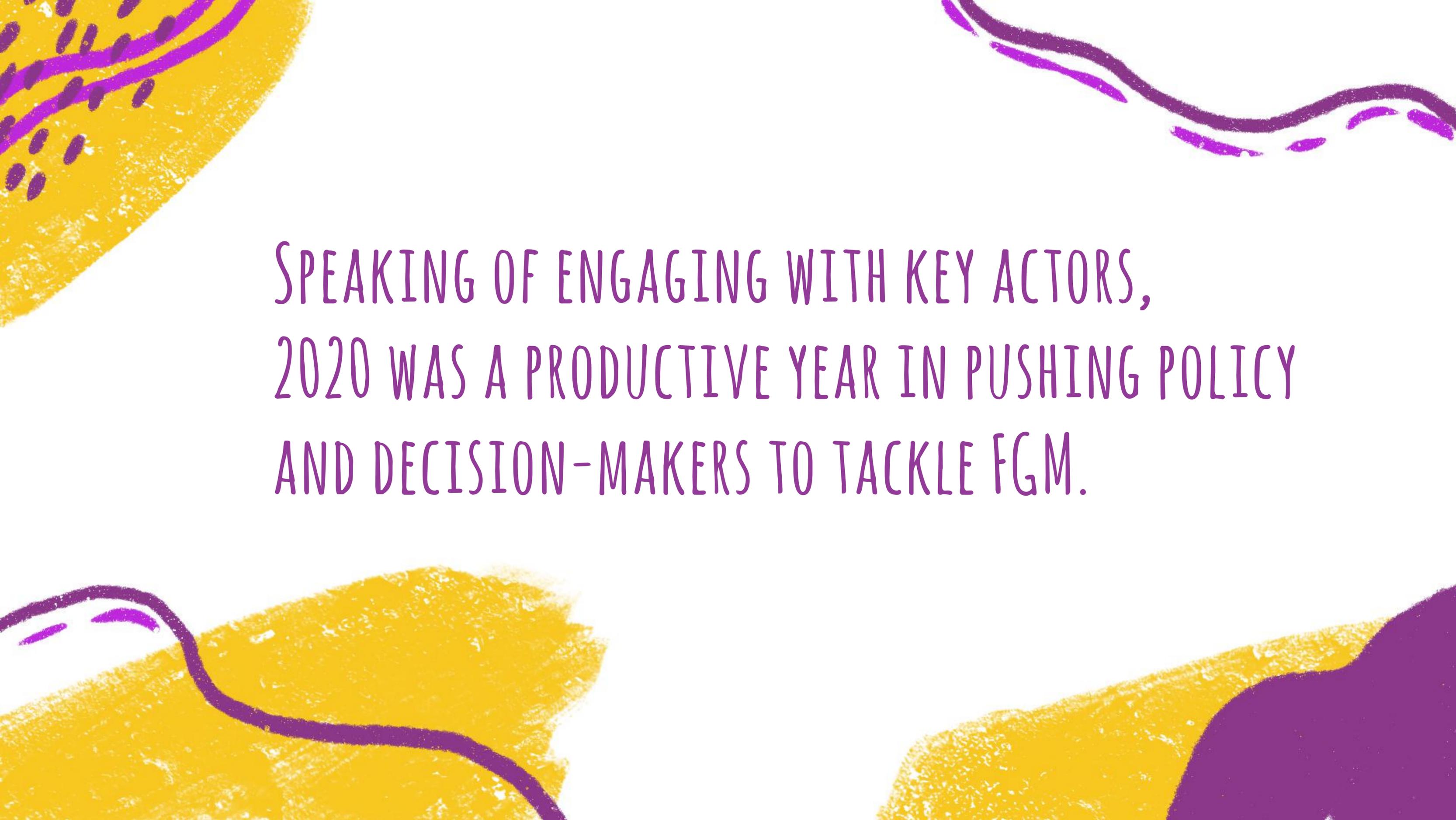
850 FROM CIVIL SOCIETY

67 POLICYMAKERS

41 MEDIA PROFESSIONALS

18 RESEARCHERS

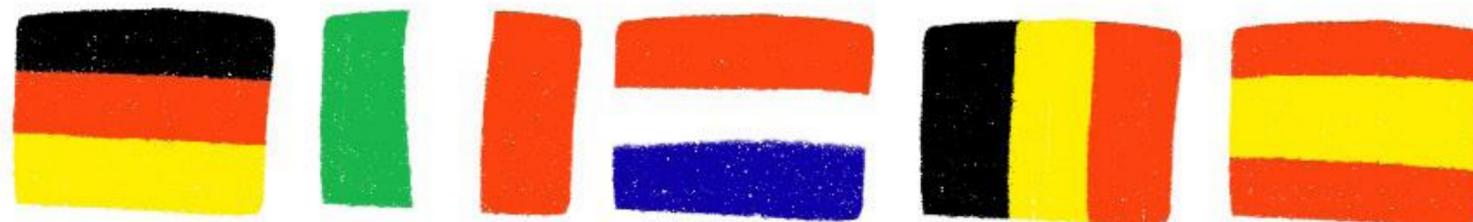


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SPEAKING OF ENGAGING WITH KEY ACTORS,
2020 WAS A PRODUCTIVE YEAR IN PUSHING POLICY
AND DECISION-MAKERS TO TACKLE FGM.

