

Activity report 2024





Communication & Advocacy Strategy



1. To create a system for Active Members to **propose potential new members**.
2. To **reach a diversified and grown membership basis**.
3. To establish the **Annual fee rates**.
4. To establish an **Advisory Board**.
5. To **map and approach influential UN, EU and international actors**, networks and stakeholders.
6. To map and **participate in events at the EU and national levels** to advocate for CSE and present SexSense.
7. To produce a **Communication Plan**.
8. To create a **SexSense IntraNet** with a common repository and a members contact list for exchange.
9. To create online opportunities for the **exchange and alignment of tasks per Working Group**.



Communication & Advocacy Membership



Number of members

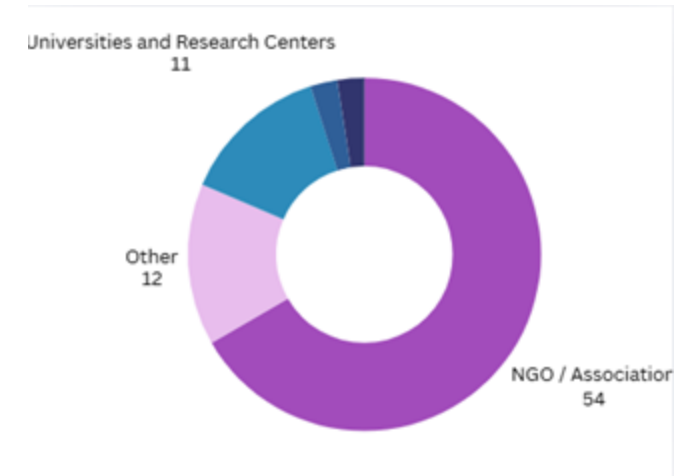
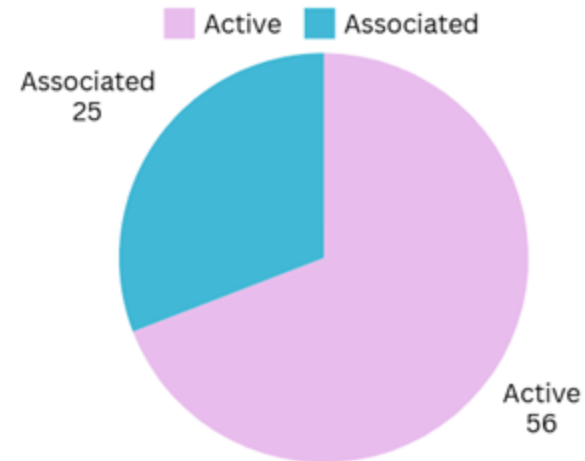
- Total Members: 81

Working groups

- Communication & Advocacy: 15
- Research: 13
- Capacity Building: 16
- Project Design: 15

Type

- NGO / Association: 54
- Other: 12
- Universities and Research Centers: 11
- Public Institution: 2
- For Profit Companies: 2





Communication & Advocacy

Advisory Board 2024-25



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Communication & Advocacy

Advocacy actions



- **EVENTS**

- SexSense Speaker at **RESPONSE Final Conference** by EASPD (Online, February 2024)
- SexSense Speaker at **Post Submission Symposium** (Greece, July 2024)
- Participant in meeting of the **WHO CC Expert Group on Sexuality Education** improving the **Sexuality Education Standards in Europe** (Germany, August 2024)
- SexSense presented in the **Global Partnership Forum** (led by UNESCO & UNFPA) Meeting (Online, October 2024)
- SexSense Speaker and Participant at the **ILGA World Conference 2024** (South Africa, November 2024)
- Ribologija and Proseduc (SexSense Members) participated in **International Meeting “Sexuality Education for Adolescents and Young Adult Refugees”** (Turkey, November 2024) in response to the call made by WHO CC Expert Group



Objective 5 & 6



Communication & Advocacy

Advocacy actions



- **MEMBERSHIPS AS SEXSENSE**

- SexSense Member of the **WHO CC Expert Group on Sexuality Education** improving the Sexuality Education Standards in Europe
- SexSense Members of the **International Guidance Committee for the study on polarisation around sexuality education**, KU Leuven - Institute for Family and Sexuality Studies

- **BILATERAL MEETINGS**

- Meeting with **UNESCO**, Section of Health and Education
- Meeting with the **WHO Collaborating Centre for Sexual and Reproductive Health**
- Meetings with and Speakers from **International Planned Parenthood Federation**

- **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Meeting with KU Leuven as members of **UNESCO Chair on Sexuality Education Proposal**

Objective 5 & 6



Communication & Advocacy

Communication



- **Communication Plan** almost ready
- **IntraNet** developed and functioning
 - **Communication Materials** for dissemination purposes developed and available of IntraNet
 - **Mapping Tools** for different Working Groups
 - **New and information of Annual Events** incl. registration process
- **4 working group meetings** held (Online, May-July 2024)



Objective 7, 8 & 9



Research Strategy



1. To **identify research topics/questions and methodologies** from practitioners to be taken into consideration for research purposes.
2. To create a **repository to share best practices and resources** useful for feminist/queer research.
3. To **map academic journals or Conferences to participate** as SexSense according to the network's fields of expertise.



