Women for Water Partnership

Nabusaayi of Bukwaya women’s group in Uganda constructing a tank with a boy she employs to assist in construction.

Annual Report 2017
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Message from the President, Mariet Verhoef-Cohen

Dear Friends,

Is Waste Water a She? Is there reason to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Dublin Principles? These are examples of sessions Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) co-hosted at international events this year. At every opportunity we continue to position women as active leaders, experts, partners and agents of change to realise access to safe water for all - including gender responsive sanitation – for all uses; thus contributing to all SDGs, especially Goals 5 and 6.

Members are very active in spreading this message, as you can read in this report. In Tanzania a member advocated for gender-sensitive budgeting and another for inclusion of women in decision-making at village and district levels. Members in the Ukraine, Armenia and Bulgaria contributed to meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Water and Health Protocol. As a run-up to the 8th World Water Forum to be held in Brasilia in 2018, representatives are mobilising women in Brazil by making them aware of the importance of water.

In addition to lobbying and advocacy, our members also contributed to better and more access to water through the projects they implement. Nearly all our activities and projects are born from fruitful collaborations with our partners, mainly governments and NGOs.

This year we had the opportunity to share knowledge and experiences during the General Assembly in Bulgaria. A contest was organised, and the Steering Committee awarded three project cases.

Our work will continue in 2018. We are grateful to our main donor, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), for their core-funding, which allows us to pursue our mission. Together with our other sponsors, such as Aqua for All, Marie-Stella-Maris, a client of ABN AMRO and Passage, who have supported several projects of our members, we are making progress.

I thank our members, partners, donors, collaborating governments and you for your support and look forward to meeting the challenges and utilising the opportunities that lie ahead.

The Hague, January 2018
Members of Women for Water Partnership
2017 in a nutshell

A water secure world in which women are heard and empowered to exercise their full potential to achieve equitable and sustainable development is Women for Water Partnership’s (WfWP) vision. WfWP applies three interlinked strategies; (i) providing access to water and sanitation via project implementation, (ii) influencing policy at all levels to take local realities on board and (iii) knowledge exchange to strengthen our members and partnership.

Ensuring access to water for all uses and sanitation
WfWP members implement many projects to ensure access to water for all for all uses. In a few of these projects the WfWP secretariat was directly involved, to administer or raise funding. In 2017 this was the case for: Tegemeo Women Group – Tanzania, Katosi Women Development Trust– Uganda, Soroptimist International Europe – Kenya and Women Professionals in the Land Use Sector – Nepal.

Lobby and advocacy
WfWP was visible at key water events around the globe to spread our messages. Key events to which WfWP contributed in 2017 were amongst others the CSW61, where we co-hosted a session at the UN with the Brazilian mission, consultations about the Value of Water and the World Water Data Initiative of the High Level Panel on Water, two sessions and the seminar “Understanding the gender dimension of water and waste” during the Stockholm World Water Week.

Knowledge exchange
WfWP organised a field visit to projects of member Earth Forever as well as a contest for exchange of knowledge and learning during the meeting of the General Assembly in Bulgaria. Next the Members Only platform was regularly updated to advance learning and knowledge sharing among members.

Governance, members & partners
This year a face-to-face General Assembly meeting was organised on 18 November. During the year decision-making was done electronically. The Women for Water Partnership has 27 members and has a presence in approximately 130 countries. WfWP continued to collaborate with its partners.

Communication
The website was regularly updated, the column ‘publications’ is becoming a rich resource in the field of women and water. WfWP’s visibility on Facebook increased significantly.

Monitoring
It was the second year that WfWP used its electronic monitoring tool, tracking the following information of our members: (i) lobby and advocacy activities, (ii) projects contributing to SDG 5 & 6, (iii) lessons learnt, and (iv) the involvement of our members in water governing boards. The results were presented during the Meeting of the General Assembly. In total 17 members (63%) gave direct input.

Fundraising
In 2017 fundraising was, next to projects of members, also related to participation in events such as the support of the Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. Our main core funder Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) extended its grant to 2018.