We supported the monitoring
of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention

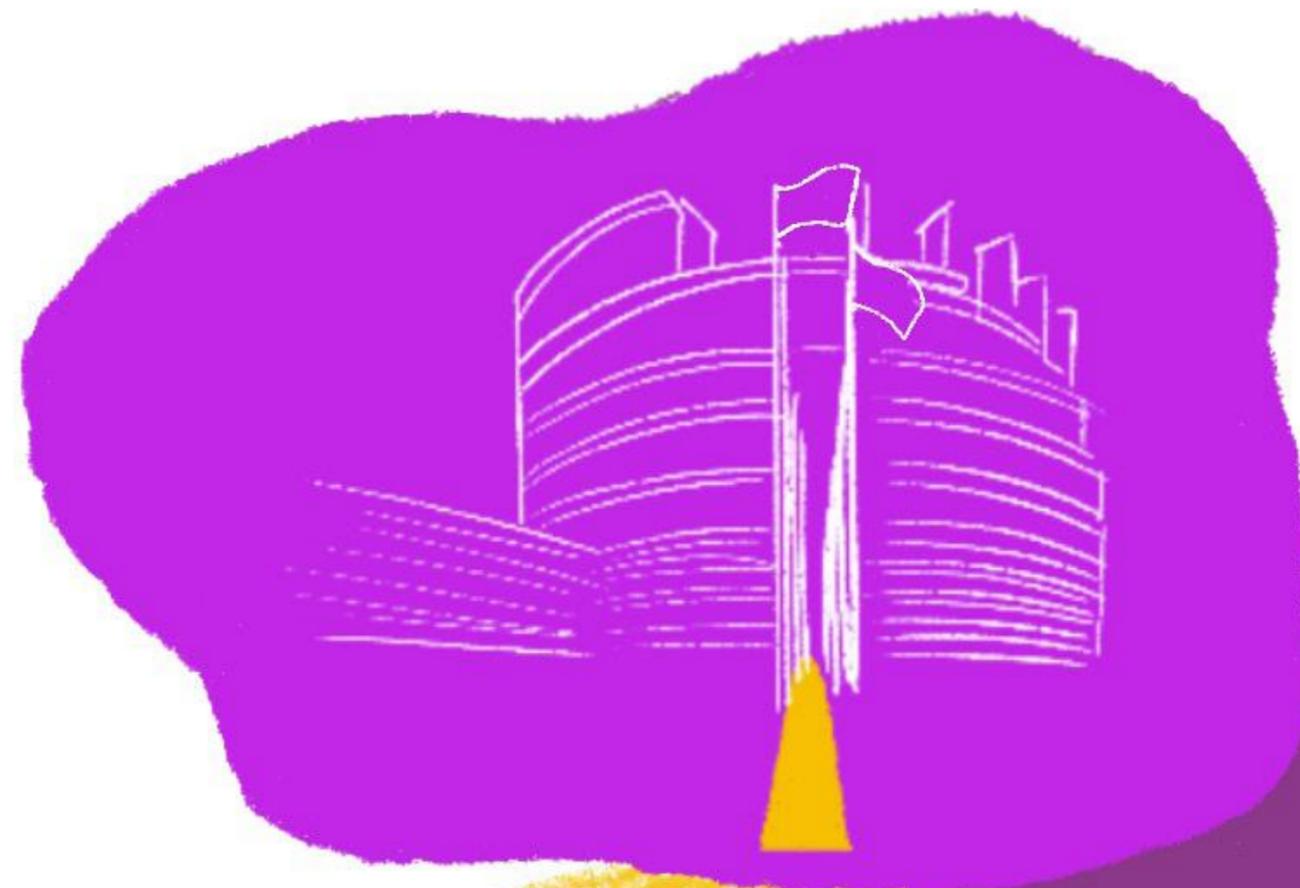
IN 5 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:



... engaged over

70 MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN

PARLIAMENT around the plenary vote
of an EU strategy to tackle FGM around the world.





