



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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## SUMMARY OF 2021

The year 2021 was marked by the suffering of women. The ruling of the "Constitutional Tribunal", which was announced in October 2020 and then published in the Journal of Laws on January 27, 2021, thus entering into force, led to an almost complete ban on abortion in Poland. Instead of the joy of planned motherhood, women began to fear pregnancy and feel tremendous suffering when it turned out that the fetus was burdened with defects. Such fate has been brought on women by their own state.

That tragic year also saw what Federa had feared the most. In September, a pregnant woman died of sepsis - Izabela from Pszczyna. Doctors delayed the abortion, explaining the law. They waited for the fetal heart to stop. They did not make it. The fetus died, but Izabela also died. Numerous protests under the slogan "Not one more" took place all over Poland. It was the first reported death of a woman following the ruling of the "Tribunal". And how many were there really? We will probably not find out.

For fundamentalist, it still was not enough of torture and suffering for women. The Sejm debated the citizen's Stop Abortion 2021 project concerning the total ban on termination of pregnancy and the criminalization of women who had an abortion. A project that completely ignores any rights of women while offering them unimaginable suffering and fear. Fortunately, it was rejected.

Another initiative that increased the fear of pregnancy by women was the regulation introducing the obligation to register pregnancy in the Medical Information System. Its purpose is to scare women and further obstruct access to abortion.

Feminist organizations and initiatives did not remain passive in this difficult situation. There were numerous protests and demonstrations after the death of Izabela from Pszczyna. A Civic Initiative Committee was also established, which developed a project to liberalize the abortion law in Poland. Legal abortion project. Without Compromise, she proposes a European law that allows legal abortion up to the 12th week of pregnancy without giving any reasons. It also abolishes the criminalization of abortion, which causes the so-called a chilling effect for doctors. Over 100,000 signatures have already been collected and the draft will be submitted to the Sejm on March 8, 2022.

It is also worth noting that women's organizations and initiatives took over almost entirely education and providing information to Polish women seeking access to abortion. To this end, the Federation for Women and Family Planning has reformulated its action program, adapting it to the current needs of women. We have created a database of hospitals, gynecologists and psychiatrists who help women access legal termination of pregnancy due to threats to their health. We have created the MP's Rescue Network, thanks to which it is possible to intervene in hospitals refusing abortions due to the threat to women's health and life.

The Federation also conducted legal activities in the past year. Before Polish courts, we are conducting three civil proceedings on behalf of patients, and another four are being prepared. There are currently 15 cases in the European Court of Human Rights concerning the lack of access to abortions conducted by the Federation's lawyers.

What will 2022 bring? We do not know, but we are concerned about more deaths and loss of health by women. We will continue to work intensively to amend the anti-abortion law and also help women access legal abortion in Poland.



## LEGAL ACTIVITIES

### Strategic litigation

- representation of seven applicants before the European Court of Human Rights as part of the [Women's Collective Complaint](#) campaign in cases of being a potential victim of the restriction of the Polish anti-abortion law (*K.B. & others v. Poland*, *K.C. & others v. Poland*, *A.L.-B. & Others v. Poland*);
- representation of thirteen applicants before the European Court of Human Rights in cases of violation of human rights by the restriction of the Polish anti-abortion law and hindering access to abortion in Poland ([M.L. v. Poland](#) et seq.);

- representation of seven clients before the Patient Ombudsman and civil courts in Poland in cases of refusal of access to legal abortion as a guaranteed health service;
- legal support in cases against the exhibitors of anti-abortion banners;
- complaints in cases of refusal to provide a guaranteed health service that is the insertion/removal of an IUD.



Lawyers Kamila Ferenc and Agata Bzdyń, Ms. M.L.'s attorneys in the ECHR case, in front of the Constitutional Court in Warsaw (20/10/2021).

## Advocacy

- preparation of communication to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the non-execution by Poland of the judgments of the ECHR in the cases of *Tysic v. Poland*, *R.R. v. Poland*, *P. and S. v. Poland* and participation in a briefing for delegations at the Committee of Ministers.

## Legal counseling and support of pregnant people in need of abortion

- providing legal counseling on reproductive health services, social security, and punitive law;
- intervening in hospitals on behalf of patients;
- developing the [Psychiatric Support Network](#).

