

# ICASM 2022 Activity Report

## The achievements of the year 2022

**At the international level: 2nd. campaign against the work of the HCCH**

* In order to raise critical awareness about the work of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) a 2nd petition was carried out, together with an in-depth analysis of the draft protocol ("Parentage in the context of surrogacy") <http://abolition-ms.org/en/our-actions/international-institutions/hcch-en/analysis-of-the-hague-protocol-for-the-recognition-of-legal-paternity-established-as-a-result-of-an-international-surrogacy-contract/>

With the first campaign of 2021, we have gathered 7500 individual signatories and 500 organisations from 65 countries.

* We have also published a critical and in-depth analysis of the Verona Principles "Principles for the protection of the rights of the child born through surrogacy issued by the International Social Service (February 2021). <http://abolition-ms.org/en/our-actions/international-institutions/verona-principles/the-verona-principles-are-a-new-attempt-to-organise-surrogacy-globally/>

**At European level:**

**Advocacy**

We have expressed our position through contributions, petitions (Petitions Committee of the European Parliament) or letters to the European Commission (Commissioner Dali, Ursula Van der Layen) on the draft European directive on violence against women, the revision of the directive on trafficking in human beings and on the « Proposal for a COUNCIL regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition of decisions and acceptance of authentic instruments in matters of parenthood and on the creation of a European Certificate of Parenthood »

**Campaigns in partnership**

With Stop Surrogacy Now UK, campaign to raise political awareness and stop the proposed legalisation of cross-border surrogacy.

With ENoMW , EWL and CAP international: a joint statement to display and disseminate a shared position that surrogacy is violence against women and, for cross-border surrogacy, human trafficking. The statement was signed by 200 organisations from 36 countries. <http://abolition-ms.org/en/non-classe/common-statement-on-surrogacy/>

**Productions**

1. The Migrant Women in the Reproductive Industry Survey (together with ENoMW ).
http://abolition-ms.org/en/non-classe/migrant-women-and-reproductive-exploitation1-in-the-surrogacy-industry-joint-investigation-by-enomw-icasm/
2. The mapping of violence that allows us to position SURROGACY among violence due to the reproductive exploitation of women \* [http://abolition-ms.org/nos-actions-fr/contexte-surrogacy/cartographie-des-violences-contre-les-femmes/](http://abolition-ms.org/nos-actions-fr/contexte-gpa/cartographie-des-violences-contre-les-femmes/) (only in French so far)
3. The mapping of MEPs' positions when voting on the amendment proposed by **The Left** in late 2021 for the "European Parliament's Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World and the European Union's Policy on the matter - Annual Report 2021" <http://abolition-ms.org/nos-actions-fr/contexte-gpa/cartographie-des-violences-contre-les-femmes/> (only in French so far)
4. The release of the book in French "*Ventres à louer, une critique féministe de la SURROGACY - l'échappée*" 22 contributions from 11 countries. Previously published in 2021 *Towards the abolition of surrogate motherhood -* Spinifex press. This publication linked authors from 11 countries and greatly expanded our communication possibilities to the general public.

On 25 November 2022 the Italian translation *Per l'abolizione della maternità surrogata* was published *by* Ortica editrice. The Spanish version (published in 2023) was completed by Berta O. Gracia in 2022.

## A year rich in communication

In 2022 we managed to issue 54 communication actions (details in annex),

Press article 9

Press release 2

Digital Conference 21

Face-to-face conference 10

Interview Channel youtube 3

Press interview 4

Radio interview 5

ICASM social networks are growing in popularity:

Good progress on twitter thanks to Berta O. Garcia and Eva Guttierez (2263followers) and on Instagram thanks to our intern Liloye Hessin – (765 followers). Facebook (1300 followers).

## Operation

**Collaboration**

We are very happy to have been able to establish joint actions with some of our member organisations, (EnoMW- Europe, Mouvement du nid - France, Stop Surrogacy Now- UK, Women's rights Plus of Korea, PDF Quebec, Se non Ora Quando Libere- Italy, The Swedish women's organization- Sweden, Democracy & Devloppment- Ukraine; Stoppt Leih Mutterschaft – Austria, Finnrage- Australia etc.). Organisations, but also individual members who got involved in 2022.

Our Congratulations to Stop Surrogacy Now UK and Nordic Model Now and UK for their campaign to oppose the reform of the UK's surrogacylaw.

**Human resources**

**Working groups**. Despite two attempts, the team of volunteers dedicated to gathering info on surrogacy around the world could not be sustained. On the other hand, the working group that follows the work of the HCCH is of great help to us.

