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SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

The year 2016 will undoubtedly find a special place in the history of the battle to regain reproductive rights in Poland. It was not yet another ordinary year, neither for the Federation, nor for the women in Poland. Usually, we would monitor the functioning of the abortion act of 1993, and the Polish women would live reconciled with the “compromise” law, for the sake of the social peace. For the opponents of reproductive rights, the “compromise” ceased to be enough, so they prepared a bill introducing a total ban on abortion. A woman would be compelled to give birth in all cases. The consequences of such a law being in force are not difficult to predict. The pro-choice groups reacted with the “Save Women” initiative’s bill that aimed to liberalize access to legal abortion, provide comprehensive sex education, access to prenatal testing, subsidized contraception, and covered many more elements of reproductive health. Approximately 250,000 citizens signed the document, constituting an enormous success for the pro-choice circles. Never before, had such a vast number of signatures in favor of the liberalization of the abortion law managed to be collected. Thanks to an extensive educational and information campaign with the participation of the Federation, our society received reliable knowledge about reproduction rights, the functioning of the 1993 law and its effects on Polish women. However, much still remains to be done in this matter.

The rejection of the “Save Women” bill by the Parliament after first reading, and the recommendation of the “Stop Abortion” bill for further works were the breakthrough moments of 2016. That was too much for the Polish women. For the first time since the days of Solidarity, crowds of them poured to the streets of cities and towns all over the country. The Black Protest took over the whole nation and also spread abroad – Polish women protested in front of Polish embassies in London, Berlin, Paris, etc. Words of sympathy and support flowed from all over the world. Polish women “woke up” and showed the lack of consent to be treated instrumentally and be deprived of fundamental human rights by the authorities. The battle was won and the bill was withdrawn. However, the war to regain reproduction rights is still ahead of us. Will we continue to be solidary? Will we persevere? These are the questions that have arisen after the Black Protest. Our answer is: “we do not close our umbrellas”. We will fight until reproductive rights are fully restored.

The year 2016 was especially important, as the Federation celebrated its 25th anniversary. During the celebratory gala, full of touching memories and summaries of the Federation’s activities over the years, the “Federki” awards ceremony (granted for the contribution to the women’s reproductive rights activism) took place. The Federation assured that it is going to continue working until the mission of recovering all reproductive rights is accomplished.

MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1993 ACT ON FAMILY PLANNING, HUMAN EMBRYO PROTECTION AND CONDITIONS OF PERMISSIBILITY OF ABORTION

Federation’s commentary to the government’s report on the implementation of the family planning act in 2014

As each year, the Federation presented a lengthy commentary to the governmental report on the implementation and the consequences of the act of 7 January 1993 on family planning, human embryo protection and the permissibility of abortion.

In the commentary, the Federation especially emphasized the much delayed date of the report publication (2014), incomplete statistics, lack of many information vital to evaluate the observance of reproductive rights in Poland, and misleading and imprecise way of presenting data, as well as the lack of any analysis of the phenomenon on the basis of residual data.

Read the Federation's [commentary](#) to the Government's report.

[“Citizens for Democracy” Program](#)

In 2016 we conducted the “Citizens for Democracy” project, financed from the EOG funds. The program consisted of inspections in two areas – women’s health rights and the realization of the youth’s right to sex education.

[Project entitled „The Control of Women’s Rights in the Area of Health.” The monitoring “About the Procedures of Accessibility to Legal Abortion in Polish Hospitals”](#)

The project’s aim was to carry out a monitoring checking whether hospitals have the legal abortion access procedures and how they implement them. The research results analysis clearly showed the lack of top-down operating standards and the limited access to abortion in Polish hospitals.

See the monitoring report [„About the Procedures of Accessibility to Legal Abortion in Polish Hospitals.”](#)

[„Control of the Realization of the Youth’s Right to Sexuality Education. The Monitoring of the Implementation of the Family Life Education Classes”](#)

The project, carried out together with the PONTON Group of Sexual Educators, was about monitoring the execution of the regulations concerning sexuality education of the youth and advocacy activities aiming to improve the situation in this area.

Within the project the following activities were performed:

- Legal monitoring of the regulations regarding sexuality education in Polish schools. Based on it, recommendations for the Ministry of National Education concerning the possible directions of changes in terms of the youth’s right to sexuality education were developed.
Read the [recommendations](#) from the legal monitoring.
- Monitoring of the core curriculum and the Family Life Education textbooks, on the basis of which recommendations for the MNE concerning the curriculum and textbooks were developed.
Read the [recommendations](#) from the curriculum and textbooks monitoring.
- Monitoring of the sexuality education classes.
See the [report](#) from the monitoring.

