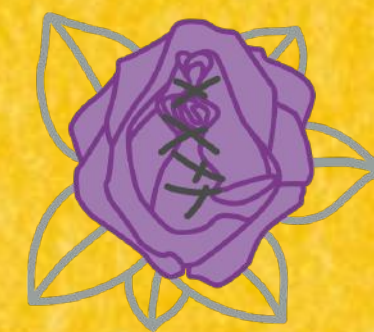




# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



**End FGM**  
EUROPEAN NETWORK



# THE END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK

is a European umbrella network of  
30 ORGANISATIONS, in 14 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,  
working to ensure sustainable European  
action to end Female Genital Mutilation  
and support Survivors.

Co-funded by the  
European Union



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TRUST

WALLACE  
GLOBAL FUND  
*For a sustainable future*



# WHO ARE WE?

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BOARD

SECRETARIAT

BEGINNING OF 2020

END OF 2020

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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the End FGM European Network,  
we want to thank you for your support  
throughout 2020.



SOKHNA FALL BA



TOKS OKENIYI

# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

The past year has been full of challenges,  
but it also offered us **OPPORTUNITIES**  
to innovate and connect differently.



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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

2020 was the **FIRST YEAR** of the decade  
to eliminate FGM for good.  
Working from home and collaborating  
online, we still managed to achieve  
**MORE** than we had projected for the year.



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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We invested the virtual space by  
organising informative and engaging  
**WEBINARS** with partners and members.  
We produced compelling digital materials  
for our **#ENDFGMMYTHS CAMPAIGN**.



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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We trained journalists and media professionals on how to **REPORT ABOUT FGM**. We created safe spaces to promote **WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH** to communities and members.



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In fact, we made the most of going online by  
broadening and reinforcing our connections  
**BEYOND BORDERS.**



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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We took part in international actions such as the **SUCCESSFUL OPERATION** calling to increase the EU budget for the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme.



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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We spread the word about  
**THE GENDER ABC PROJECT** with multiple  
organisations throughout Europe and  
gave a space to our Youth Ambassadors  
and their project **THE PURPLE CHAIR**.



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# A WORD FROM OUR NETWORK CO-PRESIDENTS

We welcomed **3 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**  
Amref Health Africa (the Netherlands),  
Ifrah Foundation (Ireland)  
and Institut Women Safe (France).

