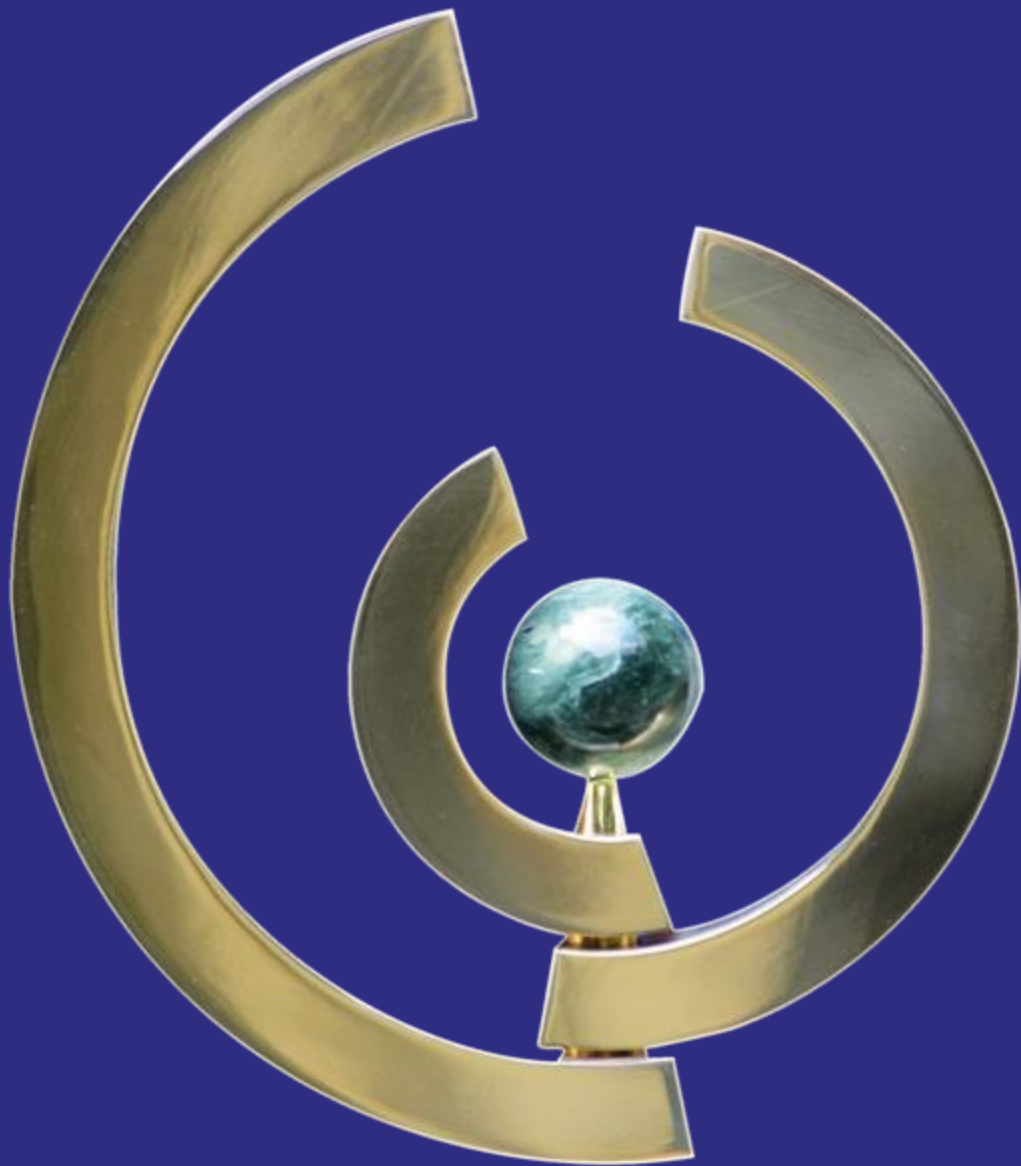


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Un mot de notre Présidente A Word from our President

Niovi Kyriazakou

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Chères amies,

L'année a commencé en beauté et nous sommes en pleine activité sur différents projets.

Plus précisément et à l'aide de l'équipe Communication nous travaillons sur une stratégie de **Communication** qui facilitera nos échanges internes, mais surtout externes, afin d'améliorer et moderniser la visibilité de l'Association envers nos donateurs et nos sponsors.

Cette stratégie mettra en évidence nos **projets**, tout en gardant nos valeurs principales et avantages compétitifs - la **solidarité** envers les plus démunis et l'**amitié** entre nos membres au sein d'une unique **structure multiculturelle**.

De même, nous sommes en train d'améliorer notre système d'information (site web inclus) pour être plus efficaces et professionnelles à la fois; la première phase sera achevée pour début février.

Notez bien notre **Assemblée Générale** annuelle qui aura lieu le **jeudi 21 mars** au Charlemagne. N'oubliez pas de vous y inscrire sur notre **site web** svp. Comme d'habitude, lors de l'AG la ratification de nouvelles responsables aura lieu. Nous vous rappelons que les **responsables** jouent un rôle moteur au sein de leur groupe respectif en tant que lien entre leur groupe et l'Organe d'Administration (OA).

Je vous incite à consulter régulièrement notre site web et à vous inscrire aux divers événements prévus pour les mois à venir : que de belles occasions pour inviter vos amis et vos collègues à tous ces événements pour tous les goûts et tous les budgets.

Et quelle belle façon de contribuer ainsi à la collecte de fonds nécessaire au financement de nos projets humanitaires, mais aussi de passer un moment convivial et agréable !