**Interns.** Due to a lack of applicants, we were only able to recruit 2 out of 4 interns in 2022, which lightened our budget, but handicapped our activity.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

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| OSEZ LE FEMINISME | France  | 2022  |
| WOMEN'S RIGHTS PLUS OF KOREA | South Korea | 2022 |
| STOP SURROGACYNOW UK  | UK | 2022 |
| IROKO | Italy | 2022 |
| FEDERACION MUJERES JOVENES | Spain | 2022 |
| FEMINISTAS AL CONGRESO | Spain | 2022 |
| L-TOURS | Belgium | 2022 |
| ARTEMISIA | Belgium | 2022 |
| AMICALE DU NID | France | 2023 |
| CORPORACIÓN MUJER DENUNCIA Y MUÉVETE | Colombia | 2023 |
| FORUM DE POLITICA FEMINISTA | Spain | 2023 |

# Outlook 2023-2024

## Towards the institutions

**United Nations:** We have launched a communication campaign towards the United Nations bodies, some of which have expressed very neo-liberal positions on SURROGACY

**ECOSOC status:** we hope to be ECOSOC certified in 2023

**CEDAW:** we still need to build a real communication policy towards CEDAW members, and also a communication policy aiming at maintaining the link with our contacts and interlocutors. (This point was already included in our 2022 perspectives).

**South America**: In March 2023, at the III World Forum on Human Rights held in Buenos Aires, ICASM was invited to organise a panel on surrogacy. However, our contacts with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights have not yet been fruitful.

**European Parliament**: the draft directive on violence against women is an important issue, but we are not optimistic about the possibility of introducing SURROGACY in the list of violence despite 2 proposed amendments in this sense carried by MEPs (The Left and S&D Socialists & democrats) On 22 May 2023, we will participate in an event organised by ENoMW in Brussels at the European Parliament to support our abolitionist approach to PROSTITUTION and SURROGACY.

**Campaigns**

**Colombia:** We are seeking to organise opposition to the proposed opening up to surrogacy in Colombia

**Ukraine: As** far as the reality in the country allows, together with our members of Democracy Development Center, we intend to raise awareness among Ukrainian governmental institutions about the risks of surrogacy: for the health and lives of Ukrainian women; and of selling children.

## Towards members

* Stoppt Leih Mutterschapft - Austria, **proposes to work on a common glossary to define the appropriate terms for the issue of surrogacy and avoid the market driven language**.
* We hope that collaborations can be established and continued with ICASM members in 2023. We are at their disposal to think about this (conference, meeting, position, support). Actions have already been carried out with OLF (Surrogacy workshop during their summer university). We will meet the Japanese organisation “**Japan Coalition Against Surrogacy Practices”** this summer in Europe.
* We are also planning to organise a training cycle on surrogacy.

## Operation

The crowdfunding campaign (Berta and Katia) planned last year has to be launched in 2023.

Our website is currently being revised for an improved navigation.

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We are again looking to recruit an intern to take over communications from Liloye Hessin and another one on advocacy in September.

## Publications and communication

**The "book”**

We welcome the publication of the book on surrogacyin Italy, Spain, and soon in Austria/Germany. We would like to thank Silvia Guerini, Berta O. Garcia and Erwin Landrichter for making these publications possible and for taking care of the translation of the texts on a volontary basis.

These new editions have already led to several conferences in 2023: in Italy (ICASM participation with Ana Luana Stoicea Deram and Silvia Guerini in Bergamo and Rome), in Spain (ICASM participation with Berta O. Garcia and Eva Guttierez, and also on the initiative of women authors, for example, of Laura Isabel Gomez Garcia on 21 April 2023 in Spain). Other invitations to speak about this book are in progress (e.g. in Nîmes - France in October 2023).

**Communication to universities and students.**

We are spontaneously contacted by students who have chosen to work on surrogacy from our position. Most of them are looking for a better understanding and the ability to formulate arguments in opposition to surropgacy.

Ana-Luana Stoicea-Deram had the opportunity to speak twice at the university on this subject (in France - Univ. d'Evry and in Canada - Univ. de Montréal), and Vanesa Rodríguez de Stop Vientres de Alquiler (Spain) at the University of Barcelona.

# BUDGET FORECAST

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| **Budget forecast 2023** |  |
| **Income** |   |
|   | Grant | 8000 |
|   | Donations  | 3000 |
|   | Membership fees | 3700 |
|   | Reversal of provisions | 6500 |
| **Total Income** | **21200** |
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| **Expenditure**  |   |
|   | Human resources | 10800 |
|   | Real Estate Rental | 1500 |
|   | Travelling | 6000 |
|   | Publications  | 1500 |
|   | Other expenditures | 1400 |
| **Total Expenditure** | **21200** |
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| **Profit**  | **0** |