[Federation in the Civil Observatory on Democracy](#)

In June 2016 the Federation joined a watchdog project, the Civil Observatory on Democracy.

Legal opinions and the Federation’s commentaries to the legal changes introduced by the parliament and the government administration have been published on the project’s website.

See [examples](#) of the Federation's opinions on the Observatory's website in the health section.

LEGAL WORK

Legal Assistance Team

The Legal Assistance Team has operated at the Federation since 2008. Last year, the Team has actively engaged in monitoring the Polish law:

- It issued a position on the current reproductive rights situation. Read the [position](#).
- It prepared a position regarding the dismissal of the Patient's Rights Ombudsman
Read the [position](#).
- It sent a letter to the Merz GmbH producer about the withdrawal of intravaginal chemical contraception (foam ovules) from the Polish market.
- It sent a letter to the Ministry of National Education concerning the changes in teaching sexuality education.
Read the [letter](#).
- Is currently preparing a legal opinion pertaining to the "For Life" act of 4 November 2016 on support for pregnant women and families.

In 2016 the Team continued its work within the „Nationwide Legal Assistance Team for Patient's Rights". During the Team's 2nd convention in the beginning of November trainings that aimed to equalize the qualifications of the Team's members took place. Furthermore, the Team set its agenda for the next months, among others providing free legal advice, drawing up legal opinions, participating in the legal process, as well as reacting to, legal changes in the field of SRHR.

The Right to Dispute

On 9 September the Federation directed a statement on the draft amendment to the act on patient's rights and Ombudsman for Patient's Rights to the Minister of Health, in which it evaluated the proposed changes:

- It referred favorably to introducing an obligation for doctors to note their refusal in medical records, granting patient the right to file a dispute electronically, to take part in the sitting of the Medical Committee, and to the establishment of a plenipotentiary in the proceedings of the committee;
- It deemed as negative the shortening of the time that the Medical Committee has to recognize the patient's dispute, from 30 to 21 days, and the introduction of a regulation granting the possibility to unrestrictedly extend the deadline;
- The Federation proposed adding a regulation that would establish time frame to recognize the dispute to the refusal of issuing a decision qualifying for the termination of pregnancy, the refusal to perform such a surgery, or a refusal to issue a referral for necessary examinations.

The Federation's [position](#) on this issue.

Conscientious Objection

The erroneous regulations and using the conscience clause are the main causes of the limitations of access to legal abortion in hospitals almost all over Poland. As a result of the verdict of 7 October 2015 by the Constitutional Tribunal (reference number K 12/14), the regulation that a doctor who is using the conscience clause has the obligation to specify an alternative way of obtaining the service ceased to be in force.

Hereby, the patients' right to information and a service, guaranteed by the law, fails to be realized. The Polish authorities have not however undertaken yet any legislative initiative aiming to establish such an entity, and nothing indicates that it is going to change.

Judgements of the European Court of Human Rights

The Federation regularly monitors the execution of the judgements concerning Poland (R.R. and P. and S.) The most important recommendations from the judgements (regarding the access to legal abortion and prenatal testing, conscience clause and the so-called "freezing effect") have not still been approved by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. In the opinion of the Federation, the Polish government has not undertaken sufficient steps/actions aiming to improve the women's accessibility to legal procedures.

ADVOCACY WORK

Activity in the United Nations

Universal Periodic Review

The Federation, together with the Sexual Rights Initiative, „Childbirth with Dignity” Foundation and „Our Stork” Association for Infertility Treatment and Adoption Support has submitted a report within the Universal Periodic Review to the United Nations Human Rights Council on the state of reproductive rights in Poland. The report covered the issues of abortion, access to contraceptives, IVF treatment, sexuality education and family planning consultancy, and the standards of perinatal care. Results of the monitoring conducted by the Federation, the imperfect legal status, violations of women's rights and the reactions of public authorities have been presented in the report.

See the UPR [report](#).

