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Passerell launches its new fundraising campaign to support women in exile in partnership with etika asbl

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Passerell asbl is proud to announce the launch, this **Monday November 4th, 2024**, of its new fundraising campaign in partnership with etika asbl. This fundraising campaign aims to finance our free legal contact point open to **women and girls in exile in Luxembourg**, most of whom have survived or are at risk of experiencing **gender-based violence**.

This essential service of exchange, information sharing, legal and/or administrative support for women in exile, as well as the publication of legal research and the examination of practices is **unique to Luxembourg**. We do our best to welcome women and girls in a safe environment, by actively and empathetically listening to them in their mother tongue, and by ensuring confidentiality at every moment. Our service is **free and unconditional**. Today, we are appealing to everyone's solidarity to help us maintain this individualized support to as many women and girls in exile as possible. Following the completion of the [LEILaW](#) project (whose duration was set for two years), the continuation of this specific service is **threatened, as early as the beginning of 2025**. Without it, it will be more difficult for dozens of women to obtain reliable information about their rights and the legal and/or administrative steps to take to ensure that these rights are respected. They will no longer receive the support of our team to, for instance, apply for asylum and ensure that the violence and trauma experienced are recognized and taken into account (excision, forced marriage, sexual violence...), take the necessary steps to reunite with their children, or obtain a specific residence permit for victims of domestic violence.

The fundraising campaign will start this **Monday, November 4th and last until Tuesday, December 31st, 2024**, and is hosted on the crowdfunding platform [eticrowd.lu](#), available [here](#). The crowdfunding page dedicated to our campaign is also available in [French](#) and [German](#). Supported by etika asbl and launched in 2024, [eticrowd.lu](#) is the first crowdfunding platform promoting projects with a social, cultural or environmental impact in Luxembourg.

The total amount we are hoping to raise with this campaign is set at **15,000 euros**, and three progressive amounts have been created. The donations collected will enable us to maintain our efforts - started last year - to raise awareness on rights and provide support for women and girls in exile, as well as for the professionals working alongside them. As a reminder, in 2023, of the 837 persons received at our legal contact point, 322 were women in exile. Among them, 176 may have experienced or are experiencing gender-based or domestic violence, which represents 54.6% of the women met. In addition to these individual appointments, we also delivered free trainings to 66 professionals on the interplay between the Istanbul Convention and the Geneva Convention, as well as on domestic violence in the context of migration and asylum.

We invite you to support us and to share this call for solidarity and the [link](#) to the crowdfunding page as widely as possible. "Around a third of Passerell's budget (excluding funding from European projects) depends on donations and on the generosity of committed individuals in Luxembourg", reminds Constance Jacquemot, in charge of communication and fundraising. Passerell is recognized as being of public utility, which means that the donations received are **tax-deductible** (provided they amount to a minimum of 120 euros per year and do not exceed 20% of total net income or one million euros). "In the past, this generosity has already been decisive to support our activities, which is why we are once again launching a call for solidarity. We sincerely thank in advance all those who will share it or support us with a donation" concludes the communication and fundraising officer.

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