**WOMEN**  
**SAFE** & CHILDREN



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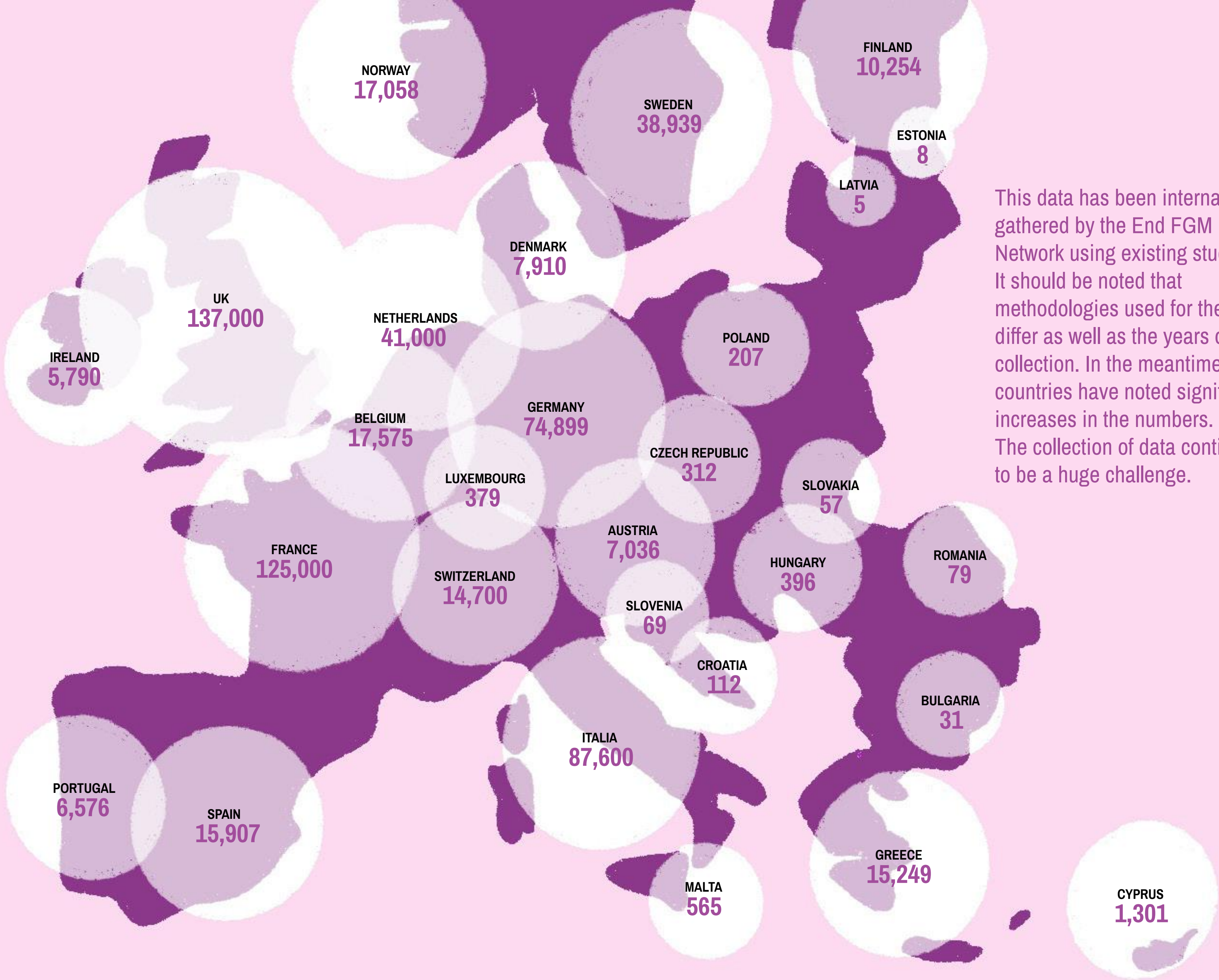
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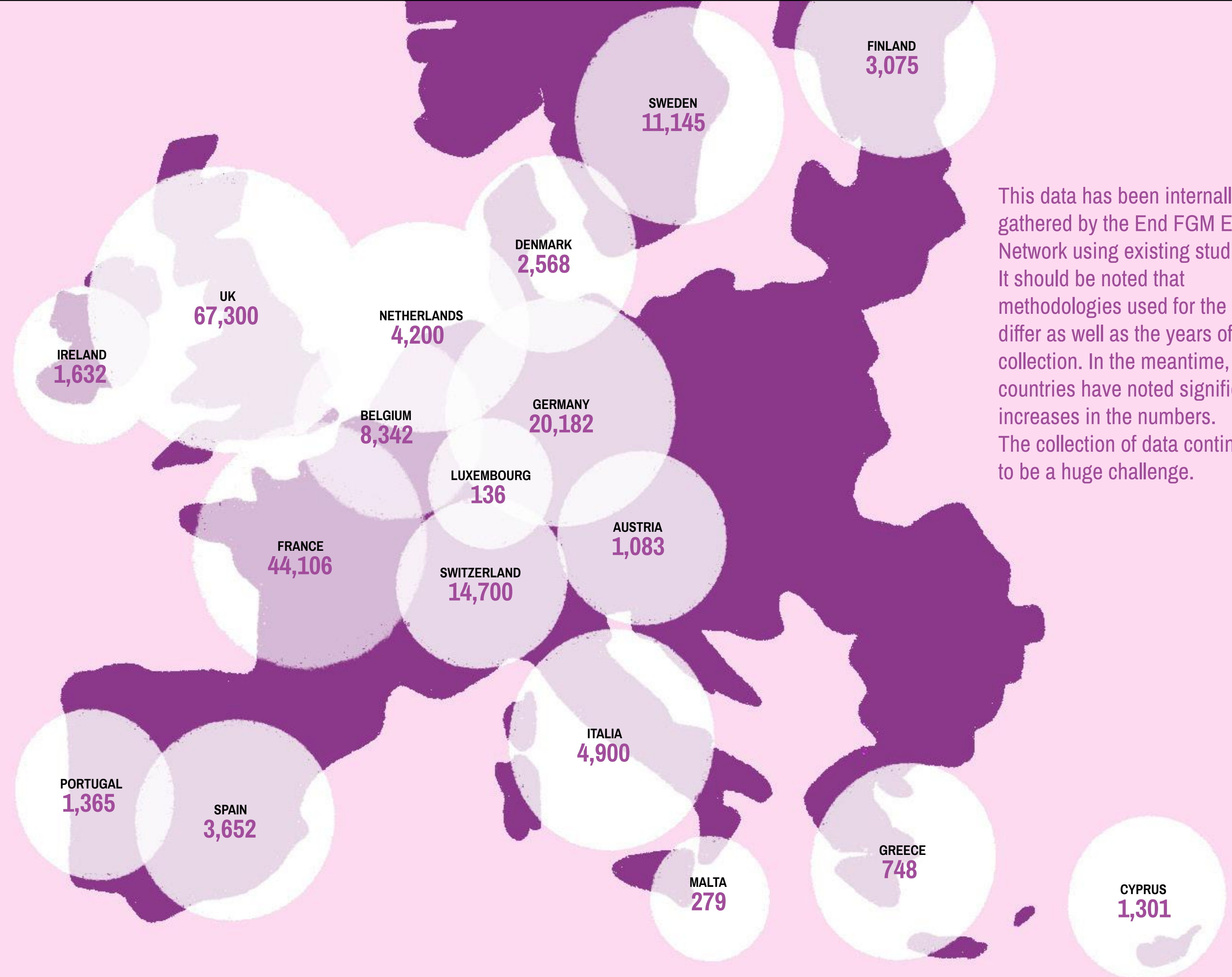
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# 2020 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

