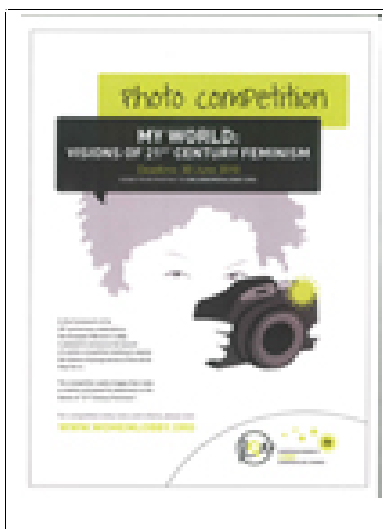


**NEWSLETTER nr 1 of 2010**  
**SI/E REPRESENTATIVE to the EWL-LEF**  
**European Women's Lobby – Lobby Européen des Femmes**



The European Women's Lobby celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010 with the launch of a **photo competition** on the theme **'My World: Visions of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Feminism'**.

The **poster** announcing the photo competition is available for distribution on the EWL website:

in [English](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Media/Photo%20competition%202010/EWL%20Photo%20competition%202010,%20Poster.pdf) [http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Media/Photo competition 2010/EWL Photo competition 2010, Poster.pdf](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Media/Photo%20competition%202010/EWL%20Photo%20competition%202010,%20Poster.pdf)

Here you find the [Criteria and Rules of Entry](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Media/Photo%20competition%202010/Criteria%20and%20Rules%20of%20Entry,%20EWL%20Photo%20Competition,%20EN.pdf) or at [http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Media/Photo competition 2010/Criteria and Rules of Entry, EWL Photo Competition, EN.pdf](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Media/Photo%20competition%202010/Criteria%20and%20Rules%20of%20Entry,%20EWL%20Photo%20Competition,%20EN.pdf) or at the end of this letter.

The primary target audience for this competition is young women, few of whom consider themselves 'feminist'. The EWL has a number of aims:

- the EWL hopes through this photo competition to make many young women think about the concept of feminism and what it means today.
- the EWL also hopes to be able to explore and better relate to their visions of feminism so that this can feed into the EWL's future work.
- the EWL wishes to create an exhibition and a brochure, which highlights how feminism is still relevant to this new generation of women.

The age limit is therefore designed to ensure the responses correspond with these aims. The criteria also limit the number of applicants and their experience, thereby encouraging young women amateurs to enter.

Deadline : June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Please Soroptimists, encourage young women to participate in this competition.**

Also, please disseminate the poster as well as the criteria to art and photography schools in your country, as well as to art and photography magazines, websites, etc. Many thanks.

The **Criteria and Rules of Entry** are so far available in [Bulgarian](#), [Danish](#), [Dutch](#), [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Greek](#), [Italian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Romanian](#), [Slovene](#), and [Swedish](#).

**New logo and colors for the European Women's Lobby**



A new logo was adopted. It is based on the idea of the former one and it now manages nicely to integrate the two official languages at the right side.

## From Beijing 1995 to Brussels 2010



### 'From Beijing to Brussels: An Unfinished Journey'

is a comprehensive analysis of the recent activities of the European Union (EU) to implement the **Beijing Platform for Action**

**Full Report** 136 pages

[http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/policies/beijing/PEKIN15full\\_EN.pdf](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/policies/beijing/PEKIN15full_EN.pdf)

**Summary Report** 18 pages

[http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/policies/beijing/resume\\_EN.pdf](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/policies/beijing/resume_EN.pdf)

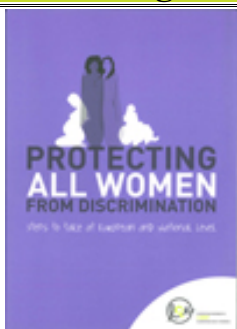
The European Women's Lobby's Report 'From Beijing to Brussels: An Unfinished Journey' on the activities of the European Union to implement the Beijing Platform for Action is now available, on the internet, at the EWL's Headquarters in Brussels and at the National Coordinations (for their addresses see the EWL webpage under members).