En vous remerciant pour tous vos efforts,

Cordialement,

Dear friends,

The year has got off to a great start, and we're in full swing on a number of projects.



More specifically, and with the help of the Communications team, we are working on a **Communications strategy** that will facilitate not only our internal exchanges, but above all our external ones, in order to improve and modernise the Association's visibility towards our donors and sponsors.

This strategy will highlight our **projects**, while retaining our core values and competitive advantages - **solidarity** with the underprivileged and **friendship** between our members within a unique **multicultural structure**.

We are also, at the same time, in the process of improving our information systems (including our website) to make us more efficient and professional; the first phase will be completed by early February.

Don't forget our annual **General Assembly** on **Thursday 21 March** at Charlemagne. Please don't forget to register on our **website**. As usual, the GA will be the occasion for the ratification of new representatives. We would like to remind you that representatives play a key role in their respective groups, acting as a link between their group and the Administrative Body.

I encourage you to visit our website regularly and sign up for the various events planned for the coming months: what great opportunities to invite your friends and colleagues to all these events to suit all tastes and budgets.

And what better way to help raise the funds we need to finance our humanitarian projects, and also to have a convivial and enjoyable time!

Thank you for all your efforts,

Sincerely,

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Contributions to the **March** Newsletter must be sent by e-mail, with images and photos attached, by **15 February** at the latest.

Les **contributions** au Bulletin de **mars** doivent être envoyées avec images et photos en annexe au plus tard le **15 février**.

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February - Février

Thursday 1	20.00	Concert: A Musical Heritage from Ireland & Scotland
Monday 5	12.30 - 16.30	Get-Together, Ireland, Fondation N A Heusghem

March - Mars

Friday 1	18.30 - 23.00	Sweet Jazz Dinner, The Royal Lawn Tennis Club, UK & Finland
Monday 4	12.30 - 16.30	Get-Together Romania, Fond. N A Heusghem
Jeudi 14	10.15 - 16.30	Visite guidée Courtrai, Groupe Multinational
Jeudi 21	14.30	A.G. Bruxelles, rue de la Loi, Bt Charlemagne, salle JENKINS

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We urgently need a dynamic member to join our small Newsletter Team (Christianna and Karen) producing the Femmes d'Europe Newsletter - a really important and informative part of our Association's work.

You do not need any special knowledge apart from being familiar with MS WORD and **enjoy** working on Zoom on a computer. It can be a rewarding task, **creative and fun**. You would participate in occasional meetings by Zoom or in person if needed.

The time needed for each edition is varied, maybe a week or so, and can be fitted around your other commitments.

To find out more, please contact: newsletter@assocfemmesdeurope.eu



LE BULLETIN a besoin de VOUS !



Nous cherchons d'urgence une membre dynamique qui pourrait se joindre à notre petite équipe (Christianna et Karen) qui publie le Bulletin de FdE, outil responsable d'une partie importante de l'information au sein de notre association.

Aucune compétence particulière n'est requise, il faut simplement avoir un peu d'expérience de MS WORD et **aimer** travailler sur ordinateur. Ceci peut être un travail enrichissant, **créatif et amusant**. Vous participeriez à des réunions Zoom ou à de vraies réunions, si nécessaire.

Chaque édition demande environ une semaine de travail flexible, mais cela varie.

Si vous êtes intéressée, veuillez contacter : newsletter@assocfemmesdeurope.eu



ASSEMBLEE GENERALE 21 MARS 2024 A 14h30 BATIMENT CHARLEMAGNE, Salle JENKINS

ATTENTION

INSCRIPTIONS A EFFECTUER SUR NOTRE SITE WEB <https://www.assocfemmesdeurope.eu>
"EVENEMENTS - ASSEMBLEE GENERALE"

Date limite : 13 mars 2024

En cas d'absence : Votre **procuration** est à envoyer avant le **13 mars 2024** au moyen du formulaire se trouvant au bas de cette convocation, par mail à info@assocfemmesdeurope.eu

Rappel : maximum six procurations par membre ayant droit de vote.

Droit de vote

Ont droit de vote les membres 'effectifs' - ayant la nationalité de l'un des pays membres de l'Union Européenne ou AELE- résidant en Belgique - et en règle de cotisation pour l'année 2024.

Ordre du Jour

- Désignation des secrétaires de séance et des scrutatrices pour l'élection des membres du Bureau Exécutif
- Approbation de l'ordre du jour 2024
- Approbation du compte rendu de l'Assemblée Générale 2023
- Rapport de la Présidente et du Bureau Exécutif
- Présentation du bilan de l'exercice 2023 et approbation des comptes annuels 2023
- Approbation du budget prévisionnel 2024 présenté à l'OA du 22 février 2024
- Décharge de l'Organe d'Administration
- Élections du Bureau Exécutif : Nouveau mandat : Vice-Présidente Projets
- Cotisation annuelle pour 2025 : 55 euros
- Ratification des élections des membres de l'Organe d'Administration 2024
- Divers
- Résultats des élections pour les postes au Bureau Exécutif
- Conclusions par la Présidente
- Clôture de l'Assemblée Générale 2024

En cas d'absence : procuration

Je soussignée,, donne procuration
à, membre effectif de l'Association
Femmes d'Europe aisbl qui me représentera et votera en mon nom à l'Assemblée Générale le jeudi 21 mars
2024.

Groupe Signature Date



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 21 MARCH 2024 AT 14.30 CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING, Room JENKINS

ATTENTION

REGISTRATION VIA OUR WEBSITE <https://www.assocfemmesdeurope.eu>

"EVENEMENTS - ASSEMBLEE GENERALE"

Deadline: 13 March, 2024

If you are unable to attend, your **proxy vote** (procuration) should be sent by email before **13 March 2024**, using the form at the bottom of this page to info@assocfemmesdeurope.eu

Reminder: Each member may hold a maximum of six proxy votes.