6 CONSULTATIONS

for EU policy frameworks relating to FGM around gender equality, children's rights, and supporting survivors.

2 CIVIL SOCIETY SUBMISSIONS

to UN resolutions and reports around FGM which were adopted, with our language!



we co-organised, with AIDOS and GAMS Belgium,
an international online dialogue on FGM in Humanitarian Crisis,

INVOLVING 76 EXPERTS
COMING FROM 31 COUNTRIES

resulting in 10 recommendations
for the Donors Working Group on FGM

Together with the Global Platform for Action to end FGM/C and Girls Not
Brides, we published an open letter to the Generation Equality Action
Coalition on Gender-Based Violence and reached over

700 SIGNATURES in a few weeks.



We organised

- 3 LIVE EVENTS

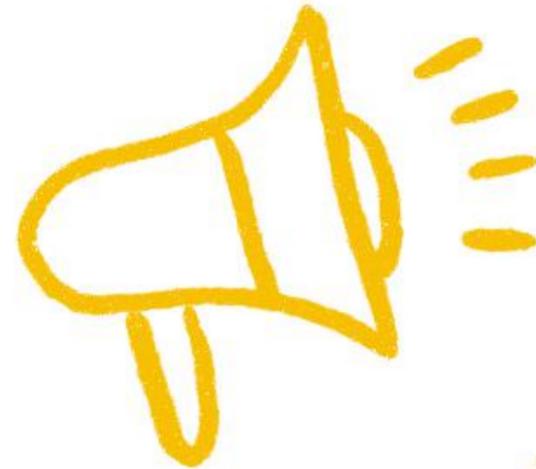
- 5 MEETINGS WITH MEPS

to amplify the messages of young leaders on Gender Equality.

We worked

TO RAISE AWARENESS

ON THE IMPACT OF COVID19 on FGM



When asked, in our survey, how much the pandemic had impacted their work :

60% of our members and ambassadors answered **“very much”**

40% answered **“severely”**



15 KEY ACTORS

of the EU institutions were gathered at our virtual study visit on Covid-19.



600 DECISION MAKERS
publicly expressed their commitment
to tackle FGM!



2020 WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO RAISING
AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

FROM FEBRUARY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

We worked to educate the public and the media about FGM
Myths and Misconceptions.

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Our #EndFGMMyths online Campaign was highly successful :

1000

Posts were created



1M

Impressions in total over
the year on : instagram,
facebook & twitter



25 012

is the number of views
on the 5 videos we produced
for the Campaign



180+

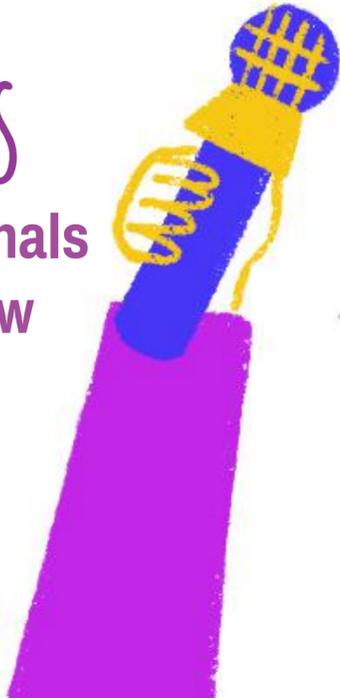
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our Campaign website page

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AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

Words Matter! In 2020 :

22

JOURNALISTS
& media professionals
were trained on how
to report on FGM.



