

# RESISTIRE Final Conference

## Towards inclusive crisis responses

**20-21 June 2023, Brussels**

**« La Tricoterie », 158 rue Théodore Verhaegen, 1060 Saint-Gilles**

Three years after the outbreak of COVID-19, RESISTIRÉ takes a look at the impact of pandemic policies and societal responses on gendered and intersectional inequalities. Not only have these responses strongly increased existing inequalities - related to decision-making, economy, work, pay and pension, education, environment, safety, care, health, or human rights, they have also created new inequalities, such as in digitalisation, access to green spaces, or health services, creating disastrous effects. However, the crisis has also highlighted many Better Stories of inspiring policy and societal responses to these gendered impacts, striving to build back better by putting care, diversity, and social wellbeing at the centre of social change, and challenging gendered and intersectional power relations.

The in-person registration is now closed. As the sessions will be streamed online, you are welcome to sign up for this at <https://resistire-project.eu/resistire-final-event/>.

The project's recommendations that will be presented during the conference are available for download at <https://resistire-project.eu/recommendations/>.

# Programme Overview

**20 June 2023**

**14:00 - 18:40 CET**

## 14:00 | Registration

### 14:30 | Opening of RESISTIRÉ's Final Conference

- **Emmanouil Detsis**, RESISTIRÉ Coordinator, European Science Foundation
- **Oriane Gilloz**, Policy Officer at the Gender Sector of the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)

### 14:50 | Presentation of RESISTIRÉ's innovative methodology and key impacts

- **Alain Denis**, lead for developing RESISTIRÉ Open Studios, Yellow Window
- **Sofia Strid**, RESISTIRÉ Scientific Coordinator, University of Gothenburg

### 15:30 | Opening keynote speech

- **madeleine kennedy-macfoy**: Executive Director of Gender at Work and Co-Editor of the European Journal of Women's Studies

## 16:00 | Coffee Break

### 16:20 | Better stories of responding to gender-based violence in the pandemic: Feminist solidarity in times of crisis

Extensive pandemic research has shown the increased levels and new forms of gendered violence and violations, the shortcomings of support services, and the lack of addressing gender-based violence in crisis management plans. However, there are counter stories which showcase resourcefulness and feminist solidarity, despite the vast challenges.

Based on RESISTIRÉ findings and in-person experiences of activists and

policymakers, this session will explore the challenges and potentials of gender+ inclusive feminist better stories of preventing and responding to gender-based violence during the pandemic.

**Moderator:**

- **Ayşe Gül Altınay**, Sabanci University

**Conclusions from RESISTIRÉ's findings:**

- **María López Belloso**, University of Deusto

**Innovative Pilot Solutions, Engaging with gender-based violence through sports:**

- Atina NGO, presented by **Zorana Parezanovic**, Social Worker and Activist
- Altis, presented by **Pinar Ensari**, Sabanci University

**Round-table discussion:**

- **Biljana Branković**, Policy Officer at the Gender Sector at European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD)
- **Aslıhan Tekin**, Legal and Policy Adviser - EU Representative of Women's Coalition Turkey
- **Elena Laporta Hernández**, Lawyer and advisor of a Member of the European Parliament in the FEMM Committee.
- **María López Belloso**, University of Deusto
- **Pinar Ensari**, Sabanci University
- **Zorana Parezanovic**, Social Worker and Activist, Atina NGO

**17:50 | The Open Studio approach**

The RESISTIRÉ project is designed to be participatory. Open Studios constitute an innovative, multidisciplinary approach developed to bring together a wide diversity of participants and methods to co-create 'better stories' of responding to the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic and the policies associated with it.

**Moderator:**

- **Anne-Charlott Callerstig**, Örebro University

**Panellists:**

- **Nazli Turker**, Sabanci University
- **Aart Kerremans**, Yellow Window
- **Alicja Bobek**, Technical University of Dublin
- **Lina Sandström**, Örebro University

**18:30 | RESISTIRÉ's Book of Narratives**

**18:40 | Networking drinks & walking dinner**

**22:00 | Doors close**

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**21 June 2023**

**9:00 - 16:00 CET**

## **9:00 | Beyond connection: Caring for an inclusive digital transition**

The sudden acceleration in the digitalisation of processes and human interactions during the pandemic had various positive impacts, from enabling public services to become more streamlined and facilitate access to public administration, to providing online education during lockdowns and allowing civil society organisations to reach more people, automate various activities and launch aid platforms. However, the transition to digital interactions has created conditions for the reproduction of old inequalities and the creation of new ones. Those without devices, connectivity and skills often being excluded from the benefits seen above.

