

FEMALE* RESISTANCE



Opportunities in times of crisis: female* resistance

Professional exchange, training and mini-scholarships for female* professionals in Germany

Georgia, Tbilisi | 7th - 13th of October 2022
Germany, Weimar | 2nd - 8th of December 2022

*By definition of “female” and “woman” here and further on, we imply that we invite people with experience of women’s socialisation to participate in order to create a safe space for exchange and solidarity.

The project concept:

Women's* solidarity has always been a powerful tool in our daily life but can become an enormous force in times of crisis. Therefore, we believe there is a need for a connection that is more than a plain professional network.

We want to explore how feminism and sisterhood can contribute to overcoming current crises that are shaking the world and what joint actions can be taken. The programme was created in partnership between the two organisations, [EJBW](#) and [OEEC](#), to create a space for solidarity, exchange and collaboration between active women * working for change in civil society in Germany and Belarus.

We are looking for:

Female* activists, professionals, and representatives of non-profit organisations and civic initiatives from Germany who are interested in continuing cooperation with Belarusian civil society and want to establish new partnerships.

Pre-story behind and why is the residential meeting in Georgia?

When the huge peaceful protests started in Belarus after the 9 of August presidential elections, the face of the movement was female. Thousands of women participated in ‘Women marches’, joined resistance movements and volunteered despite the risk of being arrested or repressed.

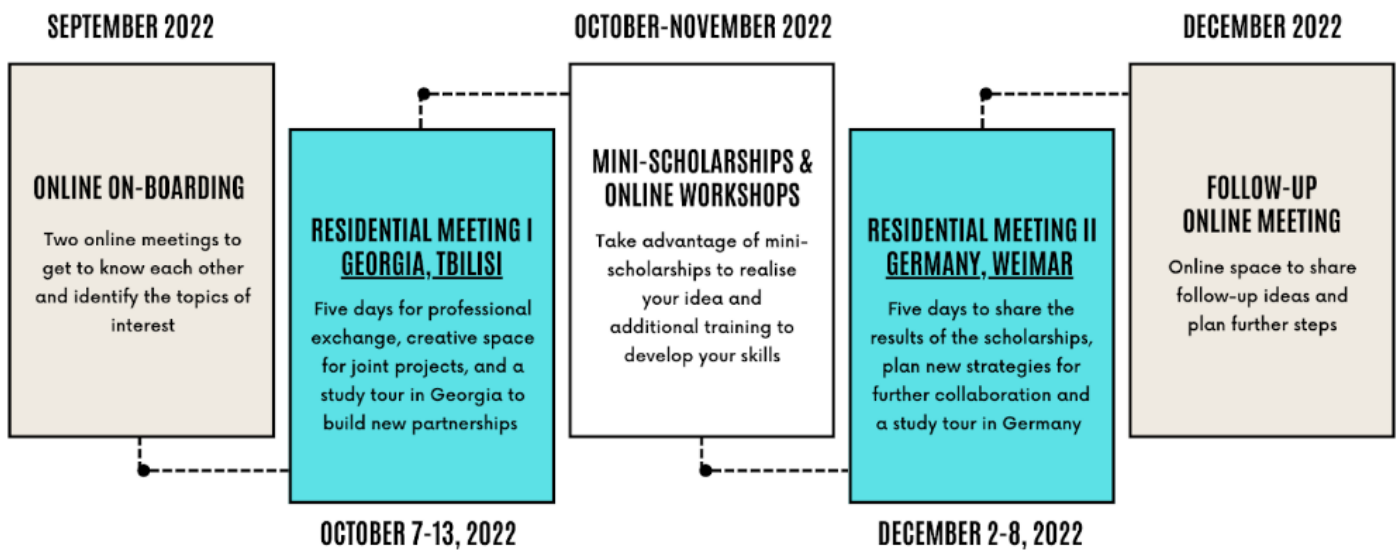
In 2022, 137 women in Belarus have been recognised as political prisoners, and 700 civil society organisations have been or are in liquidation (including those working on gender equality issues). Many activists are forced to leave Belarus. Some decided to leave the country and fled to Ukraine, Georgia, Poland, Lithuania or other countries.

Representatives of the Belarusian civil society continue to leave the country because of political persecution. Those who left and those who stayed in Belarus were forced to search for new strategies for working safely with their target groups, establish new partnerships, and adapt their programmes and

What are we going to do?

The program provides space and tools for professional and personal growth - you will have training sessions, study visits to CSOs, mentorship and mini-scholarships to plan your further development and implement ideas that have been put on hold for a long time. With two residential meetings in Georgia and Germany, this program will help you to think out of the box and build strong partnerships with like-minded active women*.

During the first residential meeting, you will develop ideas (individually or in groups), and then a mini-scholarship could be used to implement them. For example, researching, writing an article, or carrying out online or offline activities. The infographics below will guide you through the components of the project.



Participation fee:

To match different backgrounds and current situations, we have developed a strategy of individual participation fee opportunities. This means that a financial contribution from each participant relies on an individual decision. You can choose how much you are ready to contribute to the financial side of the project. If you cannot afford the participant fee, please let us know.

Reduced fee 50,00 €
Standard fee 75,00 €
Solidarity fee 100,00 €

Registration:

To participate in the programme, please apply via the online form here:

<https://forms.gle/U5rkKF81WXjbsY766>

If you have any questions you can reach us via email freiwilligendienst3@ejbweimar.de

What do you acquire by taking part in the programme?

- Most importantly, you will gain a professional network of active women with whom you can continue working in the future.
- You will learn from the experience of other organisations during the study visits to Georgia and Germany.
- You will develop skills for personal and professional growth. You will identify priorities for your personal and professional development priorities and create your development path. The programme includes individual mentoring sessions.
- If you are part of the organisation, you will receive support in developing new strategies for the work of your CSOs.
- You will have the possibility to use a mini-scholarship for the realisation of your mini-project (individual or in groups). For example, it could be researching, writing an article, or carrying out online or offline activities.