Finance
WfWP’s actual income was €685,578 and includes €343,845 volunteer/ in-kind contribution. Our actual expenditure was €668,034 euro and we had a positive result of €17,544 euro, which enables continued operations in the beginning of 2018.
Core activities

Project implementation
Lobby & advocacy
Knowledge exchange and learning

Nakaye Faridah, a member of Katosi in Uganda can now easily feed her cow with water from her new ferrous cement tank on time before and after attending to her garden which increases milk production.
1 Core activities

WFWP members contributed to the following SDG’s

1.1 Ensuring access to water for all uses for all and sanitation

Ensuring access to water for all uses for all and ensuring that women are equal partners and agents of change. That is what our projects are all about. We focus on the inclusion of women from day one and on their participation in water governance. Capacity development activities are critical elements in our projects where necessary to empower women and girls and their communities. Project implementation contributes to our Strategic goal 2: To position women as agents of change, leaders, professionals, experts and partners on equal footing with men in water and sustainable development programmes to achieve equitable access to water for all for all uses.

To summarize the data derived from monitoring outcomes of 63 % of the members¹:

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¹ These data are derived of data collected of 63% of the members and do not include the projects managed through the secretariat
Over 1,200 women learned new skills and over 250 men
5,700 women gained access to safe water and sanitation and 2,400 men
The budgets of our projects varied between 3,000 euro to 130,000 euro
The majority of the projects were implemented in East Africa
Members collaborate mostly with women groups and the governmental bodies
Members contribute to 15 out of 17 SDGs
Members increasingly started to contribute to SDG target 5a: Give women equal rights to economic resources, now in 71% of our projects verses 47% in 2016
79% of our projects are contributing to strengthen participation of local communities in improving water & sanitation (SDG target 6.b)

Only in few cases and on request, the WfWP Secretariat takes the responsibility for project management on behalf of a member. The results of these projects are not included in the overview above. In 2017 the following projects were supported:

**Safe water, sanitation and green energy for schoolgirls in the community, by member Soroptimist International Europe in Kenya:** Budget 2015-2018 € 144,701. Implementation took place in 6 counties in Kenya. One stakeholder meeting including a WASH training was held, involving the Board of Management of school, the community representatives, chiefs and members of the County Assembly, Department of Public Health, Social Services and Soroptimist clubs. The attendance was over 60 people. Six renewable energy trainings were carried out at the same time distributing 150 fireless cookers, 50 chepkkube cookers and 360 solar lanterns purchased by the women. Twenty flushable toilets were built inclusive of 5 toilets for persons living with disabilities, 4 pit latrines, 6 bathrooms and 1 set of urinal. Furthermore, 12 water tanks were installed in 6 schools with gutters for rain water harvesting. The project management team conducted 3 comprehensive monitoring visits. Cooperation from the school Board and local community has enabled the project to achieve more than what was initially planned.

**Capacity Building and business investments for member Tegemeo Women Group in Tanzania:** Budget 2017-2019 € 45,000. Early 2017 Passage, member of WfWP, visited Tegemeo group to get an impression of the situation and to in leadership and starting a proposal was drafted and of September a training of TWG’s office. Twenty The main aim of this in entrepreneurship, In terms of investments, loans via the Village four members established locations, one invested in grain business and one business established fit the environment and increase the supply of goods and services to the village. Due to poor road infrastructure and geographical location, only few cars can manage to climb the mountain to the village hence transportation charges become very high, impacting the businesses the women established.
Restoration of water and sanitation facilities after the earthquake in Sindhupalchowk district Nepal, by member Women Professionals in the Land Use Sector in Nepal: Budget 2016-2017 € 4,300. The objective was to support the earthquake victims to access water through the support of a lifting pump and tank. However, after a discussion with the community, it changed into management of a water source and construction of a tank for the intake of water and of pipes to transport water to address water scarcity. The community was made aware of the importance of regular maintenance and management of the water sources and for that purpose an action plan was developed. A Water Users Group was established and most members are women. About 200 households of Sipaghat area have access to clean water.