Right to vote

'Effective' members, i.e. those citizens of one of the Member states of the European Union or EFTA - resident in Belgium - who have paid their annual membership fee for 2024 shall have voting rights.

Agenda

- Appointment of secretaries of the Meeting and scrutineers for the election of Executive Bureau members
- Approval of the 2024 Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the 2023 General Assembly
- Report of the President and Executive Bureau
- Presentation of the balance sheet and approval of the 2023 annual accounts
- Approval of the 2024 provisional budget presented at the Administrative Body at its meeting on 22 February, 2024
- Discharge of the Administrative Body
- Elections to the Executive Bureau – New mandate: Vice-President Projects
- Annual membership fee for 2025: 55 euros
- Ratification of the representatives to the 2024 Administrative Body
- Questions
- Result of the election of the Executive Bureau positions
- Conclusions by the President
- Close of the 2024 General Assembly

In case of absence: proxy

I, the undersigned,, give my proxy to, **effective** member of the Association Femmes d'Europe aisbl who will represent me and vote in my name at the General Assembly on Thursday 21 March 2024.

Group Signature Date

Candidate for Vice-President Projects

Vassilia Argyraki



I am pleased to apply for the position of Vice-President Projects, for which I feel my profile would be particularly suitable. I am sure that I can manage the obligations, hard work, and responsibility that the post implies. My long-standing membership of the Association is more than just a natural consequence for my nature and character. Helping the disadvantaged and assisting the vulnerable members of society leaves a positive footprint on our planet.

A great deal of my time is also given to family, friends in difficulty, reading books and travelling. I am proud to say that I have transmitted my interest in charity to my three children and, I hope, later to my grandchildren too. Due to family visits, the challenges and culture in some parts of Africa are quite well-known to me. I have a long-standing membership of the Greek Group, being mainly responsible for projects (identification, communication, drafting and presentation, monitoring inter alia). Following my retirement, I was invited to join the Project Committee to which I have contributed for the last four years. During this time the recent pandemic and my stay in Budapest have not allowed me to meet and get to know most of you. However, my return to Brussels in February 2024 will allow a regular contact with you.

I have lived and worked in Brussels since 1987. In this multi-cultural and multilingual environment, getting into contact with people from different nationalities, cultures and civilisations has been common at home and at work.

My background studies are in civil engineering. Communication, networking, efficiency, and organisation have been my strong points during my professional career. Furthermore, during the last eighteen years of my work in the European Commission, I acquired extensive experience in the management of projects in Asia and all European countries (reception and evaluation of proposals, negotiation, signature, monitoring). I gained strong problem-solving capacities and a natural ability to deal efficiently and accurately with a wide range of interest groups and bodies. This professional experience, added to the knowledge of three languages (EN, FR, EL) and a notion of German, would assist me in the post I am applying for.

I currently benefit from working in, and actively contributing to, a team which I value strongly. To be able to work with team spirit and efficiency, the Project Committee needs responsible members to study good quality projects within the limits of our budget. We should aim at reaching a new momentum within our committee while retaining the quality of decision-making according to the Internal Rules of the Association.

The Projects Committee lies in the heart of the Association and the Projects Ceremony is a major event, therefore its image to the outside world, EU Institutions, and beneficiaries, is of extreme importance. We are aware that as times have become difficult it is harder to ensure the necessary budget to fund our projects. Each project should be well-researched, studied, and worth funding. Scrutiny and monitoring are important. Education, health, empowerment, integration and sustainability should be our first priority, in particular for children and women.

In conclusion, I reiterate my interest for the post of Vice-President Projects. I would be happy to embark on a wonderful journey with you all (like we did the Crete trip last year) if you would give me your confidence and support.

Vassilia Argyraki
Projects Committee

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Matériaux pour la construction de toilettes

Kumnit Kumar Organisation- KKO, près de Phnom Penh au Cambodge



Hgiène le grand souci, un souci constant, impératif... au Cambodge comme ailleurs.

Dans la banlieue de Phnom Penh, l'extrême pauvreté est dûe en partie à l'endettement. De nombreuses familles sont poussées à travailler dans les fabriques de briques, ce qui les réduit en fait au statut d'esclaves modernes. Spirale infernale, le statut d'immigré les empêche d'obtenir un quelconque soutien du gouvernement.



L'organisation Kumnit Kumar Organization (KKO) « pensées des enfants », active dans ces fabriques localisées dans la commune de Prek Anchannh tente d'aider les enfants et leurs familles à améliorer leurs conditions de vie en

leur apportant un soutien afin de leur permettre de prospérer et grandir dans de meilleures conditions et avec un peu de chance leur assurer un avenir. L'éducation fait partie des objectifs à atteindre. L'éducation à l'hygiène est une priorité car la santé en dépend. Et les conditions sanitaires sont loin d'être optimales : une des premières options est donc de construire des toilettes dans la fabrique de briques et dans le jardin d'enfants communautaire.

Ces modèles permettraient aux familles de développer leurs propres toilettes sous la supervision de la direction de l'école. Les bénéficiaires seraient responsables de ces nouvelles installations, et responsables de leur entretien. En outre l'accès à l'eau doit être garanti et fourni par le propriétaire de l'usine, espérant que ce ne soit pas un vœu pieux.