3 NEW MEMBERS



15 MEETINGS

4 NEW FUNDING SOURCES



3 WORKING GROUPS

Asylum

Communications

Support Services

# 2020 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

## 5 WEBINARS



Wellbeing and  
mental health  
during COVID



Media & FGM



Services  
for Holistic Care  
for FGM Survivors



FGM  
Survivors' bodily  
perception  
& sexual pleasure



FGM  
prevalence  
data collection  
in Europe

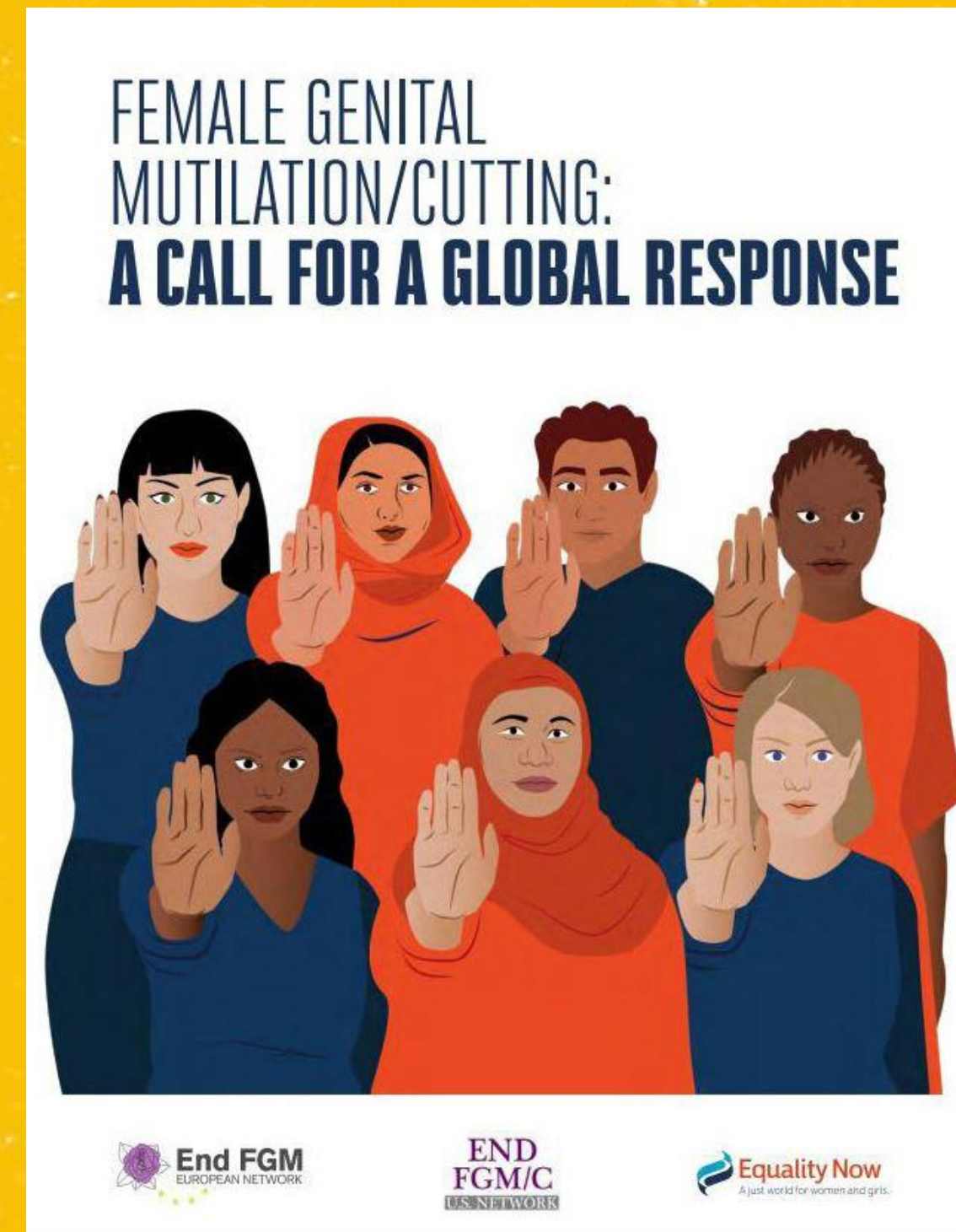
# 2020 NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

## The Network also organised...



The official launch of the **World Health Organisation's FGM Cost Calculator** which calculates the **healthcare cost of FGM** over the next **30 years** in **27 countries**, together with the Belgian Permanent Representation to the European Union. **40 actors** of the movement to end FGM were present!