The Human Rights Council

Report on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in Poland

The Federation, together with the Center for Reproductive Rights and fourteen other organizations submitted a report on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in Poland to the Human Rights Council. The report concentrated particularly on the draft bill intending to introduce a total ban on abortion, the effects of the verdict by the Constitutional Tribunal regarding the conscience clause, the procedure of dispute in cases of a refuse to perform the termination or to refer to further testing and unlawful conduct of medical care facilities preventing the access to legal abortion.

Read the Federation's [report](#).

Session of the Human Rights Committee in Geneva

On 17-18 October the Federation for Women and Family Planning participated in the 118th session of the Human Rights Committee in Geneva, during which a hearing of a delegation of the Polish government on the implementation of the Convention took place. The Federation also presented its position on the restriction of sexual and reproductive rights.

See the Federation's [stand](#).

European Parliament

Last year, the Federation's lawyer took part in a number of meetings in the European Parliament on health and sexual and reproductive rights:

- 28 September, Brussels: sitting of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats group;
- 4 October, Strasbourg: sitting of the GUE/NGL group;
- 5 October, Strasbourg: press conference on the situation in Poland, debate about women's rights in Poland during the plenary session of the European Parliament;
- 8-9 December, Brussels: conference entitled "Feminist responses to growing nationalism in the EU," organized by Soraya Post MEP.

Cooperation with the Ombudsman

The Federation has continuously cooperated with the Ombudsman, who supports its work and intervenes in cases of a threat to reproductive rights being threatened. In 2016, as a result of the Federation's interventions, the Ombudsman:

- Turned to the Patient's Rights Ombudsman with requests concerning the restriction of the right to terminate pregnancy (March 2016) and regarding actions undertaken in order to guarantee access to legal abortion in Podkarpackie Voivodeship (July 2016)
- Formulated an opinion on the government's report from the implementation of the Family Planning, Human Embryo Protection and Conditions of Permissibility of Abortion Act of 7 January 1993
- Submitted a letter to the Minister of Health regarding the enforcement of the Constitutional Tribunal's verdict on the conscience clause, indicating to a loophole violating patient's rights (December 2016)

Equal Opportunities Coalition

The Federation, as one of the member organizations, has actively worked for the Coalition, got involved in its legal activities, supported its positions and participated in the meetings of the Coalition and its working groups.

Coalition for CEDAW

The Federation has been actively taking part in strategic and conceptual works of the Coalition. The Federation participated in, among others, preparing suggestions concerning the Recommendation

no. 19 on violence against women, sent to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on 30 September 2016.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARIES, DEBATES

Women Deliver Global Conference

On 16-19 May delegates of the Federation participated in the 4th Women Deliver Global Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, one of the biggest events on health and rights of women and girls. During the event, the Federation's executive director spoke in a panel organized by the ASTRA Network.

Federation at the 8th Congress of Women

On 13-14 May the Federation participated in the 8th Congress of Women in Warsaw. During the Congress, the Federation traditionally had a stall in the NGO section, where you could receive advice as well as publications on sexual education, health and women's rights. Moreover, the Federation's representatives took active part in the discussion panels.

Pomeranian Congress of Women

The Pomeranian Congress of Women took place on 17 September in the European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk. The director of the Federation participated in the panel "SPRAWA KOBIET", dedicated to the legal aspects of the fight for women's rights.

Debate entitled "Philosophical and social aspects of the dispute over the right to abortion"

The Federation's lawyer opened the debate with a presentation on the state of implementation of reproductive rights in Poland. The debate was attended by representatives of the academia.

2nd Scientific Session of the Polish Gender Association

In December the Federation's director participated in a scientific session of the Polish Gender Association. During the panel entitled "Evolution, imagination and the strategies of the anti-choice movements" she presented the activities of the anti-choice movements at the UN.

INITIATIVES, ACTIONS, CAMPAIGNS

Initiatives

In the beginning of May the "Save Women" Committee of Legislative Initiative, responsible for collecting signatures under the draft bill liberalizing the regulations on abortion, was registered. The Federation supported the committee from the very beginning, inter alia through:

- Taking part in collecting signatures (you could sign the draft in the Federation's office)
- Conducting a wide social media informational campaign on reproductive rights
- Taking part in two street debates entitled "With the Law or with a Hanger – Freedom and Dignity of Polish Women in 2016."
See the [video](#) from the debate
- Coorganizing a conference and a happening accompanying the submission of the "Save Women" draft bill to the Sejm;
- Monitoring the Sejm's works on the draft bill;
- Substantive support of the multimedia project www.mniedotyczy.pl;

- Organizing the „Save Women” demonstration.