L'accès à des toilettes propres et sûres est nécessaire et indispensable. Il faut lutter contre la défécation à l'air libre car celle-ci a un impact négatif sur la santé humaine et le lien entre l'insalubrité et la santé est bien démontré. Propreté et hygiène permettent de lutter contre les maladies contagieuses, permettent de se prémunir des infections, des gastro-entérites, etc...

. Projet du mois – Project of the Month .

Toilettes et accès à l'eau doivent être fournis conjointement car se laver les mains après avoir utilisé les toilettes est essentiel : commencer par l'hygiène des mains est le principal moyen de prévenir les infections associées aux soins.

Les filles sont davantage exposées aux violences, et sont isolées par le tabou persistant des menstruations : il est donc nécessaire de séparer les toilettes réservées

aux jeunes filles pubères des toilettes réservées aux garçons.

Femmes d'Europe a fourni les matériaux pour la construction de ces toilettes et l'Association Kumnit Kumar a communiqué le suivi détaillé de la réalisation du projet.

*Sabine Cartuyvels
Comité Projets*

**Pour assister à une petite vidéo à ce sujet, veuillez cliquer sur le lien ci-dessous et ensuite cliquez sur "ToiletinBrickFactory.mp4".*

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ukg2CVSe3wMmAMeIK2CcGAhVRcSf7SRC?usp=sharing>

Individual Projects (PI) – Approved by the AB January 2024
Projets individuels (PI) – approuvés par l'OA janvier 2024

PI 1 2024 – Indonesia, Toba Regency

Equipment for teaching English and basic IT skills for a class of 20 children / Equipement pour l'apprentissage de l'anglais et de l'informatique de base d'une classe de 20 élèves.

PI 2 2024 – Guinée Bissau, Varela

Repair of the roof of the crèche and purchase of school and teaching material / Restauration du toit de la crèche Fa di Varela et achat de matériel scolaire et pédagogique.



Laptop and Science Equipment for Education Centre, Dong Nai Province, Vietnam

This last summer I had the great privilege to stay for six weeks with my friend Hang Le at her Education Centre in a remote village six hours south of Ho Chi Minh City in Dong Nai Province.



There I gave English lessons to the local children and volunteers, who have very few opportunities to learn English and life skills in a structured environment, using the Climate Fresk Interactive game which builds awareness on the Environment and how to build a more sustainable community.

Lessons on ethics, lifestyle and will power are interwoven into the class, encouraging

self-esteem, improvement and daring to dream; they also encourage people to pursue their dreams of a better life.



These small actions were supported by the FdE donation of a laptop and science equipment, bringing the world to these rural communities. The laptop enables access to teaching materials and the opportunity to apply for scholarships. The science equipment not only transfers knowledge, it also breaks down ignorance in the community. The smiles from the young children and women are for you reading this article and an immense gratitude for the opportunities you open up. Femmes d'Europe really do change the world.

Playground and Roof Structure for a Community School, Muoroto and Kibagare, Nairobi, Kenya

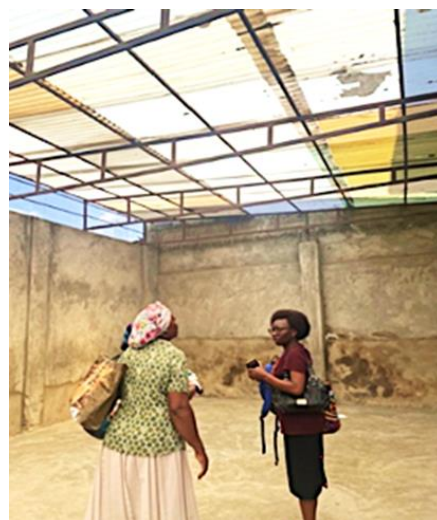
In September 2023, after attending a Conference, I took the opportunity to visit for the second time the Tujisaidie Community School, a nursery and primary school with around 350 pupils aged from three to 14 years.

It was created in 1992, when two inner city slum communities of Nairobi (Muoroto and Kibagare) were demolished and the 220 neediest families were resettled in Kayole, in the Eastern outskirts of the city on an abandoned sisal plantation.

In March 2022 FdE donated €3000 to finalise the playground and build a roof structure to protect against the rain and sun. The children are overjoyed to have a safe place to play and are very proud of the playground. They are some of the poorest in Nairobi and their enthusiasm to learn is humbling.

This time I also brought a big box of chalk; they write the lessons on the wall having no computers. The Headmaster, John Obimo, extends a huge thank you and immense gratitude

for the difference Femmes d'Europe has made to the lives of the children in Kayole.



Material for the start of a maternity centre

Hospital Divine Providence, Senegal

In October 2023 during a business trip, I was privileged to visit the hospital of the Divine Providence run by a remarkable lady. Soeur Madeleine Ndour is both a paediatric doctor and a religious sister. To find all these characteristics in one tiny energetic lady is all the more unusual and humbling, given the difficult circumstances in this



remote poor area of Loul Sessène, region of Fatick, 130 kms from Dakar.

This small medical facility is lacking most of the basic infrastructure and suffered immensely during Covid, being left

abandoned. There is no refuse collection and

medical waste is stored in plastic bags, then burnt. Water has infiltrated badly fitted windows and caused damp and mould to grow on the inside wall.

This remote area has poor medical facilities, dispersed over a wide area with patients having to travel 50 kms on a cart for an X-ray.

Femmes d'Europe has given the expectant mothers in this region the hope of a safe birth and care for their babies who are often underweight and dehydrated. Soeur Madeleine sends you her heartfelt gratitude for the donation that will purchase essential birth and gynaecological equipment.