During this session, we will reflect on these ambivalent dynamics of digitalisation and its uneven effects to better understand how the process of digital transition can be curated with consideration of the voices of those people that usually are forgotten or silenced, especially during crisis situations, through a collaboration between policy makers and civil society organizations.

### **Moderator:**

- **Charoula Tzanakou**, Oxford Brookes University

### **Conclusions from RESISTIRÉ's research:**

- **Roberto Cibin**, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

### **Innovative Solutions:**

- Paradigm, presented by **Tania Maamary**
- Widzialna Ręka / Visible Hand mutual aid group, presented by **Jakub Możaryn**

### **Panel discussion:**

- **Yingqin Zheng**, Associate Professor, University of Essex
- **Sergio Pérez Barranco**, Project Officer, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

- **Christian Morabito**, International Expert and Senior Researcher, Save the Children Italy
- **Tania Maamary**, Paradigm, Digital Inclusion Coordinator for the Brussels-Capital Region, Belgium
- **Jakub Możaryn**, Moderator of Widzialna Ręka / Visible Hand mutual aid group, Poland

### 10:30 | Coffee Break

### 10:50 | Bringing back care to healthcare

The pandemic has reminded society of the essential role of our health care system, and how crucial the people who work in the system are. The sanitary crisis has also shown the importance of investing in prevention to address societal needs, including the need for equity from a gender+ and intersectional perspective to reduce health inequalities.

To achieve a resilient and inclusive health care system, we need to speed up the shift from a system focusing on curing to a system that focusses on prevention. This new eco-system looks at the health of people in a holistic way rather than at diseases and therapies, also recognising the importance of mental health and the need to invest in the prevention of mental health problems.

#### **Moderator:**

- **Agnieszka Kolasińska**, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

#### **Conclusions from RESISTIRÉ's research:**

- **Federica Rossetti**, Sciensano

#### **Innovative Pilot Solutions:**

- Green spaces as eco-systems of care, Spain: **Clément Rames** (aquí)
- Care Fair, Czech Republic, **Aneta Brunerová** (Nevypust duši)

#### **Panel discussion:**

- **Hanna Haveri**, Specialist in neurology with competence in eHealth and planetary health physician at Päijät-Häme Joint Authority for Health and Wellbeing.
- **Caroline Costongs**, Director of EuroHealthNet, Belgium
- **Anke Witteveen**, Clinical Psychology Assistant Professor, Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands
- **Anna Szczegieliak**, Psychiatry specialist with an experience in hospital-based and outpatient clinical work

### 12:30 | Lunch break

### 13:40 | Presentations from sister projects

### 14:00 | RESISTIRÉ's pilot projects

### 14:10 | Policy support for inclusive crisis responses

It is now well established that the socioeconomic crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic had a strong gender dimension. While following the guidelines prepared by the Recovery and Resilience Facility (the key European Union recovery instrument) most of the Member States introduced some measures focusing on or contributing to gender equality, however, RESISTIRÉ's research findings on crisis response and the following recovery policies across Europe suggest that there is still much room for improvement in terms of inclusive preparation for crisis.

During this session we will reflect on how different inequality grounds have been addressed in policy interventions during the pandemic, and what could have been done differently. The aim of the discussion is to determine how the process of responding and recovering from a crisis can be improved in the future, so as to ameliorate, not exacerbate, social inequalities.

#### **Moderator:**

**Marcela Linková**, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences

#### **Panel discussion:**

- **Laetitia Thissen**, Senior Policy Analyst for Gender Equality, Foundation for European Progressive Studies
- **Magdalena Sapała**, Policy Analyst, Budgetary Policies Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service
- **Katarzyna Szkuta**, EU and International Affairs Advisor, State Secretary (junior Minister) for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities & Diversity, Belgian Federal Government.
- **Arnold de Boer**, Policy Officer at the Secretariat General of the European Commission and Representative of the RECOVER Task Force

### 15:30 | Keynote speech: looking towards the future

- **Mieke Verloo**: Professor of Comparative Politics and Inequality Issues, Radboud University, Netherlands

### 16:00 | Farewell

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