The global movement for women's rights in 2010 marks 15 years of activism on the basis of the shared framework and vision enshrined in the groundbreaking [Beijing Platform for Action \(Bpfa\)](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/index.html) <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/index.html>. In Europe, this year also represents a milestone for thousands of women's associations from across the region as it marks 20 years since the foundation of the European Women's Lobby (EWL). Over the last two decades, the EWL has acted as a forum for increased exchange, cooperation and integration, allowing the women's organisations of Europe to play an active role in shaping the European framework for gender equality.

As a key part of its activism, the EWL aims to ensure that the implementation of the BPfA by both the European Union (EU) and its Member States remains high on the political agenda. Over the last five years, while the situations between countries and regions in Europe vary greatly, we have observed progress for women's rights in compliance with the Beijing Platform for Action. Nevertheless, significant gaps and new challenges must be urgently addressed.

The EWL was active in the Beijing Platform for Action review process in New York, February and March 2010, at the NGO Forum and the 54th session of the [Commission on the Status of Women](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/index.html) <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/index.html>

## Protecting All Women from Discrimination



### 'Protecting All Women from Discrimination: Steps to Take at European and National Level'

is an analysis of proposed EU anti-discrimination legislation.

[http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Publications/Anti-Discrimination, EWL, Feb 2010.pdf](http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/Publications/Anti-Discrimination,_EWL,_Feb_2010.pdf)

## 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion



The EU has decreed 2010 the 'European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion', to raise awareness on the lives of those struggling with poverty throughout Europe.

The EWL is part of a coalition of social-minded NGOs ([www.endpoverty.eu](http://www.endpoverty.eu)) determined to make the European Year more than a publicity stunt, but a Europe-wide call for real political action for the continent's most vulnerable citizens.

It is in this spirit that the EWL wants to encourage all women organisations to consider taking real action for people experiencing poverty in their communities. Armed with the resources - including press materials, logos, statements, facts and figures- the EWL and the coalition can provide the organisations with, take a stand in your country, town or region.

Contact [local media](#) [http://endpoverty.eu/IMG/pdf/call\\_to\\_the\\_media\\_en.pdf](http://endpoverty.eu/IMG/pdf/call_to_the_media_en.pdf), local politicians and decision makers, maybe even your local MPs or

[MEPs](#) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/members/public/geoSearch.do?language=EN>, and encourage them to get involved and speak out in support of those experiencing poverty.

If you are interested in hosting an event that speaks to the concern of those experiencing poverty in your community, make sure to use and distribute [EWL's information sheet on women experiencing poverty](#)

[http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=2669&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID\\_sousmenu=&parentCat=19](http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=2669&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=&parentCat=19)

and the [coalition's resources](#) [http://endpoverty.eu/IMG/pdf/4-page\\_doc\\_-\\_shared\\_messages\\_final\\_en.pdf](http://endpoverty.eu/IMG/pdf/4-page_doc_-_shared_messages_final_en.pdf) including their [logo](#) <http://www.endpoverty.eu/-Use-our-logo-.html> which is available in nearly all European languages.

[Visit the website](#) of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion <http://www.2010againstopoverty.eu/?langid=en>

## ILO Report on women in labour markets

The International Labour Office (ILO) have released a report entitled "[Women in labour markets : Measuring progress and identifying challenges](#)" [http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_emp/---emp\\_elm/---trends/documents/publication/wcms\\_123835.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_emp/---emp_elm/---trends/documents/publication/wcms_123835.pdf)

## M. Wallström appointed UNSR for sexual violence

Outgoing European Commission Vice-President, and strong supporter of the EWL 50/50 Campaign, Margot Wallström, has been appointed UN Special Representative for combating sexual violence. [More details](#) <http://www.iansa-women.org/node/287>.