Note from the editors: We are most fortunate to have amongst our amazing members a lady, Sharon Mahony, member of the Irish Group, author of these articles, who has found a way to combine her work, travel and family with visiting various of our humanitarian projects around the world, and sent us these reports. **We hope that more of our members can visit projects that have been financed by FdE and send us a small update with a couple of photos!**

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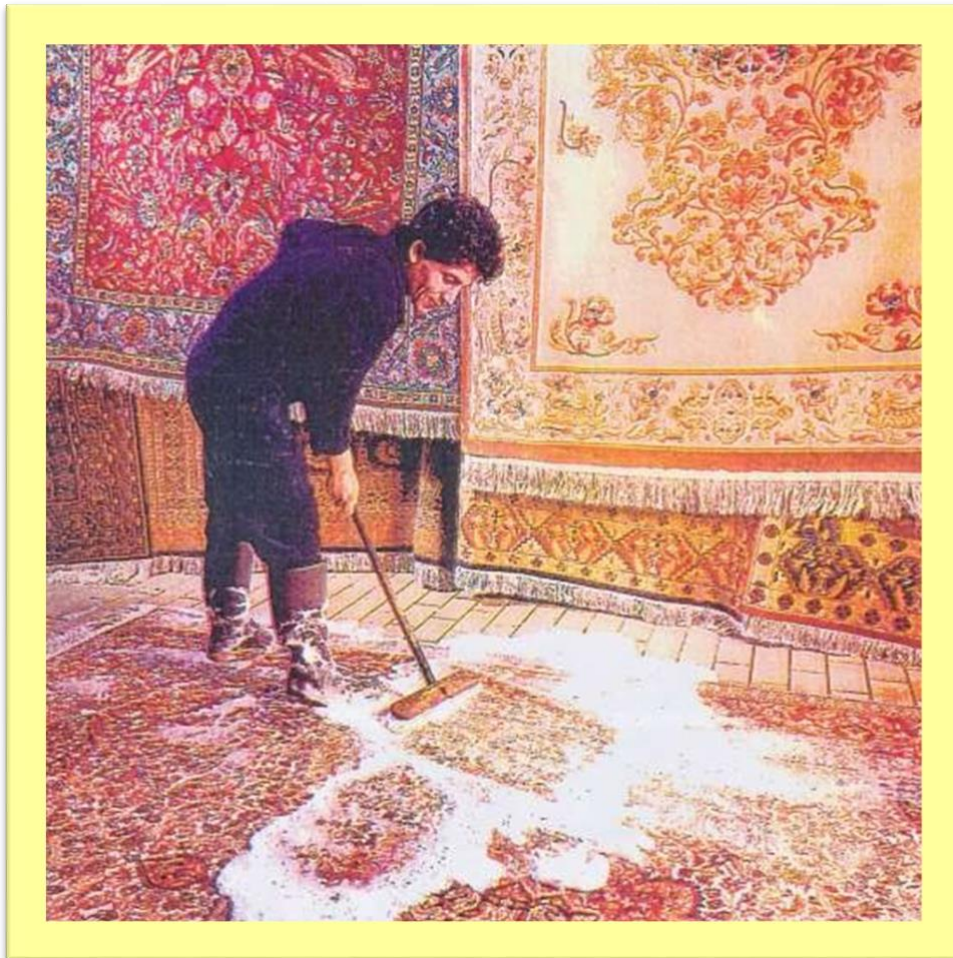
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Monday 5 February 2024 from 12.30 to 16.30

Come and join us for a February Feast prepared by the **Irish group**

On the menu:

- Warm and cold Buffet of Irish Homemade Specialties
- Salmon Platter
- Porter Cake
- Coffee, tea and homemade biscuits



Lundi 5 février 2024 de 12h30 à 16h30

Venez nous rejoindre et dégustez notre festin de février, préparé par le **Groupe Irlandais**

Au menu :

- Buffet chaud et froid de spécialités irlandaises faites maison
- Assiette de saumon
- Porter cake
- Café, thé et biscuits faits maison

Réservation : www.assocfemmesdeurope.eu

Veuillez enregistrer votre présence sur notre site web pour faciliter l'organisation et prévoir la quantité de plats. Please register your attendance for this event – it helps the Groups to prepare and organise the required amount of food.

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The UK and Finnish Groups of the Association Femmes d'Europe
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SWEET JAZZ DINNER & DANCING

featuring the **René de Smaele Swing Cats Quintet**
with **Guest Singer Bruce Ellison**

WHEN: Friday 1 March 2024 from 18.30–23.00



WHERE:

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TICKETS:

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*All proceeds go to aid the humanitarian projects of
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. Événement futur – Future Event .



**RENCONTRE AMICALE A LA FONDATION
NADINE ALEXANDRE HEUSGHEM**
Rue de Livourne 129, 1000 Bruxelles



Lundi 4 mars 2024 de 12h30 à 16h30

A l'occasion du Martisor, le **Groupe Roumain** vous invite à en savoir plus sur cette tradition roumaine, sur la liste du patrimoine culturel immatériel de l'UNESCO



A cette rencontre amicale vous pouvez déguster de délicieux plats traditionnels, sucrés et salés, des entrées raffinées et des vins roumains de haute qualité.

Vous pouvez également acheter des objets artisanaux roumains spéciaux.

Nous avons hâte de passer un agréable après-midi ensemble pour célébrer l'arrivée du printemps !



Monday 4 March 2024 from 12.30 to 16.30

On the occasion of Martisor, the **Romanian Group** invites you to learn more about this Romanian tradition, on the list of UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

At this friendly gathering you can taste delicious traditional dishes, sweet and savoury, refined starters and high-quality Romanian wines.

