

PRESS RELEASE

BPW EUROPE ASK TO SUPPORT THE UKRAINIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION ASSUMED DURING THE CONGRESS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE THAT HELD ITS 42ND SESSION, IN STRASBOURG FRANCE, FROM MARCH 22 TO 24, 2022.

Anu Viks, Regional Coordinator of BPW Europe, has written an open letter to:

Roberta Metsola European Parliament President
Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission President
Véra Jourova, European Commission Vice-President
Helena Dalli, Commissioner for Equality European Commission

All the participating Countries invoke:

- Solidarity to Ukraine, victim of unjustified aggression
- Coordination of initiatives
- Exclusion of Russia from the Council
- Humanitarian corridors and assistance
- To create dedicated websites to diffuse news, information, actions and work
- Defense of tolerance principles and condemnation of discrimination principles
- Creating refugees' hospitality (with a special appreciation for what Poland has already done)
- Everything to defend and promote the values of the Council of Europe.

On this regard, eighteen thousand women of BPW Europe express their strong support for all Ukrainian people, women, mothers, girls and children. The Russian aggressor demonstrate the terrible ferocity against a defenseless population, against women and children who are trying to escape from the war. Eighteen thousand women of BPW Europe firmly ask that all decisions assumed by the Council of Europe be carried out and that every diplomatic effort be made to end this devastating war.