## ADVOCACY AND MONITORING

### Around abortion

#### Official statistics

Traditionally, as every year, we asked the Ministry of Health for data on abortion procedures in Poland in the past year. They [show](#) that in 2020 1,074 abortions were performed in Polish hospitals, including 1,053 for embryopathological reasons.

#### ***Legal Abortion Without Compromise***

On 3 February the Civil Legislative Initiative Committee *Legal Abortion Without Compromise* which, apart from many women's organizations, movements and politicians, also includes the Federation, [presented](#) a draft bill on safe termination of pregnancy and other reproductive rights, which provides for, inter alia, legalization of abortion up to the 12<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. After the Committee was registered by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, it was possible to start collecting signatures of support for the project. On December 20, the Committee announced that it had obtained the number of one hundred thousand signatures required to submit the bill to the Sejm, but the collection, extended due to the pandemic, would continue until further notice.



The Federation's Kamila Ferenc during the presentation of the draft bill by the Civic Legislative Initiative Committee *Legal Abortion Without Compromise* (3/2/2021).



## **Parliamentary Women's Rights Group and Parliamentary Group on Reproductive Rights**

On 13 May, a joint sitting of both groups, co-organized by the Federation, was held, during which the dramatic stories of women who, despite indications, were refused an abortion in a hospital, were presented. Activists from the organization and invited experts and experts in the field of gynecology and psychiatry also presented the results of the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal on embryopathological abortion of October 22, 2020.

### **"Rescue bill"**

The so-called The Rescue Act provides for the abolition of penalties for doctors who perform an abortion in the event of damage to the fetus, and for the abolition of penalties for assistants in carrying out an abortion. We have prepared two petitions addressed to MPs and members of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, in which we demand the adoption of this project: together with [Action Democracy](#) and with [WeMove Europe](#).

### **International Safe Abortion Day (September 28)**

On the occasion of September 28, we published a [call](#) to MPs and members of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland for the immediate adoption of the rescue act and support for the draft act on safe termination of pregnancy and other reproductive rights (Legal abortion. No compromises). The appeal was signed by 115 Polish and Polish diaspora organizations belonging to the Great Coalition for Equality and Choice.

### **Poll on antiabortion billboard campaign**

At the turn of 2020 and 2021, billboards began to appear on the streets of Polish cities, including showing a fetus with the appearance of a newborn within a heart-shaped uterus. A huge campaign organized by opponents of the right to abortion flooded Poland within a few months, causing great social emotions.

At the beginning of May, the IBRiS studio, commissioned by us, conducted a study to check the actual reaction of the society to these manipulated messages in public space. The [results](#) of the survey confirmed our assumptions - the multi-million PLN anti-choice campaign turned out to be ineffective.

## **Around threats to reproductive rights**

### ***Stop Abortion 2021***

We prepared a [statement](#) in which we condemn the shameful civic draft bill, appeal to the Sejm to reject it in the first reading, and declare that people seeking support are most important for us and we will never leave them alone.

## Registry of pregnancies

In November, an obligation to register patients' pregnancies in the national Medical Information System appeared in the draft ordinance of the Minister of Health. We condemned this anti-woman and anti-family idea in the [statement](#).

## International arena

### UN Human Rights Council in Geneva

- [46th session of the HRC](#) (March) - statement of the Federation and the Great Coalition for Equality and Choice on the deterioration of the already disastrous situation in access to SRHR in Poland by restriction of the access to abortion by a non-judgment of a non-Tribunal;
- [47th session of the HRC](#) (June) - the statement of the Federation on non-compliance with the report of the Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls on SRHR in crisis. In the position, we remind that Poland had not only failed to implement the recommendations of the Working Group addressed to Poland after the visit in 2018, but has gone further in violating women's reproductive rights by virtually banning abortion in Poland using the politicized Tribunal. Remote participation of the international advocacy coordinator in the accompanying event organized by the Federation's partner, the Sexual Rights Initiative: "From exception to expediency: Feminist perspectives on sexual rights violations during COVID-19";
- [48th session of the HRC](#) (September) - two statements were read on behalf of the Federation:
  - statement on the lack of access to reproductive and sexual rights in the context of the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) awaiting Poland in 2022 on the (non-)compliance with human rights;
  - statement on the occasion of the Safe Abortion Day.