Our global report launch with **Equality Now and the US End FGM/C Network** "FGM/C: A Call for a Global Response" with over **100 participants**. The report shows that FGM is present in over **92 countries** and **5 continents**.



...and we trained more than **200 professionals** on FGM!

In total over the year, we engaged with ...

976 KEY  
ACTORS

850 FROM CIVIL  
SOCIETY

67 POLICYMAKERS

41 MEDIA  
PROFESSIONALS

18 RESEARCHERS





SPEAKING OF ENGAGING WITH KEY ACTORS,  
2020 WAS A PRODUCTIVE YEAR IN PUSHING POLICY  
AND DECISION-MAKERS TO TACKLE FGM.

We supported the monitoring  
of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention

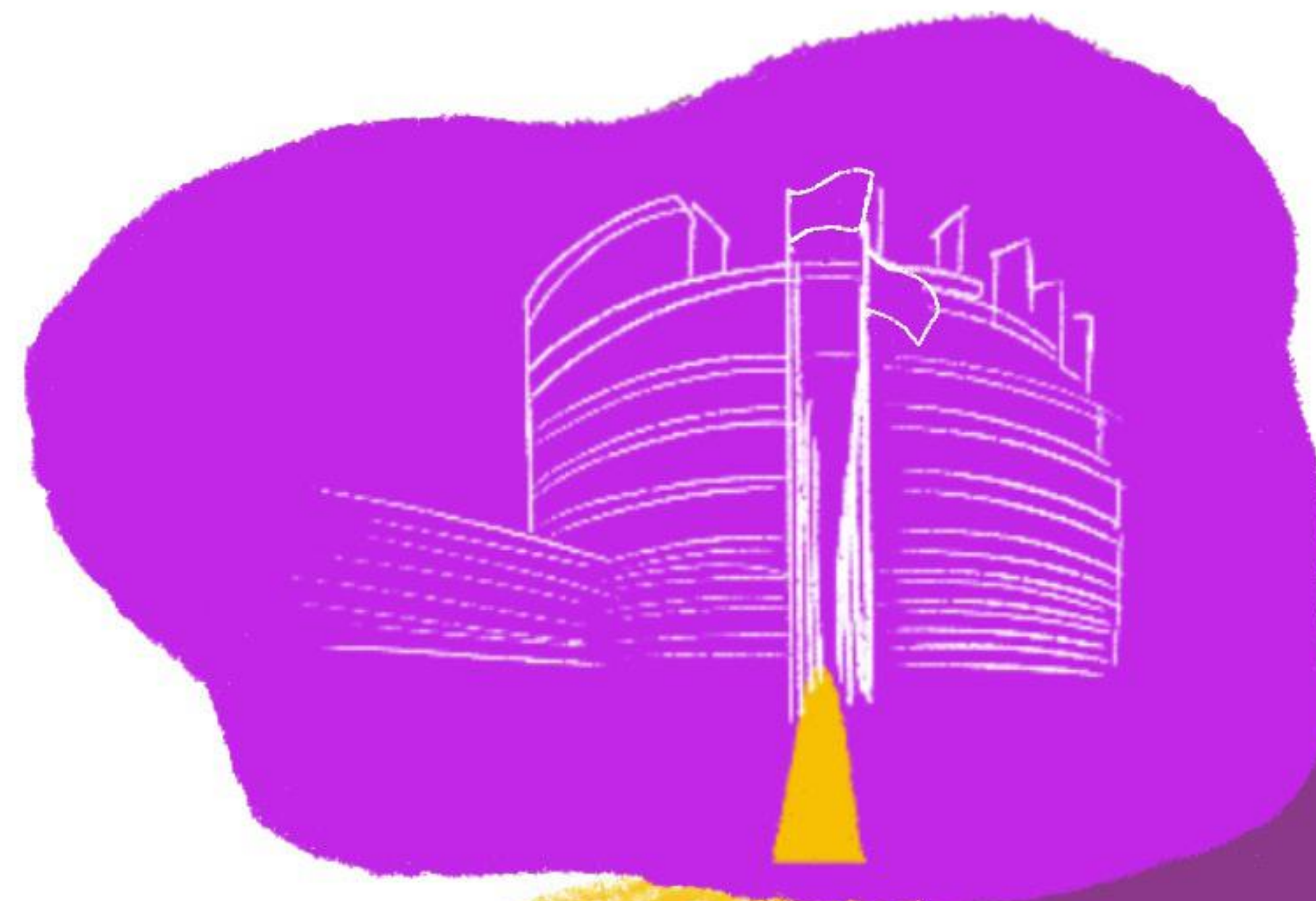
IN 5 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES:



... engaged over

70 MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN

PARLIAMENT around the plenary vote  
of an EU strategy to tackle FGM around the world.







## 6 CONSULTATIONS

for EU policy frameworks relating to FGM around gender equality, children's rights, and supporting survivors.