You can also buy special Romanian handicrafts.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to a nice afternoon to celebrate spring together!

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Promenade découverte de la belle ville de COURTRAI
qui est traversée par le Lys et possède un patrimoine riche et original
que nous nous plairons à arpenter



La visite, qui sera guidée en français et en anglais, vous permettra de découvrir les lieux les plus emblématiques de cette ville dynamique.

- A partir de la gare de Courtrai, les deux guides nous accompagneront vers les Broeltorens et les quais de la Lys.
- Pour honorer notre Association, nous serons reçues officiellement à l'Hotel de Ville, dont nous pourrions admirer les salles historiques splendides (pause café offerte).
- En suivant un parcours varié depuis le Grote Markt et le Béguinage nous visiterons Sint Maarten, qui possède des œuvres d'art historiques majeures et qui est inscrite sur la liste du patrimoine mondial ; nous assisterons à l'Expo-vidéo-reconstruction de la Bataille des Eperons d'Or en 1302, pour finir par l'Eglise Notre Dame, joyau du baroque.
- Nous nous rendrons ensuite au Musée du Textile où un lunch nous sera servi. Visite libre du Musée du Lin pour les amateurs.

La visite se terminera vers 16h30

- **Rendez-vous :** 10h15, Gare de Courtrai (Kortrijk) dans la salle des guichets
- **Participation :** 49 EUR pp (prix incluant les guides, le lunch et l'Expo 1302)
- **Réservation :** <https://www.assocfemmesdeurope.eu>
- **Païement :** Association Femmes d'Europe, IBAN : BE47 3100 7081 9180 (Réf. votre nom et 'Découverte Courtrai')
- **Contact :** Els De Lille Florin e.florin@delille.be tél. 0486 85 80 91
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Welcome to Theartemis Palace, a meticulously designed Crete hotel offering an unforgettable stay of indulgence and relaxation for modern travelers. Explore the local culture through Cretan cuisine at our restaurants and bars. Our new state-of-the-art conference center seamlessly combines allure and excellence, making it ideal for business meetings, conferences, and events. Indulge in the ultimate relaxation and pampering experience at our spa, complete with saunas, steam rooms, hot tubs, and a fitness center, all designed to create a serene and tranquil environment. To enhance your stay, we offer e-bikes for eco-friendly exploration of the beautiful island of Crete, allowing you to discover its natural beauty at your own pace and gain a deeper understanding of the local culture and landscape. At Theartemis Palace, we take pride in providing you with an unforgettable experience that seamlessly combines luxury, sustainability, exceptional services, and a celebration of Crete's remarkable culture and culinary traditions. Come and experience the epitome of indulgence in the heart of Crete while immersing yourself in the island's captivating heritage.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NICE NEW MOROCCAN CARPET?

Femmes d'Europe aisbl has been fortunate in receiving 4 new carpets to sell, **all proceeds go to our Association**. If you are interested in one of these beautiful carpets and you would like to see them in Brussels, please email marilyn.carruthers@icloud.com



Moroccan Blue: €650 - 1,98m X 3m



Moroccan/Tunisian brown: €500 - 1,60m X 2,80m



Moroccan 800 € - 1,60m X 3,20m



Moroccan Berber 1200 € - 2m X 3,30m

New Members Announced in the Last AB
Nouvelles membres annoncées au dernier OA
January 2024 janvier

AELE :	Anne Claire DEMULDER
Allemagne :	Mara MANDARA JARCHOW
Belgique :	Marcelle NIZET, Juliana MARTINEZ, Aline TRIF
Grèce :	Thisvi EKMEKTZOGLU
Hongrie :	Enikö FODOR, Orsolya SZAPLONCZAY, Edit SZEPESSY
Irlande:	Myfanwy VAN DE VELDE
Multinational :	Ann RADCLIFFE
Pologne :	Malgorzata WILK, Aleksandra SIEMIANOWSKA

Deadline for the MARCH NEWSLETTER: 15 February 2024

Date limite pour le BULLETIN de MARS : le 15 février 2024

Organe d'Administration (OA) – Administrative Body (AB)
Prochaines réunions - 2024 - Next meetings

jeudi 22 février à 14h (en présentiel), mercredi 13 mars à 12h (zoom), jeudi 18 avril à 12h (zoom), mardi 14 mai à 12h (zoom), mardi 11 juin à 14h (zoom)
Thursday 22 February at 14.00 (in person), Wednesday 13 March at 12.00 (zoom), Thursday 18 April at 12.00 (zoom), Tuesday 14 May at 12.00 (zoom), Tuesday 11 June at 14.00 (zoom)

**Invitation for the submission of
National Projects (NAT) 2024**

The Project Committee is eagerly awaiting your National Projects

Deadline: 15 February 2024

Amount: € 7,000 per Group

Further information and forms from the members of the Project Committee (PC), Maggie Lukomska or Renate Smith (VP Projects in tandem):

projet@assocfemmesdeurope.eu

All documents are available on the website under the Members' Area.

**Invitation à l'introduction des
Projets Nationaux (NAT) 2024**

Le Comité Projets attend vos Projets Nationaux avec impatience !