In both statements we demand the right to safe, legal, and free abortion. and reiterate that the treatment of women by the institutions of the Polish state constitutes violence and abuse of power.

At the same session, on the occasion of the Safe Abortion Day, a statement on abortion was also read out, which the Federation signed together with 371 organizations and 322 people. The statement speaks of the stigma of abortion that exists in every country, regardless of whether abortion is criminalized or not.

As part of cooperation with human rights organizations associated in the Sexual Rights Initiative coalition in Geneva, the Federation is part of the #emptychairs campaign.

In 2021, the Federation actively participated in numerous activities and consultations for this campaign, the aim of which is to radically reform the UN human rights system, starting with the Human Rights Council with the aspiration to bring this complex machine closer to the common man anywhere in the world.

### **UN Commission of the Status of Women (CSW)**

The theme of the [65th session](#), held in March, was "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

On March 18, the Federation for Women and Family Planning took part in a side event organized by the International Federation of Parenthood Planning (IPPF) and Planning Familial (France); sponsored by France, Denmark and UNFPA: "[SRHR generation!](#)" [Ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights: a priority for the generation equality forum SRHR action coalition](#)". The representative of the Federation had the opportunity to ask sponsors questions about the actions they could / would like to take against Poland violating access of Polish women to basic reproductive health services, especially abortion.

### **Working Group on Discrimination Against Women and Girls**

The Federation maintains ongoing contact with the members of the Group in the context of its official communication in December 2020 to the WGDAW and other UN experts working in the field of women's rights protection, which required numerous updates in 2021 due to the deteriorating situation in access to sexual and reproductive and rights in Poland.

In addition, WGDAW submitted an *amicus curiae* opinion in 12 cases submitted to the ECHR regarding the lack of access to abortion in Poland, and in July 2021 they were communicated to the Polish government.

### **UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**

In September, the 88<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child was held, during which Poland reported on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Federation [submitted a report](#) to the Committee presenting Poland's numerous deficiencies in fulfilling its obligations under the Convention with regard to ensuring access to reproductive and sexual health services, including access to abortion, contraception, gynecological care, and comprehensive sexual education. The Committee's recommendations on access to reproductive and sexual health have been taken into account.

### **UN Special Rapporteur on Health**

The Federation submitted a report to the Rapporteur on the challenges and opportunities arising from the COVID-19 pandemic for sexual and reproductive health. In

the [final report](#) of the Special Rapporteur of June 2021, Poland is listed as an example of a country that used the pandemic to introduce restrictions on anti-abortion law and silence the voice of opposition.

## **European Parliament**

The Federation has built a solid relationship with Members of the European Parliament from Poland and other Member States, who favor the rule of law and women's rights, including the right to abortion and other reproductive rights. In the last two years, the EP has been very active with regard to the degradation of the rule of law and human rights in Poland and has adopted two resolutions on the right to abortion in Poland and one on reproductive and sexual health in general. The European Parliament draws attention to the influence of illegal institutions in a failing state of law on women's rights. The Federation, as an expert organization in the field of SRHR, was consulted and co-created the content of important resolutions of the EP:

- November: EP [resolution](#) on the *de facto* ban on abortion in Poland, referring to the fact and consequences of the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal , which removed the embryopathological premise for legal abortion;
- June: EP [resolution](#) on the sexual and reproductive health and rights situation in the EU in the context of women's health, adopted on the initiative of Croatian MEP P. F. Matic. The right to abortion was referred to in this resolution as a human right;
- September: EP [resolution](#) on the rule of law and media in Poland. In this resolution, the EP also expressed concern about the attacks on women's rights in Poland, in particular the regression in the field of women's sexual and reproductive health following the verdict of the illegal Constitutional Tribunal;
- November: EP [resolution](#) on the first anniversary of the *de facto* ban on abortion in Poland.

The relations established in the European Parliament resulted in the Federation and other human rights organizations from Poland being invited to visit to Strasbourg in October, where representatives of the Federation met with MEPs from the Socialist and Democrat Group and the Left and talked about actual access to abortion in Poland, as well as took part in a press conference.



Marta Paczkowska from the Federation together with Terry Reintke MEP and representatives of Ogólnopolski Strajk Kobiet during a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France (19/10/2021).