Research

Academic journals & Conferences



- SexSense Members (Elan Interculturel, University of the Basque Country and CESIE ETS) **presented and had approved an Abstract for the 2025 Global Partnership Forum Symposium** in Moldova to run a pre-form session on *“Comprehensive Sexuality Education For Gender-Based Violence prevention in schools - workshop on materials and good practices”*
- SexSense is a member of the **International Guidance Committee for the study on polarisation around sexuality education**, KU Leuven - Institute for Family and Sexuality Studies



Capacity Building Strategy



1. To do an internal **expertise and needs assessment** among Active and Associated Members.
2. To **collect internal resources for capacity building** of young people and adults to be shared among Active Members.
3. To organise 2 **internal capacity buildings** based on Member's needs assessed.



Capacity Building Opportunities



- **Webinar 1 - Understanding sexuality**

The session explored SexSense's understanding of sexuality, addressing cultural and contextual differences, and creating a spectrum of diversity.

5 December 2024 by Proseduc & Hilfe für Jungs e.V.

- **Webinar 2 - Intervention forum on challenges of Comprehensive Sexuality Education**

The session focused on the challenges of providing high-quality and individualised comprehensive sexuality education in diverse contexts and how we can tackle these challenges.

12 December 2024 by Proseduc & Hilfe für Jungs e.V.



Objective 3



Project Design & Fundraising Strategy



1. To organise the SexSense **Annual Event** for Active Members.
2. To **monitor calls for proposals and funding opportunities** to be shared with all Active Members.
3. To collect inputs for **project ideas** among Active Members.
4. To **share concrete project proposals** among Active Members.



Project Design & Fundraising

2024 Event & results



- **1 successful 2024 event** with
 - High-level keynote speakers: IPPF, **University of the Basque Country, KU Leuven, Spanish CERV National Contact Point**
 - **25 Active Members** + CESIE participating
 - **Calls monitored** and 25 project ideas presented on:
 - *Digital learning platform on CSE for students*
 - *The negative impact of hypersexual media content*
 - *Board game and a mobile app on sexuality education*
 - *Introduce pornography within the comprehensive affective-sexual education framework*
 - *Counselling for women in rural areas to promote healthy relationship and challenge gender stereotypes*
 - *Safe space for women: Workshops to promote self-care and self-love*
 - *Challenge toxic masculinities in migrant background*
 - *Training for professionals to assist minors under prostitution*
 - *Capacity building for police officers and social services to recognize signs of child sexual exploitation and abuse*
 - *Destigmatisation of sex work through media and technology*
 - *Safer porn platforms to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children*
 - *Research: opposition against SE in EU / age-appropriateness of SE content in different EU countries*

Objectives 1 - 4



Project Design & Fundraising

2024 Successful proposals



- **Successful proposals**

- CERV Daphne “Bottom-up talks - Preventing teen-dating and school-related gender-based violence and promoting psychological wellbeing from the bottom-up”
 - *CESIE, Italy*
 - *Coirag, Italy*
 - *KMOP, Greece*
 - *CSI - Center for Social Innovation, Cyprus*
 - *House of Diversity Education, Lithuania*
 - *FEA - Femmes Entraide et Autonomie, France*

- **Letter of supports given**

- *Institute of Sexuality Education (KU Leuven) - Bridging Divides: A Systems Approach to Understanding and Addressing Polarization around Sexuality Education in Flanders (University Call) - APPROVED*
- *Tandem Plus (Symplexis) - TRascend Hate (CERV Char-Liti 2024)*



Project Design & Fundraising

2025 Event organisation



Keynote Speakers (DAY 1 & DAY 2):

- ★ *Kathleen Chau, Programme Specialist, Section of Health and Education, UNESCO*
- ★ *Angela Martínez-Carrasco, CERV National Contact Point Spain, Ministry of Culture*
- ★ *Ashlee Alexandra Burnett-Beatrice, Global Lead, Comprehensive Sexuality Education, International Planned Parenthood Federation*
- ★ *Sergio Villanueva Baselga, Universitat de Barcelona*

Capacity Building (DAY 2):

- ★ *Capacity Building Workshop: Engaging with Media and Tech to Advance CSE in Europe*
- ★ *Alessandro Polidoro, Stop the Data Porn*

Sexuality Matters: Learn, Respect, Enjoy.



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