



## **MOVING WOMEN FORWARD: MOVEMENT BUILDING TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND FOR FEMINIST PEACE**

We are delighted to share with you the results of the project "Moving Women Forward: Movement building to end violence against women and for feminist peace", funded by the European Union through the WAVE Regranting Pilot Initiative 2023. This collaborative effort was led by the [Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies \(MIGS\)](#) in partnership with the [Association of Women to Support Living \(KAYAD\)](#).

### **Project Overview**

The post conflict environment in Cyprus has maintained that gender equality policy, and particularly policies to prevent and combat violence against women, are peripheral issues to the Cypriot political context. Women on both sides of the island continue to face discrimination in all areas of life, and there is a high prevalence of domestic violence, femicide and trafficking. However, there are little to no mechanisms supporting bicomunal and/or cross-island collaboration on these issues. The Moving Women Forward project aimed at providing a platform for MIGS and KAYAD to collaborate across the divide to advocate for an end to violence against women and domestic violence in Cyprus.

### **Key Deliverables and Outcomes**

#### **1. Comparative report on domestic violence against women in Cyprus**

The project produced the first island-wide comprehensive report outlining the existing Policy Framework and Recommendations for Addressing Domestic Violence Against Women in Cyprus.

#### **2. Podcasts on gender equality and violence against women**

Six engaging podcasts were produced in Greek, Turkish, and English, covering topics such as gender stereotypes, domestic violence, and challenges faced by the women's movement. The bilingual and diverse nature of the podcasts allowed for a broad audience reach. You can access the podcasts on Spotify and Island Talks FM, featuring prominent figures and influencers.

- **Podcast 1:** [Mine Atli \(KAYAD\) with Influencer Mehmet Ekin Vaiz](#)
- **Podcast 2:** [Mine Atli \(KAYAD\) with WAVE Youth Ambassador Doga Gunduz](#)
- **Podcast 3:** [Mine Atli \(KAYAD\) and Radio Host Eda Kandulu](#)
- **Podcast 4:** [KaleidHERscope \(Magda Zenon\) - Susana Pavlou \(MIGS\) & Andri Andronikou \(SPAVO\)](#)
- **Podcast 5:** [Enaemeis Organization at Mammamu Podcast with Eleni Antoniou](#)
- **Podcast 6:** [KaleidHERscope \(Magda Zenon\) - Susana Pavlou \(MIGS\) & Mine Atli \(KAYAD\)](#)

### 3. Bicommunal Event - Strength in Solidarity to End Violence against Women

A full-day event in the UN Buffer Zone, featuring an advocacy action and a roundtable discussion unveiling the findings of the first island-wide report on Domestic Violence against Women in Cyprus. The advocacy action garnered strong community support, with participants actively contributing messages on ending violence against women.

Watch the [video from the Strength in Solidarity event](#).

### 4. **\*\*Social Media Campaign:\*\***

A social media trilingual awareness raising campaign was implemented to disseminate the results of the project and communicate our policy recommendations, including an [awareness-raising video](#) and [infographics](#).

We are proud of the achievements and impact of this small initiative, contributing to the advancement of gender equality and the fight against violence against women in Cyprus. MIGS and KAYAD reiterate their commitment to working together to promote women's rights and an end to all forms of violence against women in Cyprus.

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