## 2 CIVIL SOCIETY SUBMISSIONS

to UN resolutions and reports around FGM which were adopted, with our language!





we co-organised, with AIDOS and GAMS Belgium,  
an international online dialogue on FGM in Humanitarian Crisis,

INVOLVING 76 EXPERTS  
COMING FROM 31 COUNTRIES

resulting in 10 recommendations  
for the Donors Working Group on FGM

Together with the Global Platform for Action to end FGM/C and Girls Not Brides, we published an open letter to the Generation Equality Action Coalition on Gender-Based Violence and reached over

700 SIGNATURES in a few weeks.



We organised

- 3 LIVE EVENTS

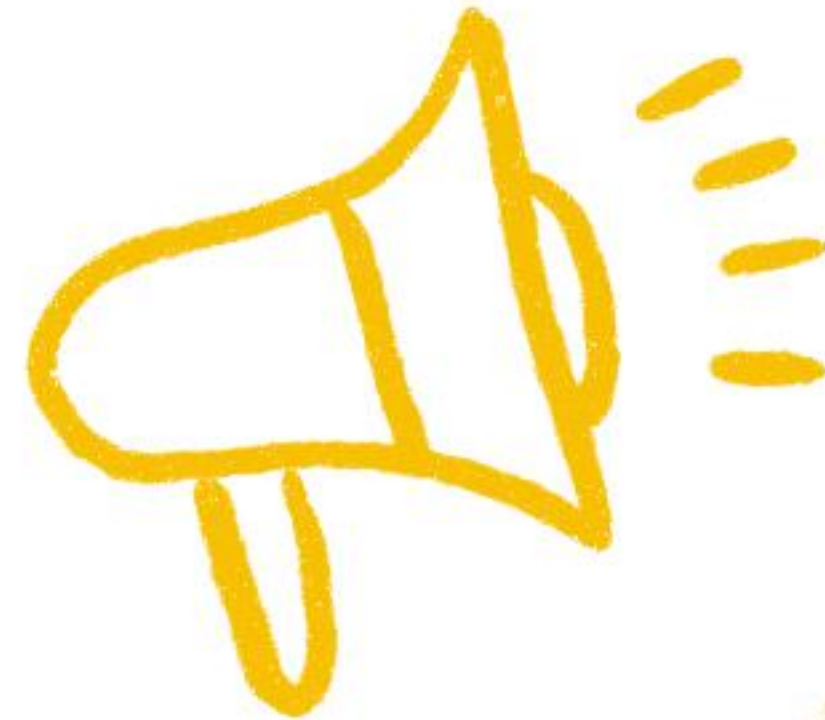
- 5 MEETINGS WITH MEPS

to amplify the messages of young leaders on Gender Equality.

We worked

TO RAISE AWARENESS

ON THE IMPACT OF COVID19 on FGM



When asked, in our survey, how much the pandemic had impacted their work :

60% of our members and ambassadors answered “**very much**”

40% answered “**severely**”




15 KEY ACTORS

of the EU institutions were gathered at our virtual study visit on Covid-19.



600 DECISION MAKERS  
publicly expressed their commitment  
to tackle FGM!



2020 WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO RAISING  
AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

FROM FEBRUARY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

We worked to educate the public and the media about FGM  
Myths and Misconceptions.

# 2020 WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

**Our #EndFGMMyths online Campaign was highly successful :**

1000

Posts were created



1M

Impressions in total over  
the year on : instagram,  
facebook & twitter



25 012

is the number of views  
on the 5 videos we produced  
for the Campaign



180+

is the number of visits on  
our Campaign website page

# 2020 WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

**Words Matter! In 2020 :**

22

JOURNALISTS  
& media professionals  
were trained on how  
to report on FGM.