## **Council of Europe**

The Federation kept the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights informed about events in Poland in the field of access to reproductive health and rights. The Commissioner submitted an [amicus curiae](#) to the ECHR to support the complaints of Polish women regarding the lack of access to abortion in Poland.

The Federation prepared an [alternative report](#) to GREVIO, a group of experts monitoring compliance with the Istanbul Convention. The report focuses on topics arising from the Federation's competences, that is, above all, the issue of reproductive and sexual health in the context of people experiencing sexual violence who are protected by the Convention. In September, GREVIO published a [report](#), which included recommendations on reproductive health and rights, as implemented by the Istanbul Convention.

## **International civil society**

In 2021, the Federation was actively involved in the advocacy group of international human rights organizations active in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Together with these organizations, the Federation participated in numerous campaigns (e.g. international support for the [petition](#) to MPs on support for the act decriminalizing abortion in Poland), co-created reports, wrote letters to politicians and EU institutions, met with representatives of the offices of Commissioners of the European Commission (e.g. the office of the European Commissioner for Gender Equality, Helena Dalli) and representatives of the presidency of the EU Council (including the Portuguese Presidency and the future French Presidency) and other representatives of EU Member

States in Brussels, which were interested in threats to the rule of law and human rights in Poland.

The Federation also took part in numerous solidarity actions (e.g. with Slovakia, see joint letter from NGOs to parliamentarians in Slovakia).



The Federation's Urszula Grycuk and Kamila Ferenc signing the Warsaw Statement of Commitment (21/10/2021).

Some of these activities:

- March: the Federation had the opportunity to meet representatives of the Portuguese Presidency in the EU, and then, together with the Great Coalition for Equality and Choice, and other Polish and international organizations, sent a [letter](#) to the Portuguese Presidency on hearing Poland in accordance with the procedure under Art. 7. In June 2021 such a questioning of Poland and Hungary was held at the initiative of the Portuguese Presidency.
- October: the Federation signed the [Warsaw Statement of Commitment](#), another act of solidarity with Polish women fighting for their rights in the authoritarian PiS Poland, this time on the initiative of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF) represented in Warsaw by 35 parliamentarians

from Belgium , Denmark, Italy, France, Armenia, Croatia, Lithuania, Finland, Norway, Austria, Spain, Turkey, Ireland, Romania, and Azerbaijan.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

### Projects and events

#### **Series of webinars *The fight for women's rights goes on. We do not give in!***

Due to the prolonged pandemic, the third edition of our webinar series, like the second one from 2020, was also held virtually. Organizing five webinars was possible thanks to the support of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation.

#### **#CałogoCiała on Radio Kapital**

Beginning in July 2019, each month we produce a [podcast](#) on various aspects of sexual and reproductive health and rights for Radio Kapital.



Aleksandra Magryta, Katarzyna Kotula, and Kamila Ferenc during the recording of one of the episodes of #CałogoCiała (17/2/2021).

### Informational and educational campaigns

#### **STORIES OF WOMEN #ChoiceNotBan**



On the occasion of the International Safe Abortion Day, the Federation presented five [short films](#) based on real stories of women who turned to us for help. Actresses Maria Konarowska, Barbara Kurdej-Szatan, Maria Seweryn, Weronika Warchoła and actor Maciej Stuhr gave them their faces and voices.



Actresses and actor featured in our STORIES OF WOMEN #ChoiceNotBan campaign.

### **Doctors Support Program**

In order to support such doctors who ensure the remnants of normality in public health care, in May we launched the Patient-Friendly Doctors Support Program. We offered free legal aid, defense against fundamentalists, and ensured anonymity.

In addition, via social media, we offered gynecologists who want to learn how to be able to safely help patients after the pseudo-sentence of the Constitutional Tribunal, free legal training for them and their colleagues.

We also appealed to doctors not to let more women patients die by performing abortion procedures, in cases where women's health and life is at risk, while offering legal and medical support and counseling.

### **Campaign on patients' rights**

The campaign, initiated by the Federation's publication of the Patient's Rights in Questions and Answers guide, aims to promote the issue through a series of ten infographics presenting the basic rights of patients in the field of reproductive and sexual health.

## **#FederaHelps campaign**

As part of the campaign, we share stories of patients who came to us seeking help in accessing abortion in a Polish hospital or were in life and/or health-threatening situations during pregnancy, and our intervention was a success.