Enhance women’s role in increasing access to water in rural fisher communities and adequate sanitation, by member Katosi Women Development Trust in Uganda: Budget 2017-2018 € 82,817. Ten household tanks have been constructed and beneficiaries are repaying them in a period of 3 years. To ensure this a committee has been established to follow up on debt collection. Construction of six sanitation facilities started in August and was completed in October 2017. A KWDT leadership training was conducted for 61 KWDT group leaders to acquire knowledge and skills in leadership. Although some of the new women leaders are still facing challenges in coordinating fellow group members to work as a team, they gained confidence after attending the training. KWDT will gradually build on this confidence to address areas of weaknesses. Twenty nine participants were trained in masonry. Knowledge of the construction of tanks, especially advanced technology, was imparted and there was room to address challenges that the women masons experience during the construction of tanks. Construction skills have continued to empower women socially and economically. Their status has been elevated in the community, as skilled masons they gained capacity to teach others. In October 6 trainings were held focusing on team building and working together as a group to effectively manage the sustainability of good WaSH practices in their respective communities.

1.2 Lobby and advocacy
Lobby and advocacy is an essential element of WfWP’s work to ensure that decision-makers take onboard the role women play and could play in achieving water security. The partnership has been very active and becomes more visible every year. Lobby messages are derived from real life experiences and lessons learnt of members.

The lobby and advocacy activities contribute to three of our strategic goals:
Goal 1: Advocate the link between women, water and sustainable development in policies;
Goal 3: Advocate for women’s access to financial investments and instruments;
Goal 4: Use and promote sex-disaggregated indicators in the water sector
In Appendix A you will find an overview of all activities. Highlights are:

- Shadow report CEDAW for Netherlands Evaluation
- Target setting under the Protocol on Water and Health
- 4th meeting of the Expert Group on Equitable access to water and sanitation NWP Mall Platform
- ‘Women in villages’ meeting at the district government of Same, Tanzania
- Global Citizen’s Forum
- Input into the CSO WASH sector report and empowering women advocacy committees
- UNECE regional CSOs Meeting on “CSO engagement in SDG Agenda2030 process”
- UNECE 2017 Regional Forum for Sustainable Development
- Gender Budgeting on Water Sector
- Allocation of Budget for free sanitary pads to girls in public schools
- Women participation Leadership: Establishment of Women professional database
- Availability of tap water into schools, dispensaries and health centers
- Written statement for CSW in NF: Women in Water Diplomacy as key to economic empowerment
- Commitment of Brazilian women in Favor of Water
- Formulation of municipal development plan 2016-2019 for government of Guacnene (Cauca, Colombia)
- International Women’s Day 2017: maximizing profit and conserving water for irrigation

The main messages are:

Water for women and women for water go together for empowerment and equality of women and sustainable water provision: Advocate the link between women, water and sustainable development in policies and implementation (SDG 5, 6 and Human Right to Water);

Women are actors to support: give them a vote! Inclusion of 40% of women in all levels of decision-making;

Position women as agents of change, leaders, professionals, experts and partners on equal footing with men in water and sustainable development programmes to achieve equitable access to water for all for all uses;

Advocate for women’s as well as women organisations’ access to financial investments and Instruments;

Advocate for inclusion of women on equal footing with men throughout all stages of projects, in a multi-stakeholder approach;

Promote the allocation of funds for software, i.e. capacity building, (vocational) training in non-traditional jobs, operation and maintenance, monitoring and evaluation at all levels for women and their organisations;

Water needs sex disaggregated data for monitoring both qualitatively and quantitatively;

Water needs a global capacity development, awareness raising and communication mechanism connected to an intergovernmental global and regional mechanism

#ClimateisWater

UN International Year of Water and Women in 2019

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- Women Economic Forum in The Hague where we held a speech about the importance of having more women and girls in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, ICT, in short in STEM. The president of WfWP received the ‘Women of the Decade Creating a Better World for All’ Award.

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61): A highlight was the side event together with BPWI and SI organised by the Brazilian mission with the title ‘Women in Water diplomacy as key to economic empowerment’. One of our members, Arzu Özyol, of BPW International delivered an oral statement about the empowerment of women in water and climate change during the
official CSW Meeting. We have issued several statements for both 2017 and 2018 and we are involved in the shadow reporting.