15

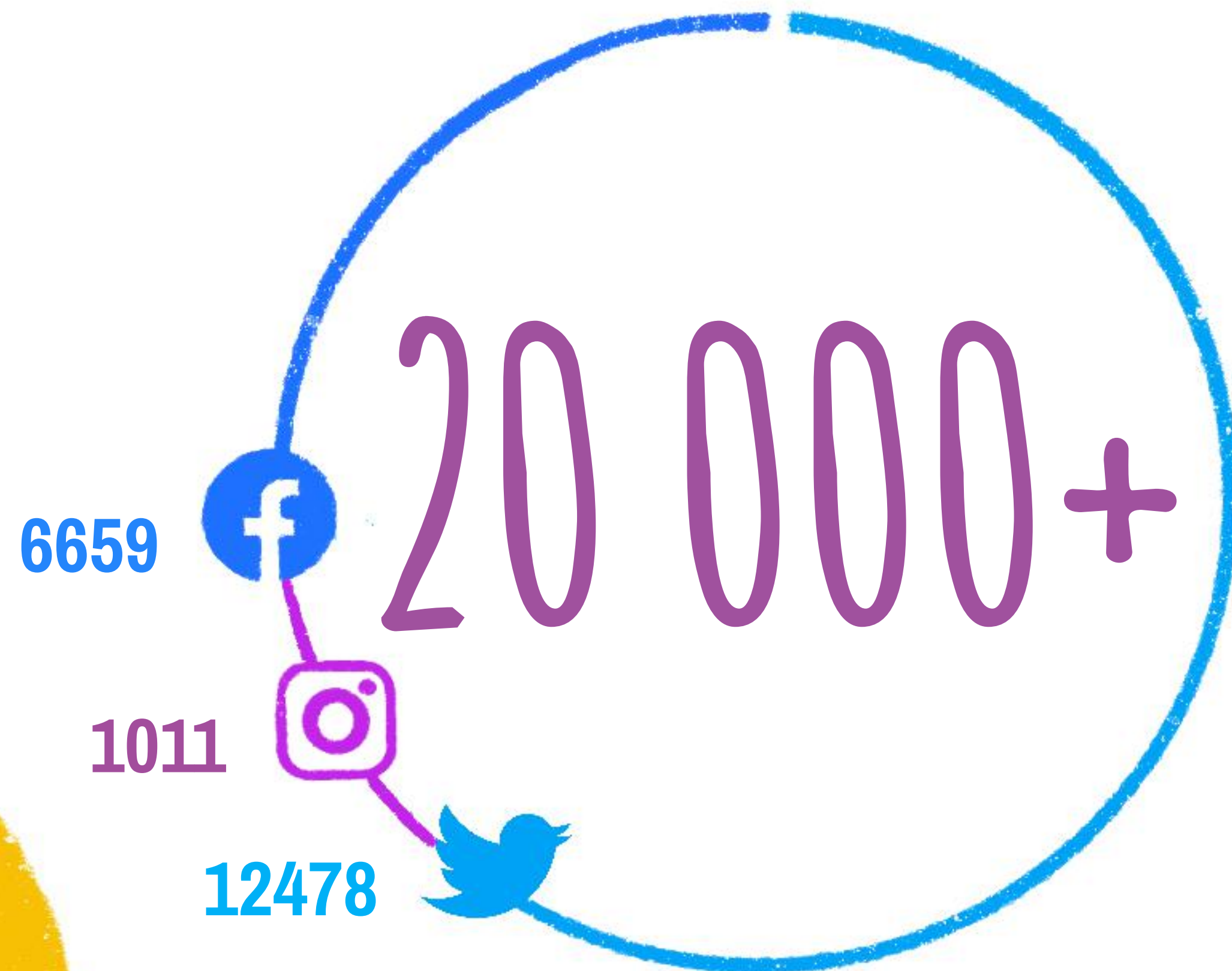
is the number of  
LANGUAGES  
in which we translated  
our **How to talk about  
FGM** video.

2500+

PEOPLE  
people watched the  
**How to talk about FGM**  
video already !

# 2020 WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ON FGM MYTHS

**In 2020, we also saw our support increase over all our platforms :**



+1500 SUBSCRIBERS  
to our newsletter

+218 608 VISITS  
on our website!



ADDITIONALLY,  
2020 WAS THE FINISH LINE  
FOR SOME AMAZING PROJECTS  
END FGM EU WAS A PART OF...

# GENDER ABC

changing European children's attitudes towards gender stereotypes & gender based violence through education



4

COUNTRIES



2

YEARS

21

EDUCATIONAL  
MODULES

1437

CHILDREN &  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
INVOLVED

+6%

MORE CHILDREN  
are now able to identify GBV



55%

OF PARTICIPANTS  
took action against gender  
stereotypes or GBV

+11%

MORE CHILDREN  
recognise boys' role  
in addressing GBV

# YOUTH4CHANGE



Youth Ambassadors from 5 European countries  
created their own YouTube Series – **The Purple Chair**,  
to raise awareness on the topics of FGM and GBV



**End FGM**  
EUROPEAN NETWORK

# 11

VIDEOS



# 5

EU LANGUAGES



# 5

NATIONAL  
LAUNCH  
EVENTS



# 1

EU EVENT  
PARTICIPATION



# 2000+

VIEWS ON YOUTUBE!



2020 was also the final year of **Let's Change**, a European project led by **Terres des Femmes** on preventing and abandoning FGM through community work. We contributed as partners by organising :

1

**ADVOCACY WORKSHOP**  
for the community champions

1

**EVENT**  
at the European Parliament giving communities the opportunity to speak up at EU level

But 2020 was not all endings! It was the start of our new project

**"UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING THE WORK OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANISATIONS"**

And in October 2020, we kicked-off the EU co-funded **CHAIN project**, for which End FGM EU is producing a European campaign on FGM and Early and Forced Marriage, coming out soon...