Actions

In 2016 the Federation was present at and supported most of the events organized in defense of reproduction rights in Poland.

“Abortion in defense of life.” Manifa 2016

As each March, the representatives of the Federation participated in the Warsaw Manifa that marched under the motto „Abortion in defense of life.” Last year, the key demands of Manifa, supported also by the Federation, were: the access to abortion, contraception, sexuality education, IVF, as well as childbirth with dignity and satisfactory postnatal care and actual support for people raising children.

Regaining Choice is Regaining Dignity.

A month later, the Federation coorganized the „Regain Choice” demonstration which was a reaction to the radical “Stop Abortion” bill and was attended by several thousand people.

Freedom, Equality, and Reproductive Rights.

The Federation also attended the Warsaw Pride, as its postulates such as the access to comprehensive sexuality education, correspond with the Federation’s range of activities.

In Defense of Women’s Rights. The March of Dignity.

In June, the Federation’s team provided technical, as well as substantive support to the staff of the March of Dignity – an informal group of women that organized the demonstration. The event, held under the slogan “Women’s rights are human rights”, drew several thousand people, who voiced their disagreement with the proposed legislative changes. The director of the Federation spoke during the demonstration, and the stand with the organization’s educational publications was numerously visited by the protesters.

“Save Women” Demonstration

A week before the voting on the „Stop Abortion” and „Save Women”, the Federation organized a demonstration and invited representatives of organizations and informal groups, that had got involved in collecting signatures under the “Save Women” draft bill. **From the stage spoke:** Katarzyna Kądziela, head of the Izabela Jaruga-Nowacka Foundation, Maciej Gdula, editor-in-chief of the Political Critique, Barbara Nowacka, head of the “Save Women” committee, leader of the Polish Initiative. The demonstration was also joined by artists committed to the fight for women’s rights – Maja Ostaszewska and Marysia Sadowska. Kazimiera Szczuka prepared a happening specially for the demonstration.

“The Joke’s over.” In the Face of Change.

On 23 September, during the 26th session of the Sejm, members of the Polish parliament decided to dismiss the civic draft bill on women’s rights and conscious parenting. In the face of the proceedings on the “Stop Abortion” draft bill, the Polish Initiative, led by Barbara Nowacka, organized a protest

under the slogan “The Joke’s over.” The director of the Federation spoke from the stage during the event.

“We’re on strike!” The Nationwide Women’s Strike.

On 3 October a grassroots initiative, the Nationwide Women’s Strike took place. The Federation joined this event by organizing an open house that day. There was a screening of “The Underground State of Women,” a film directed by Anna Zdrojewska and Claudia Snochowska-Gonzalez. It was also an opportunity to talk to the Federation’s lawyer and sexual educators from the PONTON group.

“The Power of Women” Happening.

On the last Sunday of November, the Federation’s team participated in the “Power of Women” happening, organized by activists from the Wall of Fury group. The event corresponded with the 98th anniversary of the Polish suffragettes winning the right to vote.

Campaigns

„Solidary in health. Because each women has the right to contraception” continued

On 8 January, as part of the „Solidary in health” campaign, the last training for midwives and midwifery students took place, entitled “Contraception in the woman’s life.”

The Educational Campaign for the Accessibility of Legal Abortion www.terminacjaczasy.pl

In July we launched a website dedicated to the rights of patients who decide to terminate their pregnancy – www.terminacjaczasy.pl. The aim of this campaign was to approximate the three situations in which the Polish law allows for the termination and the procedures associated with it.

„Facts about Abortion” Campaign

In cooperation with the Warsaw Gals for Gals group, the Federation prepared and conducted an educational campaign on reproductive health and rights. Based on the material developed by the Federation, memes on the medical, social and legal aspects of abortion were created.

International Campaigns

Throughout the year, the Federation engaged in activities supporting worldwide social campaigns (e.g. Global Day of Action for Access to Safe and Legal Abortion, World Contraception Day, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.) As part of these events the Federation prepared a number of memes that featured information on reproduction rights.

COUNSELING ACTIVITY AND SUPPORT FOR WOMEN: THE HOTLINE

In 2016 our hotline celebrated its 25th anniversary. The experts – sexual educators, psychologists, lawyers, and gynecologists – took about 1,500 calls and provided counseling in the areas of contraception, gynecology and pregnancy, psychology, law, sexual education, and abortion. The callers most frequently asked about the available methods of contraception, types of gynecological testing and patient’s rights. Relatively many calls concerned issues from the field of sexuality education (sexual

initiation, masturbation) and psychology (relationships, communication, support). Men constituted as much as 50 percent of the callers.

