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WWP EN Endorses EU Roadmap for Women's Rights and Calls for Stronger Focus on Men's Accountability

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The European Network for the Work with Perpetrators of Domestic Violence (WWP EN) welcomes and endorses the EU Roadmap for Women's Rights as a timely and vital step toward achieving gender equality across Europe.

WWP EN is a European network of over 70 member organisations working to end gender-based violence by promoting responsible behaviour, accountability, and long-term change among men who have used violence. We support high-quality, victim-informed perpetrator work as a critical component of coordinated responses to violence against women.

"We strongly support the Roadmap's focus on advancing women's rights in areas such as freedom from violence, economic empowerment, work-life balance, and political participation. These commitments are essential to building a more just, resilient, and inclusive society. At the same time, we believe this is a key moment to reinforce the need for **greater attention to the roles, responsibilities, and transformation of men**. A truly gender-equal Europe must address how social norms and power dynamics shape harmful masculinities and perpetuate violence" reported Alessandra Pauncz the Executive Director of WWP EN.

WWP EN calls for the upcoming **EU Gender Equality Strategy 2025–2030** to integrate:

- **Proactive engagement of boys and men** as allies in gender equality and non-violence;
- **Perpetrator accountability** as a core element in preventing and responding to violence against women;
- **Dedicated funding** for civil society organisations working with men and boys;

WWP EN stands ready to collaborate with EU institutions, civil society, and women's rights advocates to build a Europe where gender equality is fully realised—for all women and girls, and with the full responsibility of men.

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