

The European Institutions are amongst the main promoters of a **culture of death** in and outside of Europe. Just on the 13th March the European Parliament passed a [resolution](#) that demands a right on legal abortions in the member states. They did so in a resolution in December 2011 ([B7-0615/2011](#)).

But the **European Commission** is already involved in abortions worldwide by passing funds to the main abortion providers International Planned Parenthood and May Stopes.

European Dignity Watch (EDW), a Brussels based think tank, will present evidence on this scandal during the week for life that we encourage to attend.

Please read the following statement by EDW:

Revealing report on funding of abortion in EU's development aid

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On **March 27th**, 2012 at the European Parliament European Dignity Watch will present a new report entitled **The Funding of Abortion through EU Development Aid**. This unparalleled report will show how two world's leading abortion providers - International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International - have received, and continue to receive funding from European Union's development and public health budgets for projects related to so-called Sexual and Reproductive Health, and among those, for abortions.

The Funding of Abortion through EU Development Aid report documents how the **EU** is providing grants to the organizations **perpetrating abortions worldwide** and how this leads to serious legal conflicts. The European Commission as established by the principle of conferral and subsidiary and as underlined by the institution itself does not have the legal authority to fund abortion - and does it nevertheless year by year with millions of Euro.

Based on a great amount of material that the European Commission has disclosed on our repeated request, the report discusses delicate questions: How much money is given to the organizations that clearly present an increased access to both surgical and medical abortion as one of their key strategies? Is this negligence on the part of the European Commission or is it done deliberately? Who is responsible for such a misuse of the European funds?

European Dignity Watch's report shows how the **European Commission supports** organizations such as **Marie Stopes International** or **International Planned Parenthood Federation** whose core mission is to provide worldwide "safe abortions" as part of family planning services with grants of millions of Euro. The European Commission is estimated to be the 4th largest donor to the Reproductive Health in the world.

The term 'reproductive health' was defined by the United Nations (UN) in 1994 at the Cairo International Conference on Population and Development. All Member States of the Union endorsed the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo. The Union has never adopted an alternative definition of 'reproductive health' to that given in the Programme of Action, which makes no reference to abortion.

European Dignity Watch will launch its report at an event organised at the European Parliament entitled [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights In Developing Countries](#). The event is endorsed by several political groups and MEPs and chaired by **MEP Konrad Szymanski**. Special guest will be the CEO of the Nigerian Life League, Theresa Okafor. The event is part of the European Week for Life taking place at the European Parliament from March 26 to 29, 2012.

[The European Week for Life](#) organized for the second time consists of a series of conferences happening throughout the week at the European Parliament. The four major events will address most critical issues concerning human life and human dignity in Europe and in European policies. The topics range from Sexual and Reproductive Health to Palliative Care and Bioethics.

Anyone wishing to attend EDW's or more events of the European Week for Life, conduct an interview (phone, TV, online), or receive the recording is welcome to contact us directly:

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