# COUNSELING AND SUPPORT OF WOMEN

## Hotline

The [Helpline](#) has been operating in the Federation continuously for 29 years. In 2020, experts on duty from Monday to Friday -- sex educators, psychologists, gynecologists, and a lawyer -- held over 1,100 calls. Callers most often asked questions relating to sexual education (28.1%) and sought psychological (19.1%) and gynecological (17.7%) advice. Inquiries about abortion accounted for 14.8% of calls, contraception - 11.9%, sexology - 7.6%, pregnancy - 6.3%, law - 4.3%, LGBT - 3.5%, violence - 1.6 %, sexually transmitted diseases and infections - 1.3%. 14.4% percent of all telephones were issues from the "other" category. Most callers were women. Men accounted for 48%, and people outside the binary gender division - less than 0.5%.

## Counseling for pregnant people

### The "I need an abortion" guide

Taking into account the latest legal changes, we refreshed and expanded the [abortion guide](#) on our website. It comprehensively discusses cases in which pregnant individuals may seek information relating to abortion: unwanted pregnancy, fetal defects, threats to physical/mental health, and pregnancy as a result of an illegal act.

### Emergency Hotline

The death of Izabela from Pszczyna and the similar cases revealed in its aftermath showed us how much abuse have been taking place in Polish gynecological wards over the years. That is why we launched emergency telephone numbers that patients can call in situations of threat to their health or life during pregnancy. We are committed to enforcing their rights, finding better medical care in a crisis situation, i.e. arranging for a transfer to a hospital that respects patients' rights.

### MPs Rescue Network

In a crisis situation in a hospital, patients can also use the [MPs Rescue Network](#), which was created in cooperation with us by members of the Left Parliamentary Club.

Pursuant to their mandate, Members of Parliament may demand explanations from public institutions, including hospitals. The mere fact of their arrival or communication with the hospital and the related media interest may mobilize medical personnel.

## Counseling on contraception

## **Emergency contraception**

In August, we published a comprehensive [guide](#) "Where to get the day-after pill?" on our website. It contains not only information on how to obtain emergency contraception, but also how to react in the event of unlawful refusals, both at the doctor's and in the pharmacy.

## **IUDs**

We applied to the National Health Fund for a list of medical facilities whose contract with the NHF covers the insertion of intrauterine contraceptive devices. We [published](#) the database on our website along with other information useful to patients.

## **Counseling on gynecological care**

### **Network of Friendly Doctors**

In May, in our social media, we issued appeals to gynecology and psychiatry doctors, as well as psychologists and psychotherapists to join our Network of Friendly Doctors, which brings together pro-women specialists.

In September, we launched an online [survey](#) to collect information about gynecologists who are professional and respect patient's rights. Soon, based on the data from the survey, a publicly accessible database of patient-friendly gynecologists will be created.

## PUBLISHING AND INTERNET ACTIVITY

### Informative and educational publications

#### *Patient's rights in questions and answers*



At the beginning of the year, we published a pocket [guide](#) showing what rights patients have in the context of reproductive health and how to respond to their violations.

#### The “I Have the Right” Newsletter

The [“I Have the Right”](#) email newsletter is sent to nearly 1,000 people, and the Federation has been publishing it continuously for 22 years. In 2021, we published three issues in which the state of implementation of reproductive rights in Poland and in the world, and the activities of the Federation was discussed, as well as information in the field of medical and legal knowledge and recommendations regarding literature in the field of reproductive rights. Each newsletter issue is promoted on social media.

#### Social media

The Federation's [Facebook page](#) was the most actively used communication channel. In addition to current information on the implementation of reproductive rights and the Federation's activities, we have published a number of information and educational

campaigns. The number of followers maintains a steady increase, in 2021 by nearly 30 percent compared to the number from last year - currently the Federation's page has 44,000 followers. The largest group are women aged 25-44.

Moreover, we published content on other social media channels - [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).



# WIELKA KOALICJA ZA RÓWNOŚCIĄ I WYBOREM

[The Great Coalition for Equality and Choice](#) was established by the Federation in 2017 and since then it has grown to a network of 117 formal and informal organizations from all over Poland, as well as Polish diaspora organizations located in European countries.

WKRW is a tool of intervention and advocacy, also at the international level.