15

is the number of
LANGUAGES
in which we translated
our **How to talk about
FGM video.**



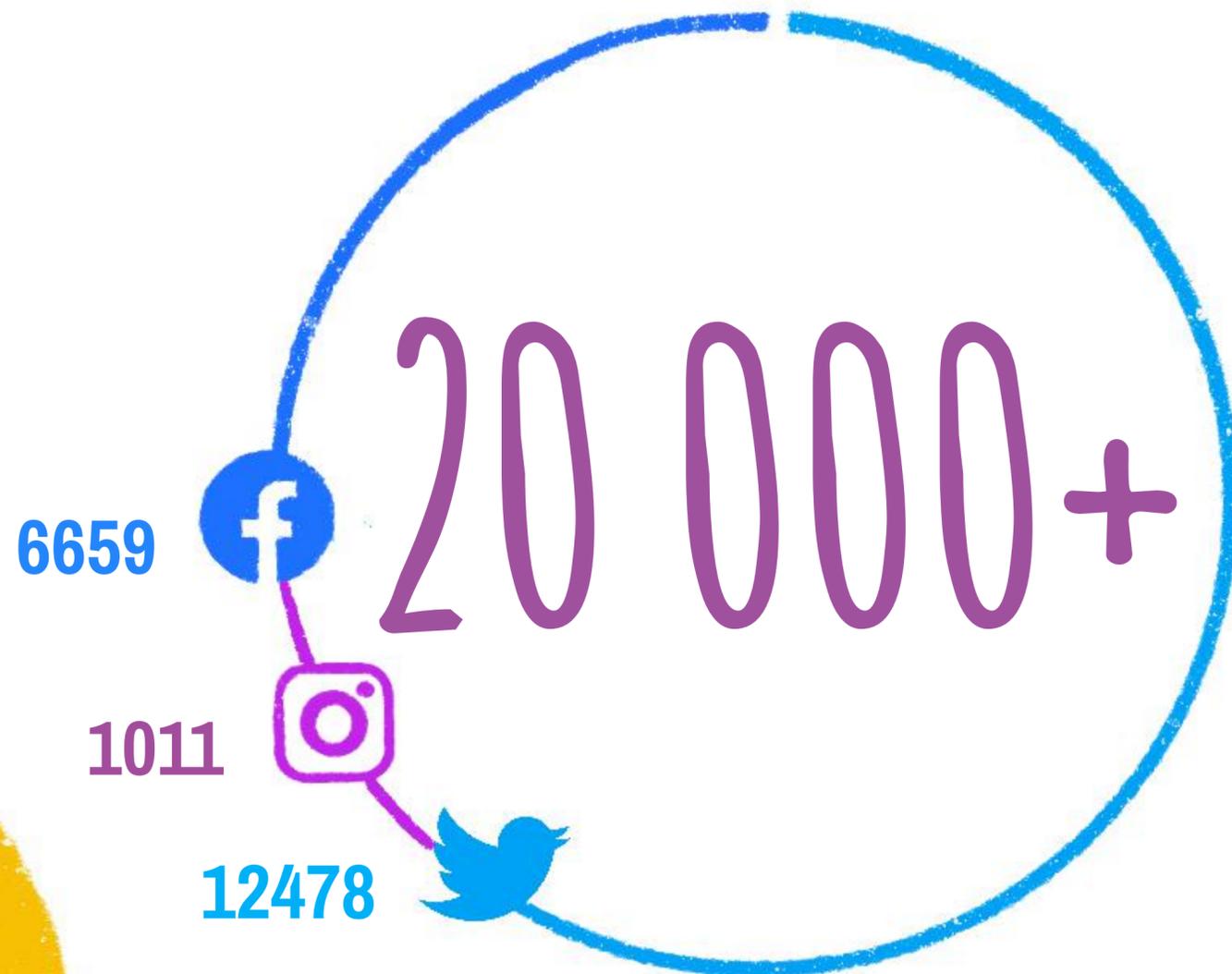
2500+

PEOPLE
people watched the
How to talk about FGM
video already !



2020 WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

In 2020, we also saw our support increase over all our platforms :



+1500

SUBSCRIBERS
to our newsletter

+218 608

VISITS
on our website!



ADDITIONALLY,
2020 WAS THE FINISH LINE
FOR SOME AMAZING PROJECTS
END FGM EU WAS A PART OF...