See the Helpline duty roster [here](#).

E-FEDERATION

Social media

The most actively used communication channel is the Federation's Facebook page. Apart from the current information on the realization of reproductive rights and the activities of the Federation, a number of educational and information campaigns were published (25 years of the Federation, Facts about Abortion.) Last year, the audience of the Facebook page increased twice – currently the page has been liked by over 13,000 people. The largest audience are people aged 25-34 (36 percent) and 35-44 (22 percent). Aside from Facebook, the Federation also posted on Twitter and YouTube.

Visit the Federation's Facebook [page](#), Twitter [profile](#), YouTube [channel](#).

Federa.org.pl website

About 10,000 people visit the Federation's website on a weekly basis. Information on abortion and the Federation's positions were most popular among the website's visitors last year. The content was published both in Polish and English. In the middle of the year the website underwent some visual changes - social media widgets were added and banners were refreshed.

Visit the Federation's [website](#).

PUBLISHING ACTIVITY

Publications within the "Citizens for Democracy" Program

Within the „Citizens for Democracy” program, financed from the EOG funds, the Federation issued two publications, available both in printed and electronic version - “Monitoring of the Procedures of Access to Legal Abortion in Polish Hospitals” and an abridged report from the qualitative research “Control of the Realization of the Youth's Right to Sexual Education. Monitoring of the Implementation of the Preparation for Family Life Classes.” The materials (more on them in the chapter concerning the research and monitoring activities) have enriched the Federation's library and are now being used during educational and advocacy meetings.

Read [“Monitoring of the Procedures of Access to Legal Abortion in Polish Hospitals”](#) and the abridged report from the qualitative research [“ Control of the Realization of the Youth's Right to Sexual Education. Monitoring of the Implementation of the Preparation for Family Life Classes”](#)

„I Have the Right” Bulletin

Each month, close to 1,000 people find the newest issue of the “I Have the Right” bulletin in their mailbox. The Federation has been continuously publishing the bulletin for 16 years. Last year, the editors published nine issues touching upon the state of reproductive rights in Poland and in the world and the activities of the Federation. Apart from the substantive work, actions aiming to adapt the

appearance of the bulletin to the needs of its readers were undertaken. Responses to a survey determined the direction of the visual and functional changes:

- The program used to distribute the bulletin was changed
- The graphic layout of the e-publication was changed
- A new sign up form on the website was introduced

The bulletin was also enhanced with new substantial content - since September 2016 it has included medical and legal information, as well as recommendations in literature on reproductive rights. See the [archived issues](#) of the Bulletin.

Informative and educational publications

Due to a great interest in reproductive rights, the Federation decided to reprint its informative materials (in 2016, nearly 150,000 copies were distributed in total.)

The multimedia

Last year, two items enriched the Federation's library:

- A presentation on reproductive health. See the [presentation](#).
- A short video on the 25 years of the Federation's activity. Watch the [video](#).

FEDERATION IN THE MEDIA

It was a very busy year for the Federation. In 2016 its representatives guested in the Polish and foreign media multiple times. The topic most frequently touched upon, in the context of the proposed changes to the act of 1993 (the restrictive "Stop Abortion" draft bill and the liberal one, "Save Women",) was abortion.

- ["This victory on abortion has empowered Polish women – we'll never be the same"](#), The Guardian.
- [„Poland abortion strike: Nearly six million women expected to protest restrictive laws"](#), The Independent.
- [„Avortement, l'obscurantisme polonais"](#), Le Monde.
- [„Avorter en Pologne: le parcours de combattante"](#), RFI.
- [„Polonia, intervista a Krystyna Kacpura, "Women and Family Planning"](#), Corriere quo ti diano.