- Another key event was the presentation regarding a future intergovernmental water architecture during the first water dialogue at the UN during world water day on the 22nd of March.
- Food & Agriculture Organisation of the UN (FAO), held a meeting about water scarcity in agriculture and our president was appointed as the co-chair of the Steering Committee. More recently, during the United Nations Climate Conference, COP 23 in Bonn, she represented the Steering Committee and emphasized the connection between climate and water and the role of women as experts and agents of change.
- Preparation meetings: 8th World Water Forum in Brazil: together with BPW and SI, WfWP initiated a conference about women and water for women’s organisations in Brazil. These meetings are being repeated in different parts of Brazil as a runner up to the Forum in March next year. Moreover, we are involved in preparing thematic sessions and the European regional process and attended meetings in both Brazil and Lisbon.
- WfWP organised several meetings in The Hague in May, one to prepare the European process of the World Water Forum, one of the European Pact for Water and one about valuing water for the High Level Panel on Water.
- World Water Week in Stockholm: WfWP co-convened a seminar about gender, water and waste water. In addition to the seminar, we co-hosted a session about water governance with the OECD and ‘Is waste water a she’ with our partners Borda and Aquafed.
- WfWP was present at and gave multiple inputs to the First International Forum Rules of Water, Rules for Life among others about the commemoration of the Dublin Principles: do we have reason to celebrate?
- WfWP attended several meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi as well as the UN Environment Assembly.
- WfWP is part of the working group to compose the World Water Development Reports of 2018 and 2019 and the UN synthesis report for the HLPF evaluation of goal 6 in 2018.

1.3 Knowledge exchange and learning

Knowledge exchange and learning activities contribute to WfWP **strategic goal 6: Develop a knowledge platform for learning**. WfWP organised several activities to stimulate learning and exchange and also via the monitoring survey lessons were captured and shared.

**What were the project success factors?**

**2018 key success factors:**
1. Involvement and empowerment of women
2. Involvement and strengthening of communities
3. Effective collaboration with partners & stakeholders
4. Engaging policy-makers
5. Strategic communication
6. Investments to ensure effective & strengthened organisations

**2017 success factor 1:** Multi-stakeholder processes
- Community and local NGO involved as key stakeholders (and in-kind support)
- Cooperation of every partner involved
- Development of participatory process
- Willingness of participation of different actors (municipality, waste management associations, recyclers)
- Stakeholders interest to improve the conditions of income from solid waste
- Broad public and NGOs from all river basin involvement into the River Disaster-lobbying campaign
- Constructive cooperation with governmental and international organizations
- NGOs participation at all stages of the Disaster treaty development, adoption and ratification processes

**2017 success factor 2:** Planning & adapting to needs
- Participative planning: adapting to actual needs of the participants resulting in high commitment & participation issues tackled beforehand (e.g. inconvenient training/ hours, superficial topics etc)
- The project was modified as per the need of the community
- Formulation of a plan commensurable with the context, local capacities and available resources

**2017 success factor 3:** Integration of knowledge to practice
- Proposal of simple tools for the implementation of the Plan
- Application of knowledge gained (for example: the spider web tool)
- Step by step implementation; realisation in concrete periods of time
Next, WfWP organised a contest, a webinar and encouraged members to share via the Members Only part of the website.

**Contest**
WFWP organised a contest amongst members as a method to share lessons and experiences. The following 7 member organisations submitted a case:
- NetWwater: Advocacy for School Menstrual Hygiene Management in Sri Lanka
- WPLUS: Support to Earthquake victims to access drinking water in Nepal
- AWHHE: Assessing equitable access to water and sanitation in Armenia
- Mama 86: Ensuring equal rights to safe water and sanitation in Ukraine
- VAM: Vocational training in Wash in Mali
- BSWC: Adaptation to climate change in the Dniester River basin
- Melania: Auto evaluation of projects by women groups in Africa

The titles of the 7 cases alone already show that WfWP has expertise in many different areas. The Steering Committee selected three winners; AWHHE, NetWwater and WPLUS. During the meeting of the General Assembly all 7 cases were discussed in groups and the lessons learnt were shared.