GENDER ABC

changing European children's attitudes towards gender stereotypes & gender based violence through education



4

COUNTRIES



2

YEARS

21

EDUCATIONAL
MODULES

1437

CHILDREN &
YOUNG PEOPLE
INVOLVED

+6%

MORE CHILDREN
are now able to identify GBV

55%

OF PARTICIPANTS
took action against gender
stereotypes or GBV

+11%

MORE CHILDREN
recognise boys' role
in addressing GBV



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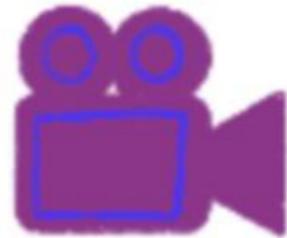


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Youth Ambassadors from 5 European countries created their own YouTube Series – **The Purple Chair**, to raise awareness on the topics of FGM and GBV

11

VIDEOS



5

EU LANGUAGES



5

NATIONAL LAUNCH EVENTS

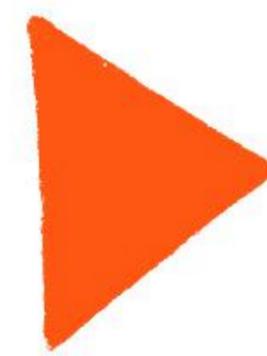


1

EU EVENT PARTICIPATION

2000+

VIEWS ON YOUTUBE!



2020 was also the final year of **Let's Change**, a European project led by **Terres des Femmes** on preventing and abandoning FGM through community work. We contributed as partners by organising :

1

ADVOCACY WORKSHOP
for the community champions

1

EVENT
at the European Parliament giving communities the opportunity to speak up at EU level

But 2020 was not all endings! It was the start of our new project

"UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING THE WORK OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS"

And in October 2020, we kicked-off the EU co-funded **CHAIN** project, for which End FGM EU is producing a European campaign on FGM and Early and Forced Marriage, coming out soon...

LET'S FINISH BY LOOKING BACK AT OUR AMBASSADORS HARD WORK IN 2020

In 2020, our Ambassadors participated in more than

15

INTERNATIONAL
EVENTS

including at the EU



Ambassadors also participated in national events in



EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

They were involved in dozens of conversations on fighting FGM and shared their knowledge on **Engaging men and boys as the key objective to ending FGM at grassroots level!**

2
YOUTH AMBASSADORS

opened the launch of the World Health Organisation FGM Cost Calculator **and moderated** the panel «How do we scale up our commitment to End FGM by 2030?» **with 1 Ambassador speaker.**

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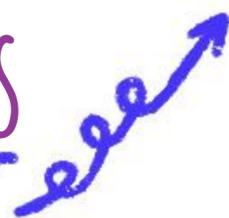
THE LOCKDOWNS

didn't stop them and
they developed



NEW STRATEGIES

to engage with FGM-
affected communities
during a pandemic.



They presented their work on ending
FGM to the Network's Members,
professionals, public and on social
media in several languages
to expand access to the information!

Our Youth Ambassadors
presented

THE PURPLE CHAIR

series at several occasions
including at

the 13th European Forum
on the rights of the child.



LET'S FINISH BY LOOKING BACK AT OUR AMBASSADORS HARD WORK IN 2020

Our Ambassadors were at the heart of End FGM EU's work and participated to our campaigns, translated our communication tools and helped us promote youth engagement!



It was important for us to support our Ambassadors through the consequences of Covid19, so we organised mental health support sessions with psychotherapist Dr Leyla Hussein for whoever needed them.

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AMBASSADORS

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YOUTH AMBASSADORS

... also participated in creating our #EndFGMMyths Campaign materials.