Selected Polish media:

- [„Aborcja po polsku: minimum 150 tys. zabiegów rocznie. Lekarze zwlekają z legalną aborcją, bo boją się stygmatyzacji i nie chcą problemów"](#), Gazeta Wyborcza.
- [„Czy prof. Chazan powinien być lekarzem?"](#), Newsweek.
- [„Prawo i strach"](#), TVN24.
- [„Totalny zakaz sprzedaży pigułek "dzień po"? Jakub Janiszewski talks with Krystyna Kacpura"](#), TOK FM.
- [„Kacpura: Kobiety najlepiej wiedzą kiedy, czy i ile mieć dzieci"](#), Dziennik Opinii.
- [„Diagnostyka prenatalna zagrożona? Prawnik: ta ustawa spotęguje strach lekarzy"](#), wp.pl.

25 YEARS OF THE FEDERATION

In 2016 we celebrated the Federation's 25th anniversary. Therefore:

- A promotional and informative campaign on the 25 years of the fight for reproductive rights in Poland was conducted in the social media.
- A debate entitled „25 years of the fight for reproduction rights in Poland” was held. Watch a [video](#) from the debate.
- The Federki Awards were granted, highlighting the work of 25 organizations and informal groups and two individuals for reproductive rights in Poland. Read a [list](#) of the laureates.
- Based on a script written by Sylwia Chutnik, a performative reading „I'm calling, because...” directed by Ewa Pytka took place. The performance presenting daily work at the Federation starred Katarzyna Trzcińska, Olga Boładź, Przemysław Wasilkowski, and Jakub Grzegorek. Watch a [video](#) of the performance.
- A calendar for 2017 featuring Marta Frej's memes was issued.
- A celebratory gala was held. Watch a short [video](#) from the gala.

THE BOARD

The Board of the Federation for Women and Family Planning actively participated in the organization's activities. Four sittings of the board took place, where the matters of planned activities, financial matters and organizational structure were discussed. During the board meetings the current political events, such as parliamentary elections and appointment of the new cabinet, were also debated. The Board pointed to the potential threats to women's rights, especially in regard to reproductive rights. An action and reaction program tailored to the present political capabilities was developed. Members of the Board represented the Federation on numerous meetings, conferences and seminars. The Board also actively cooperated with the Federation's office on the planning and organizing the anniversary gala.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last year, the Federation cooperated with many newly-established women's and girls' initiatives. It formed agreements and ad hoc coalitions for the purposes of particular events and campaigns. Establishing its expert status in reproductive health and rights among other organizations and initiatives was the Federation's organizational success. The new spontaneously created groups and initiatives focused around the Federation, willingly benefitting from our knowledge and experience. The effect of this mutual help, support and cooperation is the creation of the Great Coalition for Equality and Choice, which has already been joined by seventy women's organizations and initiatives.

SPONSORS

- EOG Funds (funds of the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism)
- Global Fund for Women
- Mama Cash Foundation

- Open Society Foundations
- Citizens' Initiatives Fund (FIO)
- Citizens' Network Association - Watchdog Polska (CEE Trust fund)
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- European Society for Contraception and Reproductive Health
- Urgent Funds

PLANS FOR 2017

The Federation is going to focus this year's activities on:

Building the coalition of pro-choice organizations and initiatives.

We will carry out educational and informative activities. The main objective of the coalition is reaching the public and raising awareness about the importance of reproductive rights in human life.

Legal activities and monitoring the realization of the current law and immediate reaction to any proposed legal changes in the area of women's rights with a particular emphasis on reproductive rights;

In order to do so, we are going to activate the cooperation with the Federation's Legal Assistance Team, set up new informative and educational channels, and promote the legal assistance provided by the Federation in regard to the Patient's Rights.

Building the image of the organization as an expert in the issues of sexual and reproductive health and rights;

We are going to optimize our internet channels, making the informative and educational materials accessible to the largest group possible. We will actively support new women's initiatives and organizations through education and help in their endeavors.

Developing and strengthening the assistance and supportive activities, inter alia through the Hotline for Women, the "I Have the Right" bulletin, workshops, debates and meetings;

Publishing activity: brochures and leaflets, guides and reports on the realization of reproductive rights and social and health effects of the current law. We are going to direct the "I Have the Right" bulletin to new groups of women as an important source of information and a discussion forum;

Participation and coorganizing demonstrations, protest actions, public debates;

Activity in the United Nations and European Parliament

As an organization with the ECOSOC status, we are going to actively make use of this opportunity of cooperation with the UN by sending out our positions, period reports and direct participation in important conferences and debates on women's health and reproductive rights on the European, as well as on the international level.

These are only the selected activities of the Federation in 2017. Many actions are going to be undertaken spontaneously according to the current events in the area of reproductive health and rights.



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