**Webinar**
One webinar session was facilitated by and for the members at the initiative of Soroptimist International. The objective was to inform the participants about the CSW and at the same time to learn some basics about advocacy and lobby.

**Members Only**
The platform is regularly updated and has several features to stimulate member cross-fertilisation. Tools, papers and PowerPoint presentations can be shared for learning purposes. Funding opportunities are shared as well as GA documents and pictures. These are some of the options of the features the platform offers.
Governance and Operations

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Communication
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2. Governance, members and partners

2.1 General Assembly
The General Assembly (GA) is the highest governing body in the partnership and it consists of one delegate per member organisation. At the end of 2017 a Face to Face meeting was held of the General Assembly in Bulgaria, hosted by member Earth Forever. Apart from formal issues, the main objective of the meeting was learning and exchange of knowledge and experiences. For that purpose a contest was organised, see under 1.3 as well as a field visit to projects of Earth Forever. The main issues on the agenda of the meeting were: a brief report of the activities in 2017 as well as a preview of future activities, the state of affairs of the finances, the approval of the annual work plan and budget 2018, the experiences with the membership fees introduced in 2016, the results of the monitoring carried out amongst members in October 2017 and advocacy. For the latter the main messages were reviewed and it was concluded that they were still up to date. Some new initiatives like drafting fact sheets on specific topics to support members in their advocacy efforts were agreed upon as well. During the year 2017 decisions were made via email e.g. about the annual plan and budget 2017 as well as the annual report and annual accounts 2016.

2.2 Member Organisations
The member organisations form the Women for Water Partnership. The member organisations are diverse, have wide ranging aims and themes. On page 4 we gave an overview of the members. In 2017 the membership stayed stable at 27 members.

2.3 Steering Committee
The Steering Committee (SC) held 4 meetings in 2017 of which one Face to Face meeting adjacent to the First International Forum Rules of Water, Rules for Life in Milan. Next, there were two elections in 2017: one for the communication expert and one for the president. Salamatu Garba representing member Wofan at Nigeria was elected for the communication seat and the term of President Mariet Verhoeft-Cohen was extended for a period of three years. Margarida Yassuda changed seats: from communication expert to vice president. The composition of the Steering Committee as well as the end date of the respective terms is as follows:

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2.4 Partnerships
WfWP has a huge range of different types of partnerships, formal partnerships with funding agencies such as Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Aqua for All, we are part of networks such as the Global Water Partnership, the Major Group Women, MGO HLPF coordination mechanism, OECD Water Governance initiative, World Water Council UN Water. We are founders and facilitators of the Butterfly Effect NGO coalition, the #ClimateIsWater campaign and the European Pact for Water. We work together with a range of different partners such as BORDA, Aquafed, AKVO, and UNESCO-WWAP. In essence, we hardly ever walk alone. Below you will find an impression of our different partners and networks.
3. Operations

3.1 Communication

Website
The utilization of the new website launched in June 2016 bared fruits in 2017. Weekly stats went up to a minimum of 750 visitors weekly in quiet periods to 3500 per week during major events. Both major events and highlights of member achievements are now consistently published on the website and not only linked to Facebook but also providing easy to share buttons for Facebook and LinkedIn within the website stories themselves. In particular for Facebook this website social media sharing tool has significantly increased the sharing of stories as published on the website. In addition, the website has become an up-to-date source for all major publications on women, gender and water. The Members Only section, used for internal communication between members, increasingly shares information both from and for members, including incitements to apply for funding, grants, proposals, awards, etcetera. It moreover facilitates knowledge exchange and learning (see paragraph 1.3). The secretariat quarterly provides an overview to members of all website posts.

