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Standing in Solidarity for Women's Health and Rights – International Women's Day 2026

On this International Women's Day, March 8, 2026, we stand in solidarity with women and girls across Europe and around the world, reaffirming our unwavering commitment to advancing women's health, rights, dignity, and equity.

EBCOG recognises that women's health is not only a medical priority but a fundamental human right. Access to safe maternity care, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, cancer prevention and treatment, and respectful, evidence-based healthcare must be guaranteed to every woman—regardless of geography, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, age, or migration status.

Despite significant progress, inequalities in women's health persist. Maternal morbidity, disparities in reproductive healthcare access, gender-based violence, and gaps in research funding for women-specific conditions remain significant challenges. Climate change, conflict, displacement, and economic instability further exacerbate these vulnerabilities. Addressing these issues requires coordinated policy action, robust standards and partnerships, and sustained investment in healthcare systems.

The European Board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology remains committed to:

The European Board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology is dedicated to promoting excellence and harmonisation in specialist training across Europe, championing equitable access to high-quality obstetric and gynaecological care, establishing comprehensive standards for patient-centred care, and fostering strong collaboration with national societies, policymakers, and international partners.

We also acknowledge and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of women in healthcare—as clinicians, researchers, educators, leaders, and advocates—whose dedication improves health outcomes for millions of women each year.

On this International Women's Day, we call upon governments, institutions, and healthcare professionals to renew their commitment to gender equity in health. Investing in women's health is an investment in families, communities, and the future of our societies.

Together, we can build a Europe where every woman receives safe, respectful, and high-quality care throughout her life course.

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