Date limite : 15 février 2024

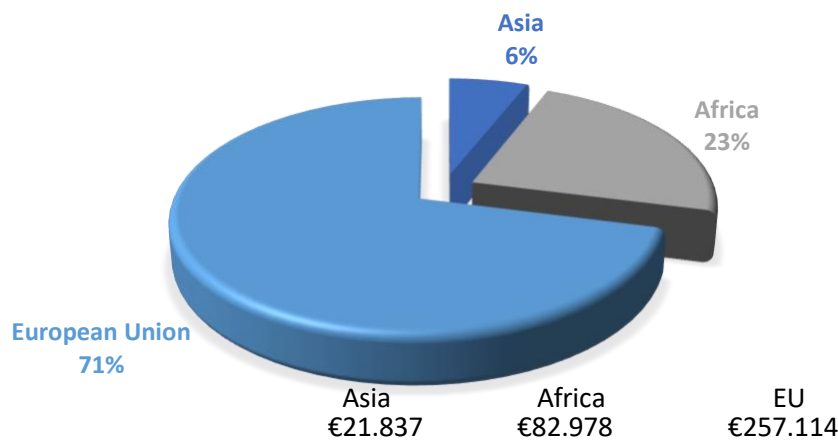
Somme disponible : € 7.000 par Groupe

Des informations complémentaires et des formulaires sont disponibles auprès des membres du Comité Projet (CP), Maggie Lukomska ou Renate Smith (VP Projets en tandem) :

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Les documents sont aussi disponibles sur le site web dans l'Espace membres.

Total funds distributed
in **2023** by
Association Femmes d'Europe aisbl
€ 361.929 for **83** projects



EUROPEAN UNION

- AUSTRIA**, Salzburg, **Rettet das Kind**, New beds in a centre for teenage refugees
- AUSTRIA**, Leogang, **Badhaus – Fonds für Leben Lieben**, Four raised flowerbeds for children with chronic illnesses
- AUSTRIA**, Oberwart, **Roma-Service**, IT equipment for homework - learning support for Roma children
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **Amarrage asbl**, Fitting out the kitchen at the reception centre for young people in care
- BELGIUM**, Alost, **Levensvreugde Verblijven vzw.**, Ergonomic and pedagogical material for adults and children with disabilities
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **Welcome-Babbelkot asbl**, Sports and playground equipment for children in multi-ethnic neighbourhood
- BELGIUM**, Zemst, **Villa Clementina**, Construction of a Care Area for babies and toddlers
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **Centre Espoir et Joie asbl**, Snoezelen, a sensory stimulation area – Renovation of bathroom equipment
- BELGIUM**, Ophain, **Audioscenic**, Renewal and upgrade of audio description system for the visually impaired
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **Elles sans Frontières asbl**, Furniture and office equipment for centre for victims of domestic violence
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **Sun Child asbl**, IT equipment and office furniture for centre for vulnerable families
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **WomanDo**, Ultrasound scanner, medical material and fireproof door for centre for migrant women
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **Molembike asbl Les Hirond'Elles**, Three portable bikes, T-shirts with logo for women participants
- BELGIUM**, Gent, **Kloen vzw**, Educational materials for children with Primary Immune Deficiency (PID)
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **CREB asbl**, Renovation of the central kitchen's hotplates
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **NATIVITAS asbl**, Curtains for transit accommodation for disadvantaged people
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **l'Ilot asbl**, Design and manufacture of five cocoons for a dormitory in an emergency shelter
- BELGIUM**, Brussels, **De Haven**, IT material and furniture for consultation centre for women threatened with eviction from home
- BULGARIA**, Tryavna, **Hospital "Dr. Teodosi Vitanov"**, Medical equipment for children with lung disease
- CYPRUS**, Nicosia, **Alkionides Charity**, Minivan for the Cyprus Autism Association for transport of children with autism
- ESTONIA**, Tartu, **MTÜ Tartu Luterlik Peetri Kool**, Classroom equipment for a Karolin's school for children with severe disabilities
- FRANCE**, Paris, **Votre Ecole chez Vous**, Computer equipment for teaching sick or disabled pupils at home
- GERMANY**, München, **SchlaU-Trägerkreis Junge Flüchtlinge e.V.**, Renewal of IT equipment for education for migrants
- GREECE**, Thessaloniki, **ATP-ASYLO Tou Paidiou Child Education Fdtn**, Fire safety system for a day nursery and kindergarten building
- GREECE**, Athens, **Anemos Ananeosis**, Folding chairs, projector, camera, microphones, small electrical kitchen for migrant women's centre
- GREECE**, Peristeri Attica, **ELPIDA**, Adapted seats for a bus transporting people with special needs
- GREECE**, Athens, **Stegi Thileon Agions Alexandros**, Equipment necessary for the operation of Girl's House
- HUNGARY**, Szeged, **Napos Oldal Alapítvány (Fdnt "Côté Soleil")**, Equipment for long-term stay for disabled people
- IRELAND**, Dublin, **A Lending Hand**, Tents, sleeping bags and winter clothing for the homeless
- IRELAND**, Wexford, **Wexford Women's Refuge**, New furniture for the family communal living room of the refuge
- ITALY**, Como, **BDS - Banco di Solidarieta si Como ODV**, Furniture and cold room for meeting centre for disadvantaged families
- LITHUANIA**, Anyksciai, **Vsl Seimos idėju centras**, Solar panels: purchase and installation for centre for people with disabilities
- LITHUANIA**, Ass. **Sesios AM (6am)** Support for the civilians in Ukraine - Car wheel rim stoves
- LITHUANIA**, Kalvis UAB, Biomass heating stoves for Ukraine
- LUXEMBURG**, Luxemburg, **Femmes en détresse asbl**, Play area for child victims of violence
- NETHERLANDS**, WG Sliedrecht, **ASVZ Bolderhoeve**, Storage and bicycle shed on the farm day centre for children with handicaps
- POLAND**, Stegna, **ESOPS (Ass. of Organizers of Social Assistance)**, Summer house adapted for people with reduced mobility
- PORTUGAL**, Lisbon, **Centro de Promoçao Juvenil**, Furniture for living rooms in a home for juvenile wards of court
- PORTUGAL**, Vila Velha de Roda, **Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Vila Velha de Rodão**, Snoezelen equipment for people with dementia
- ROMANIA**, Bucharest, **Asociația Gradusart**, 'Up with Down!' Equipment for Story-telling workshop
- ROMANIA**, Uricani, **Asociația Tinitul Momarlianilor**, Creation of workshop for traditional arts and crafts