# LET'S FINISH BY LOOKING BACK AT OUR AMBASSADORS HARD WORK IN 2020

In 2020, our Ambassadors  
participated in more than

15

INTERNATIONAL  
EVENTS

including at the EU



Ambassadors also participated  
in national events in



EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

They were involved in dozens of  
conversations on fighting FGM  
and shared their knowledge on  
**Engaging men and boys as the  
key objective to ending FGM at  
grassroots level!**



2

YOUTH AMBASSADORS

**opened** the launch of the World  
Health Organisation FGM Cost  
Calculator **and moderated**  
**the panel** «How do we scale up  
our commitment to End FGM  
by 2030?» **with 1 Ambassador  
speaker.**

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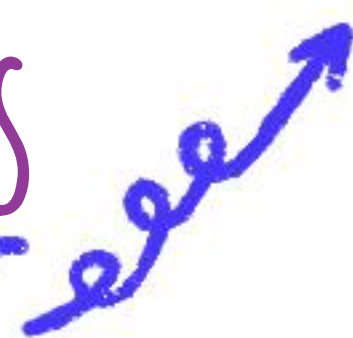
## THE LOCKDOWNS

didn't stop them and  
they developed



## NEW STRATEGIES

to engage with FGM-  
affected communities  
during a pandemic.



They presented their work on ending  
FGM to the Network's Members,  
professionals, public and on social  
media in several languages  
to expand access to the information!

Our Youth Ambassadors  
presented

## THE PURPLE CHAIR

series at several occasions  
including at

the 13th European Forum  
on the rights of the child.



# LET'S FINISH BY LOOKING BACK AT OUR AMBASSADORS HARD WORK IN 2020

**Our Ambassadors were at the heart of End FGM EU's work and participated to our campaigns, translated our communication tools and helped us promote youth engagement!**



**It was important for us to support our Ambassadors through the consequences of Covid19, so we organised mental health support sessions with psychotherapist Dr Leyla Hussein for whoever needed them.**

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AMBASSADORS

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YOUTH AMBASSADORS

... also participated in creating our #EndFGMMyths Campaign materials.

