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EDITORIAL

The long march towards universal abolition

We ended 2022 on a high note with a reinvigorating 8th World Congress in Berlin, which has never mobilised so many young people and stakeholders from the abolitionist community from all over the world. For the first time, governments, through their ministers, came to announce abolition. This is an illustration of the impact of the World Congresses, the results of our intense advocacy efforts aimed directly at retentionist states and governments.

Meanwhile, the dramatic situation in Iran (with a 75% increase in executions, affecting women and a disproportionate number of ethnic minorities) was at the centre of our concerns and action at the United Nations, with diplomats, the media, decision-makers, but also with the Iranian actors themselves.

We supported lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh through the award of the ECPM-Robert Badinter Prize; Narges Mohammadi, a leading activist now in prison in Iran; Shole Pakhravan, courageous mother of Reyaneh Jabbari who was executed in 2014, both unwitting heroines of the film 7 winters in Tehran; and we conducted ongoing work with Iran Human Rights on our annual report on the Iranian “killing machine”.

Henry Watkins Skinner, known as **Hank Skinner**, died on 16 February in Gavelston Hospital (Texas). For years you have been following Hank's situation through ECPM, a case that is emblematic of the tragedy that is the death penalty in the United States. A succession of ineptitudes, mismanagement, botched investigations, misplaced seals, flawed evidence, witness recantations, precedent-setting DNA tests... in short, everything that turns an ordinary case into a potential case of innocence. We are also thinking of **Melissa Lucio**, who was saved in extremis from her scheduled execution in April 2022; **Keith Lamar**, the remarkable artist who was a special guest at the Berlin Congress (he was able to sing live from his prison in Ohio at the closing ceremony), who still has an execution date of 16 November 2023, and all the other death row prisoners.

This shows how important it is to continue to fight for abolition wherever it is still necessary. In the coming months, we will be heading for the “eye of the storm” to talk freely about abolition and strategy at the Regional Congress on the Death Penalty in the Middle East, while we prepare for the next World Congress, whose venue and dates have yet to be decided.

Opening ceremony
of the 8th World
Congress Against the
Death Penalty, at the
Pierre Boulez Saal in
Berlin, with more than
six hundred guests,
including human rights
activists, civil society
representatives and
political figures, seated
around the German
Foreign Minister,
Annalena Baerbock.



