

The Mavrovo Declaration

Deuxième déclaration

TRANSEUROPEENNES WOMEN'S ACTIONS ACROSS BORDERS

In light of the fragmentation processes at work both within and between Balkan societies, as well as the various pressures that individuals are facing, and from a perspective of resistance, we resolve to take action in keeping with the following platform:

- acknowledging individual responsibility as the necessary step towards assuming the risks of facing our own reality and that of others,
- developing a network of solidarity to support one other in taking those risks,
- coming into the public sphere and into visibility,
- crossing both symbolic and territorial borders;

in order to attain the following common objectives:

- overcoming both visible and invisible community pressures, which are intimidating and which deny individual choices,
- releasing ourselves as individuals and opening up space for others,
- refraining from judging the experience of others, the fear and the pain of the other being unquestionable,
- building trust and recreating space for communication and movement;

we propose the following initiatives, drawing upon local and regional resources:

- border-crossing actions,
- peace and gender education within the NGOs networks of various countries,
- gender-sensitising of the electorate,
- educating women politicians for political action on the basis of the agreed charter,
- any and all other actions which are civil tools opposed to armed communities (and including writing, learning, meeting, travelling, raising awareness).

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