SPAIN, El Sauzal, Tenerife, **Casa de Acogida Madre del Redentor**, Industrial dishwasher and ten armchairs for a senior citizens' centre
SPAIN, Cadiz, **Caballeros Hospitalarios Esp. de San Juan Baut**, Adaptation of sanitary facilities to permit women's access to the shelter
SPAIN, Madrid, **NGO MIAccion**, Educational and recreational materials for Ukrainian refugee children

EUROPE outside of EU

UK, London, **Bakhita House**, Upgrade of furniture and equipment in a house for homeless women

ASIA

ARMENIA, Shirak, **Mother and Child Austrian Hospital**, Newborn infant resuscitator for a maternity hospital
CAMBODIA, Pnom Penh, **Kumit Kumar Organization**, Eight toilets inside brick factories and at the community kindergarten
CAMBODIA, Takeo, **NGO Hopeful Children Centre**, 40 Computers for four secondary schools for teaching vocational skills
VIETNAM, Nui Tuong, **Nui Tuong Organisation**, IT and basic science equipment for children's education centre

AFRICA

BENIN, Ouémé, **ONG TAMAEE**, Construction and supply of a sewing workshop and creation of an educational garden
BENIN, Cotonou, **Centre MIVO**, Construction of a meeting centre to promote the status of women
BENIN, Parakou, **Fondation Hubi et Vinciane**, creating a vegetable garden with a fence made of permanent materials
BURKINA FASO, Koupela, **CVD de ZAOGO**, Women's garden for the women of Koulwoko
BURUNDI, Mbogora, **Centre Jeunes Mgobora**, Equipment for the production of biogas for cooking and heating
ESWATINI, Vuvulane, **VOVCOF**, Solar Lamps for 160 households
GHANA, Kumasi, **Stiftung Opportunity Intl. Schweiz**, Sewing workshop equipment - 115 sewing machines
MALAWI, Zomba, **Mbedza - Songani Hope and Wellness Trust**, Full fence for a centre for HIV testing, counselling and education
DRC, Kinshasa, **Congr. Relig. Escl. Sagr. Corazon**, 47 desks for schools for disadvantaged children
DRC, Kolwezi, **Monastère Orthodoxe de Kolwezi**, Construction of a piggery at the Kolwezi Orthodox Monastery
DRC, Tshumbe, **Congregation of SSFS**, Materials for the refurbishment of the OMENDJADI maternity hospital
SENEGAL, Dakar, **Mothers at Risk**, Ultrasound device for home medical service for pregnant women
SENEGAL, Laty, **AlterAfrique**, Construction of a sanitary building for a primary school
UGANDA, Rukungiri, **Friends of North Kigezi Diocese**, Equipment for professional training for girls without qualifications
UGANDA, Moroto-Matany, **Andreas Manna Foundation**, Manaty Girls's Vocational School, lighting project - generator
TOGO, Sokodé, **Centre Médical Puits de Jacob**, Medical centre emergency equipment
TOGO, Ando Kpégbé, **ADID Humanitaire**, Materials for the construction of a school for 205 pupils

Christmas Donations



ARMENIA, Abovyan, **Fondation Arslan**, Christmas parcels for a dozen families, warm anoraks and board games for children
BELGIUM, Brussels, **Sun Child**, Visit to the Bouglione Circus for 75 sick or disadvantaged children
BELGIUM, Gesves, **Oxybulle asbl**, Snacks and small gifts, magic show for children living in care homes
BELGIUM, Brussels, **Le Chant d'Oiseau asbl**, Christmas market, Bouglione circus, festive meal for 15 women residents and their children
BELGIUM, Roeselare, **KLOEN vzw**, Teddy bears for sick children in paediatric hospitals
BELGIUM, Brussels, **Tentatief vzw. Magasin Solidaire**, Christmas meal and party for underprivileged families in Cureghem
BELGIUM, Brussels, **Bulles – Wasserette mobile**, Christmas party for the homeless and tent to protect against the weather
BELGIUM, Brussels, **L'Olivier asbl**, Café Noël for the Homeless
BELGIUM, Brussels, **Centre de Prevention de Violences conjugales et familiales**, Christmas gifts for 30 women
BELGIUM, Brussels, **Asbl Societé St. Vincent de Paul, St. Nicolas** party for 70 families with children in the parish
CAMBODIA, Sihanoukville, **CIFA (International Centre for Children and Families)**, Food for 95 malnourished children aged six to 18
GREECE, Athens, **Meaalofa Foundation**, Food vouchers for 15 families in difficult financial situation (20 adults and 18 children)
GREECE, Gravia, **The Gravia Inn – Cultural Women Association**, Workshop and gifts for 140 children and their families
LEBANON, Jezzine, **Etablissement scolaire Staint Michel Sœurs des Saints Cœurs**, Outdoor playground equipment for school
ROMANIA, Bucarest, **Asoc pt. Educatie in Stiinte Socio-Umane**, 200 books as gifts for 200 pupils in 15 primary classes
SPAIN, Madrid, **Colegio Nuestra Señora del Recuerdo**, 535 plants for lonely senior residents in homes