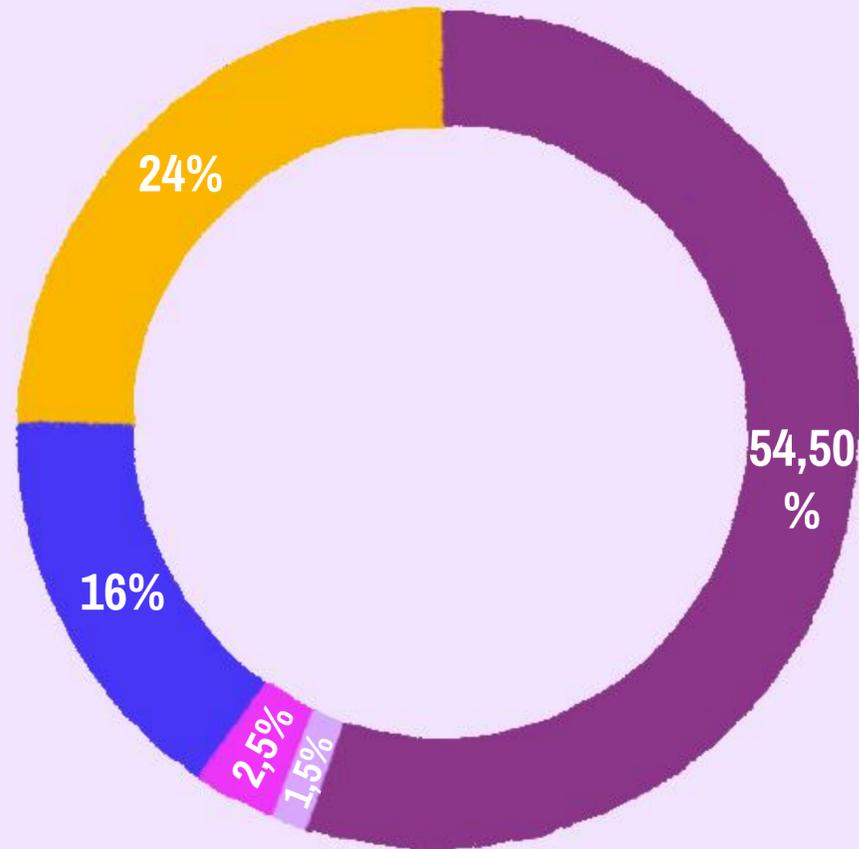
MEMBERS' MAP

- Full Members
- Associate members
- Observer Members



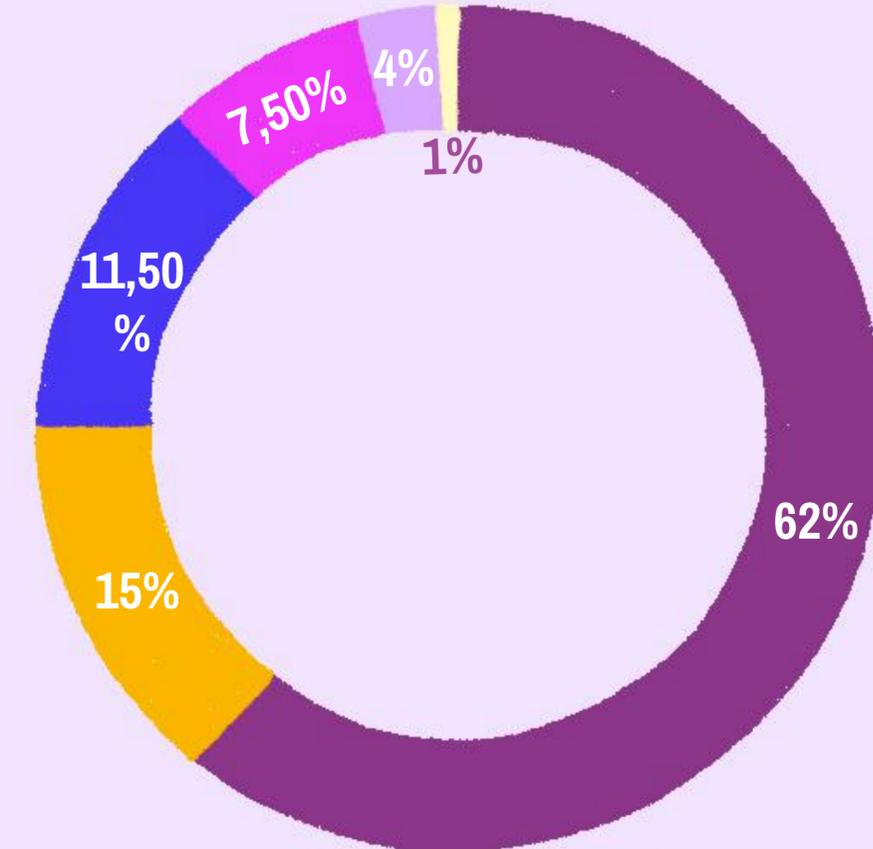
REVENUE SOURCES

479,763.37 €



EXPENDITURES

465,713.02 €



- European commission
- Foundations
- EU Projects
- Consultancy Revenue
- Membership & Donations

- Staff
- Activities
- Consultancies for activities
- Running Costs
- Projects
- Other

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
OUR WORK TO END FGM
IN EUROPE AND BEYOND!