



Network „Women in Development Europe“
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WIDE is a European network of women's and development cooperation associations (NGOs), working on gender and development issues.



WIDE's vision: A world based on gender equality and social justice that ensures:

- equal rights for all
- equal access to resources
- equal opportunities in all spheres of life



WIDE Europe is a network formed by 12 national platforms from different European countries.

The national WIDE platforms are represented in the WIDE General Assembly and „Steering group“.

WIDE has an office in Brussels (8 persons).



Members of the Austrian WIDE network:

- 18 development cooperation NGOs, among them 3 women's NGOs
- Individual members (women working on gender and development issues, social scientists, economists,...)



Working methods (WIDE Austria):

- Regular meetings of the network members
- Working groups
- Seminars and trainings
- Public discussions



International partners:

- Women's networks from Latin America, Africa and Asia



Challenges:

- No development cooperation links between Austria and China, but many trade links.
- Women's dialogue and alliances in the future?



Websites:

www.wide-network.org (Europe)

www.wide-netzwerk.at (Austria)