

FRAUEN SOLIDARITÄT

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Searching for cooperation partner for the EU NSA DEAR Call (Raising public awareness of development issues and promoting development education in the European Union) expected to be launched in October 2013.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are contacting your organisation to find out whether cooperation in the frame of the coming EU-Call DEAR would be of interest for you and if a common basis can be identified for potential collaboration.

We would like to introduce briefly ourselves:

Frauensolidarität (Solidarity among Women) is a feminist women's NGO organisation (NGO) focusing on women in Africa, Asia and Latin America and on development politics. It was founded in 1982 and is based in Vienna, Austria. <http://www.frauensolidaritaet.org/>

Our current fields of activity are:

- Publishing *Frauensolidarität* - a quarterly magazine (since 1982) on women's rights, women's movements in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and development issues.
- Running a Library and Documentation Centre *Women and "Third World"* in Vienna since 1994.
- Conducting a three-year EU-project (2012-2014) on *Women's rights, social inclusion and the media*. This is to increase public awareness of women's rights by enhancing their visibility in the media and by empowering young women and women's organisations to influence policy-making in the international development sector.
www.womensrightsandthemediawordpress.com
- Producing the regular radio broadcast *Globale Dialoge* (Global Dialogues) in cooperation with Radio Orange 94.0, the independent radio of Vienna. www.noso.at
- Organizing cultural and political events such as public readings, panel discussions, workshops.

Between 2009 and 2011, in the framework of an EU—project, *Frauensolidarität* ran the campaign *Decent Work* to raise awareness of the rights of female workers in the informal economy and to defend their rights for fair working and living conditions .

Frauensolidarität employs five staff members (part time); the office is based in the C3 Center for International Development in Vienna, a joint location of various development organisations. <http://www.centrum3.at/bibliothek/index.htm>

Frauensolidarität receives funding from the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), various Austrian Ministries, the European Commission, religious NGOs and uses its own funds.

Cooperation partners are ÖFSE, BAOBAB, WIDE-Austria, Südwind, Clean Clothes Campaign, VIDC, frida and many others in Austria, and at an international level currently CAWN/GB, War on Want/GB, KARAT Coalition/Poland, MUDHA/Dominican Republic etc.

In the last decade *Frauensolidarität* has cooperated as a partner (co-applicant) in a number of EU Projects, contributed with its extensive expertise and knowledge of women's and feminist issues and is experienced in implementing EU projects.

Frauensolidarität is interested in joining a proposal submission as co-applicant/partner and is competent to cooperate in the following areas:

- **Workers' rights for Women / Clean Clothes Campaign / Decent Work / Decent Life:**
In 1998, as one of the first Austrian NGOs, *Frauensolidarität* joined the international *Clean Clothes Campaign*, held the Austrian lead in 2001 and has been cooperating actively until now. The work included campaigning for better working conditions in the textile and garment industry, on uncovering the problematic international production chains, and on support for the organisation of workers at the grass roots level and in trade unions etc. Additionally, research and information work has been done on women's working conditions and workers rights in the informal economy.
- **Media work:**
Frauensolidarität makes use of alternative media (magazine, radio and web) to increase public awareness about women's rights and to respond to demands from women's organisation to strengthen communication and solidarity between women in the EU and countries in the global South. *Frauensolidarität* has strengthened this approach due to an ongoing EU-project and is now able to promote the use of information technology for communication and the media, to support networking among women's organisations and activists, and to promote the human rights of women and gender equality.
- **Women's Rights & Women's Movements:**
Frauensolidarität, as part of the international women's movement, cooperates frequently with feminist/women's organisations in the global south and east, such as with organisations in Columbia, Nicaragua, Tanzania, South Africa, India and Hong Kong.

Frauensolidarität is looking for a partner organisation (lead applicant/lead network) either in LOT 2, LOT 3 or preferably LOT 4.

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/mwikis/aidco/images/4/48/WG_C-DEAR_Call_for_Proposals_AB_1906.pdf

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