In 2021, WKRW carried out monitoring, advocacy, educational, and strengthening activities for the feminist movement.

## Advocacy

- a [letter](#) to the Portuguese Presidency in the EU Council on the shameful bills prepared by fundamentalists and MPs. Apart from the issue of abortion, the letter also included the issues of the loss of judicial independence, the probability of Poland's withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention, working conditions of activists and human rights organizations, and the abuse of power by the police in relation to participants of peaceful assemblies;
- support for the draft "rescue act" by the Left Parliamentary Club, decriminalizing doctors for performing an abortion, as well as sending an appeal to MPs to vote for the inclusion of the "rescue act" in the Sejm's deliberations;
- joining the collection of signatures under the *Legal Abortion Without Compromise* civic draft bill and running a campaign to mobilize others to collect signatures;
- support for the petition of the Panoptykon Foundation regarding uncontrolled surveillance of activists;
- joining the national *Free School* campaign, which aims to draw attention to the anti-democratic views of the Minister of Education;
- co-organization of protests of Mothers to the Border movement, drawing attention to the tragedy of refugees, including children, staying on the Polish-Belarusian border;

- advocacy campaign against Poland withdrawing from the Istanbul Convention.

## Monitoring

- monitoring of violations of patient's rights, with particular emphasis on refusals to provide the service of IUD insertion by medical entities that have signed a contract with the National Health Fund;
- monitoring of activities related to reproductive rights, in particular abortion;
- monitoring activities around the LGBT community and violations of their rights (including the draft bill prohibiting Equality Marches, court proceedings regarding the image of the Virgin Mary with a rainbow halo or the EP resolution on LGBTQIA people);
- monitoring of the activities of fundamentalist movements dealing with the subject of reproductive rights (the activities of Ordo Iuris or the creation of anti-abortion campaigns on billboards).

## Educational activities

- informational campaign in social media on the possibility of terminating pregnancy in Poland after the judgment of the Constitutional Tribunal;
- educational campaign for the liberalization of abortion (collection of signatures under the LABK project, "rescue act", possibilities of termination of pregnancy) in Poland and on access to abortion in other countries;
- informational and educational campaign on initiatives taken for the benefit of women's rights (e.g. the establishment of the Women's Rights Avenue in Poznań);
- informational campaign about the secular school;
- informational campaign on policy actions that take into account women's rights (e.g. election of the Polish Ombudsman).

## Integration and pro-activism activities

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of WKRW

- ✓ panel on current activities in the field of reproductive rights in the international arena and in Poland;
- ✓ workshop "How to effectively act together and alone for reproductive rights?";



- ✓ discussion "How to convince the society to the idea of reproductive rights?", conversation about Irish practices;
- ✓ panel: "How to put pressure on local governments and how to cooperate with them?";
- ✓ panel "How to effectively fight for patients' rights?".



Participants of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of WKRW's member organizations' representatives (20/11/2021).

## Other

- disseminating the activities of other organizations via WKRW social media channels;
- preparation of information on access to abortion;
- providing the WKRW member organizations with educational materials on reproductive rights (about 5,000 brochures and publications);
- internal training for members of WKRW on transgenderism organized by the Coalition's member organization, the Trans-Fuzja Foundation.



**A S T R A   N E T W O R K**

**WWW.ASTRA.ORG.PL**

ASTRA Network - the Central and Eastern Europe Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights is a coalition of non-governmental and informal organisations from the CEE region that work together for advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights, as well as health care in general. The Network, established in 1999 during a regional meeting hosted by the Federation for Women and Family Planning, currently consists of 40 organisations from 20 countries. ASTRA's secretariat is located in the Federation's office in Warsaw.

ASTRA Network's 2021 can be accessed [here](#).

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Edukacja Seksualna

The PONTON Group is a Federation's program since 2002 and consist of over 30 sex educators. The group's 2021 annual report is available [here](#).

## SPONSORS

- Open Society Foundation (Women's Rights Program)
- International Women's Health Coalition
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- Global Fund for Women
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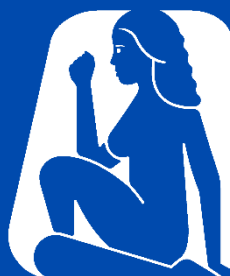
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