Social Media
Facebook is the main channel to communicate to a broader audience. Above mentioned website tools to share stories on Facebook and LinkedIn clearly show visitors are by far mainly active on Facebook. The improved interlinkage between the website and Facebook in 2017 soared WfWP’s visibility on Facebook. In August 2017 the Women for Water Facebook page reached the milestone of 1,000 followers and we started 2018 with over 1,100, compared to less than 900 a year earlier. The twitter account womenforwater@wfwpartnership is only functional during mayor events with representatives of WfWP requested to submit daily updates (e.g. CSW and Stockholm World Water Week). Currently the twitter account has 286 followers. WfWP’s LinkedIn company page Women for Water Partnership has 269 followers. WfWP continues to choose social media accounts to grow organically, rather than artificially increase numbers through advertisements and other promotional tools. We believe this approach to be more powerful with followers truly being engaged, which is underlined by the fact that our social media has close to zero unfollowers, and our website gets more visitors increasingly sharing our stories. We gradually are building an audience truly caring helping us to get our key messages across widely.
3.2 Planning, monitoring and evaluation

2017 was the second year in which the achievements of the members were monitored and we had a response rate of 63%. The results were shared during the meeting of the General Assembly. Members were enthusiastic about the user friendliness of the tool and stressed not to make changes to keep it comparable and not requiring new skills.

The Elements of our planning and reporting system are:

- A strategic framework 2016-2020, translated into annual work plans and budgets
- Annual reporting and accounting, including statements of the independent auditor
- The functioning of the network (GA participation and decisions are monitored)
- Monitoring tool member’s achievements on (i) lobby and advocacy activities, (ii) project implementations on SDG 5 & 6, (iii) lessons learnt, (iv) participation water governing boards and (v) evaluation monitoring tool.
- Membership fee reporting
- Monthly financial reporting to follow up budget expenditure
- SC meetings, to monitor progress and financial matters
- Back to office reporting of SC members or official representatives of advocacy and participation in official external events.

In some cases the WfWP secretariat manages member’s projects. The planning and monitoring system in these cases are based on the requirements of the respective donor. All projects have an implementation plan and start with a multi-stakeholder meeting in which monitoring is one of the key subjects for discussion and agreement. Again, monitoring is used as an important tool for learning and capacity development. Depending on the donor, financial and narrative reporting is done on a monthly, quarterly, bi- or annual basis.

3.3 Hubs

Strategic goal 5 – the establishment of regional or national ‘hubs’, were put on hold due to the lack of finance.

3.4 Fundraising

WfWP has actively pursued funding for member projects, global projects, advocacy and core funding. At the start of the year, WfWP got an assignment of the Netherlands Space Office to improve the inclusion of women in the project Geodata for Agriculture and Water (G4AW) resulting in a publication “Including women smallholder farmers: a business case for success. The reliable funder Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) extended its core funding to 2018.

In 2017 a lot of money was raised to enable participation to events or do advocacy work. The Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management supported our participation in international meetings such as the consultation about value for water for the High Level Panel of Water, Stockholm World Water Week, and Water dialogue at the United Nations. Next, many organisations like the World Wild Life Fund, Soroptimist International, Brazilian government for the preparation of the 8th World Water Forum, OECD, UNESCO assisted us by buying tickets or paying accommodation totalling an amount of € 20,230. A lot of efforts were made to get funding for a research proposal about the inclusion of women in water governance, which WfWP designed together with OECD. Around 15 organisations were approached and most of them are eager to contribute in kind e.g. cases but none of them was able to provide financial support, implicating that the study is postponed. The annual accounts include a list of applications, most of them are pending.
3.5 Staffing
Since March 2017, only the executive director is staff of WfWP and for specific assignments we work with freelancers. In 2017 the following freelancers made great contributions to WfWP for which we are very grateful:

- Rozemarijn Terhorst for the assignment of the Netherlands Space Office
- Diantha Brackel as financial controller
- Arnold Marseille for communications
- Frederique Holle for monitoring the activities of members.

In the beginning of the year we said goodbye to Debby Hoeksma, the office manager and Frederique Holle, the policy officer. We thank them both wholeheartedly for their hard work.

3.6 Finance
WfWP’s actual income was €685,578 and includes €343,845 volunteer/ in-kind contribution. Our actual expenditure was €668,034 euro and we had a positive result of €17,544 euro, to be allocated to finance the first month of 2018.

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) - through its Global Program Water Initiatives (GPWI) - approved a budget of €380,000 for 2016 and 2017 and the contract was extended till the end of 2018 with an amount of €190,000.

See our annual accounts for the complete financial overview.
## Appendix A: 2017 Lobby – Advocacy – Events

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