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March 2010



# CRITERIA & RULES OF ENTRY

My world: Visions of 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Feminism'

Photo competition

*Criteria & Rules of entry*

## I. CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS:

To submit an entry into this Competition, you must be:

- Female
- Aged between 15 and 40
- Resident in an EU Member State or Candidate country (Croatia, FYROM, Turkey).

## II. CRITERIA FOR JUDGES:

All valid applications will be judged by a panel of judges on the basis of the following criteria:

- creativity
- originality
- composition
- technical ability
- interpretation of the brief
- gender sensitivity
- ability to raise awareness on women's rights in Europe

## III. RULES OF ENTRY:

1. The subject for the EWL Photography Competition and Exhibition 2010 is 'My world: Visions of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Feminism'. The theme is open to individual interpretation but clear description of the photograph must be included with each entry.
2. Images may be digitally enhanced and manipulated. They may contain text.
3. To enter the Competition, you must e-mail your name, country of residence, chosen image (in attachment) and brief description of the image (maximum 1000 characters) in any of the official EU languages to [ewl@womenlobby.org](mailto:ewl@womenlobby.org). In the subject box, please paste: 'ENTRY TO EWL PHOTO COMPETITION'.
4. If you have any questions about how to enter or in connection with the Competition, please e-mail [barrington@womenlobby.org](mailto:barrington@womenlobby.org).
5. Maximum 3 entries are permitted per person.
6. The closing date and time of the Competition is 11.59pm on Wednesday **30 June 2010**. Entries received after that date and time will not be considered.

7. You own the copyright to your Competition entry as its author.
8. By submitting an entry to the Competition, you give the European Women's Lobby (EWL):
  - a. Permission for your entry to be published on websites associated with the EWL and grant EWL a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide licence to republish your Competition entry in electronic format and hard copy for purposes connected with the Competition; and
  - b. The right to use your name and country of residence for the sole purpose of identifying you as the author of your entry and/or as a winner of the Competition.
9. Your entry must be your own work, must not be copied, must not contain any third-party materials and/or content that you do not have permission to use and must not otherwise be obscene, defamatory or in breach of any applicable legislation or regulations.
10. You must ensure that any person or persons whose image is used in an entry has given valid consent for the use of their image or has waived any rights they may have in the image submitted. Where such person is under 16, the consent of that person's parent or guardian must be obtained.
11. A shortlist of 40 entries will be published on [www.womenlobby.org](http://www.womenlobby.org) on or before 31 August 2010. The shortlisted candidates will be notified by e-mail, and requested to send a high-definition copy of their image on a CD to the EWL Secretariat in Brussels within 15 days. Those whose submissions are unsuccessful will not receive any notification.
12. A panel of judges will select 20 final entries to be displayed in a high-profile exhibition to be held on 15 October 2010 in Brussels.
13. The exhibition of winning entries may be displayed in various locations across Europe in 2010-2011.
14. The 20 finalist entries will be published in a full-colour brochure which will be widely disseminated among European, national and international policy-makers and EWL partners. This publication will also be available in digital format and published on EWL and partner websites.
15. The judges will select one winning entry, to be displayed on the cover of the brochure.
16. The judges' decisions on the finalist and the winning entries will be made on or before Friday 01 October 2010. These decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
17. The finalist photographers will be notified by the EWL by e-mail on or before Monday 04 October 2010. Details of the finalists and the winner will also be available at: [www.womenlobby.org](http://www.womenlobby.org).
18. The finalists will each receive by post an invitation to the opening of the exhibition on 15 October 2010 in Brussels, and 3 copies of the brochure.
19. Further prizes are expected, but dependent on sponsorship from sources external to the EWL. Please consult the website of the EWL regularly for an update on prizes offered at: [www.womenlobby.org](http://www.womenlobby.org).
20. Full details of the judging process and the panel of judges are available on request to [barrington@womenlobby.org](mailto:barrington@womenlobby.org).
21. The EWL accepts no responsibility for any damage, loss, liabilities, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the Competition.
22. The EWL reserves the right at any time and from time to time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, this Competition with or without prior notice due to reasons outside its control. The decision of the EWL in all matters under its control is final and binding.