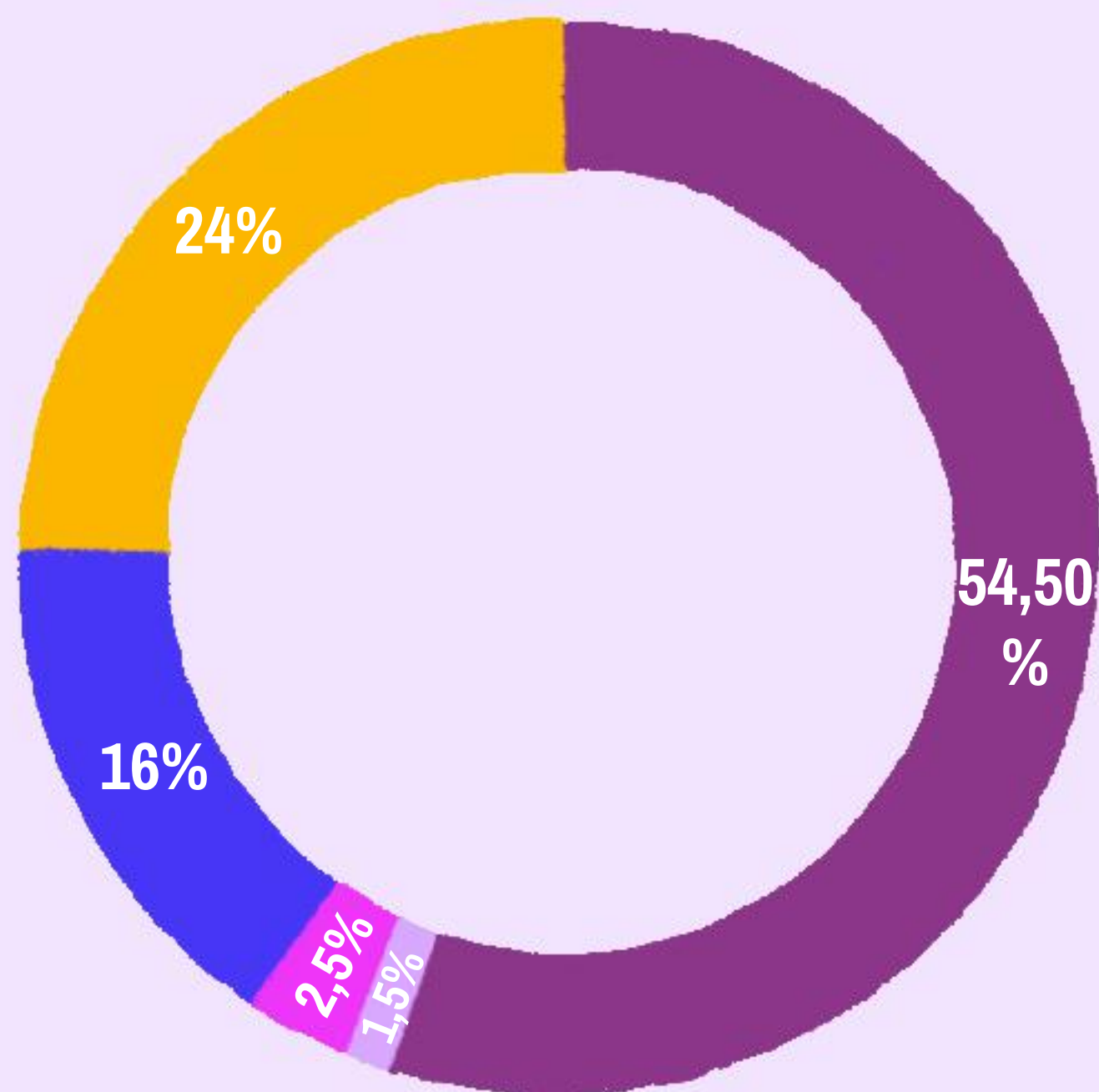
# MEMBERS' MAP

- Full Members
- Associate members
- Observer Members



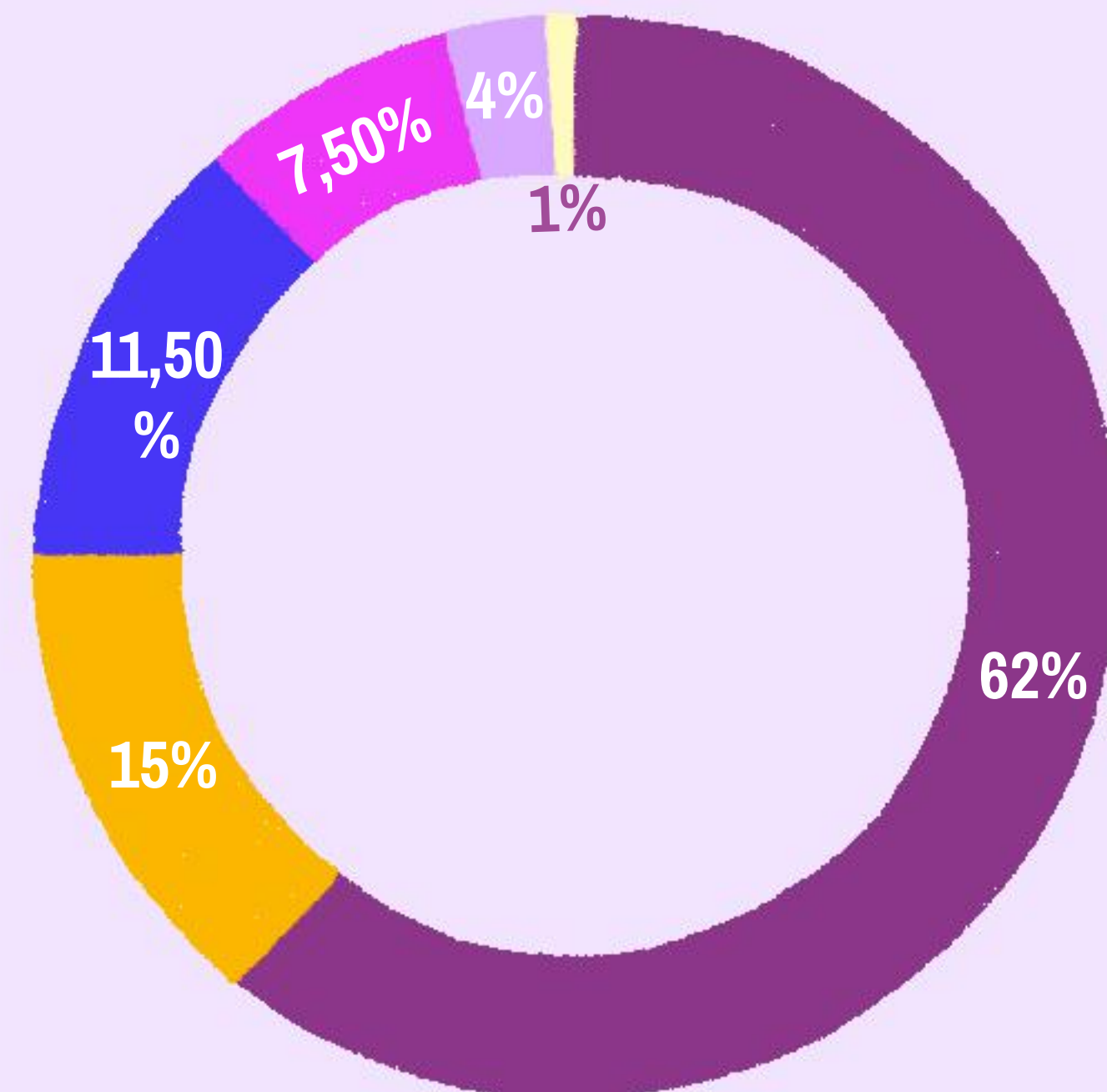
# REVENUE SOURCES

479,763.37 €



# EXPENDITURES

465,713.02 €



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
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IN EUROPE AND BEYOND!