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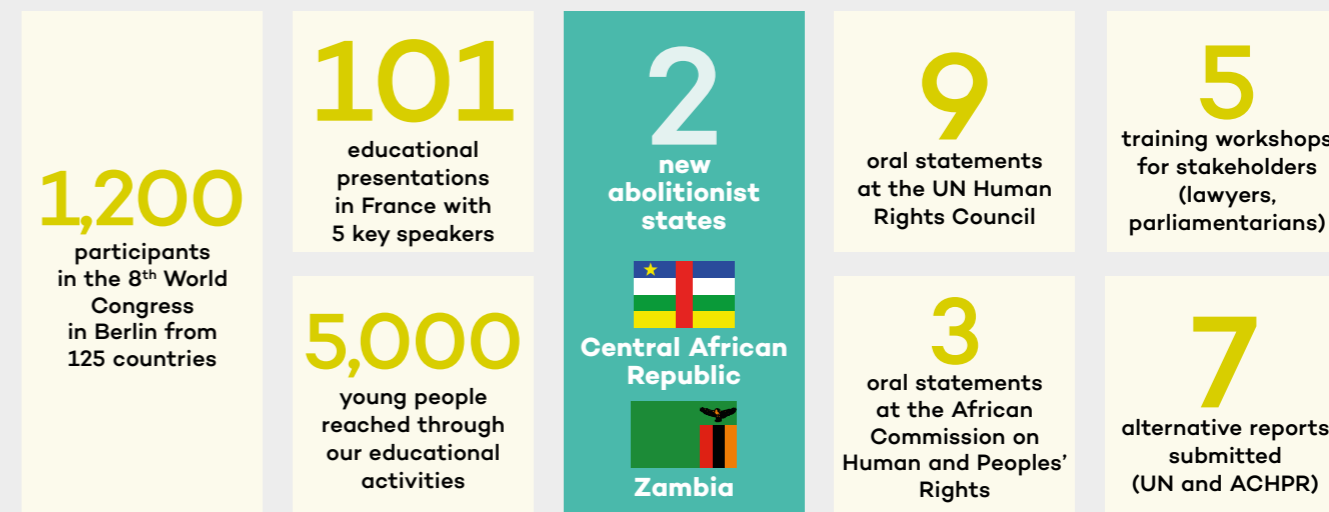
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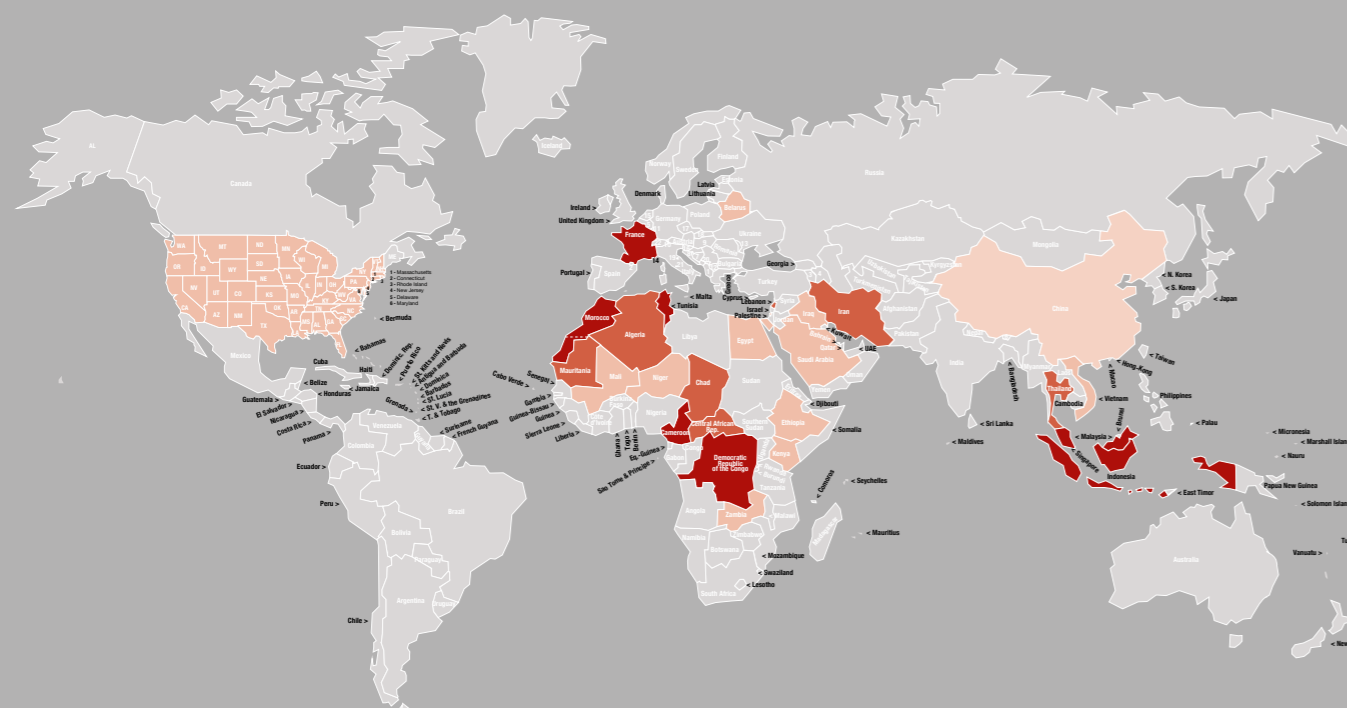


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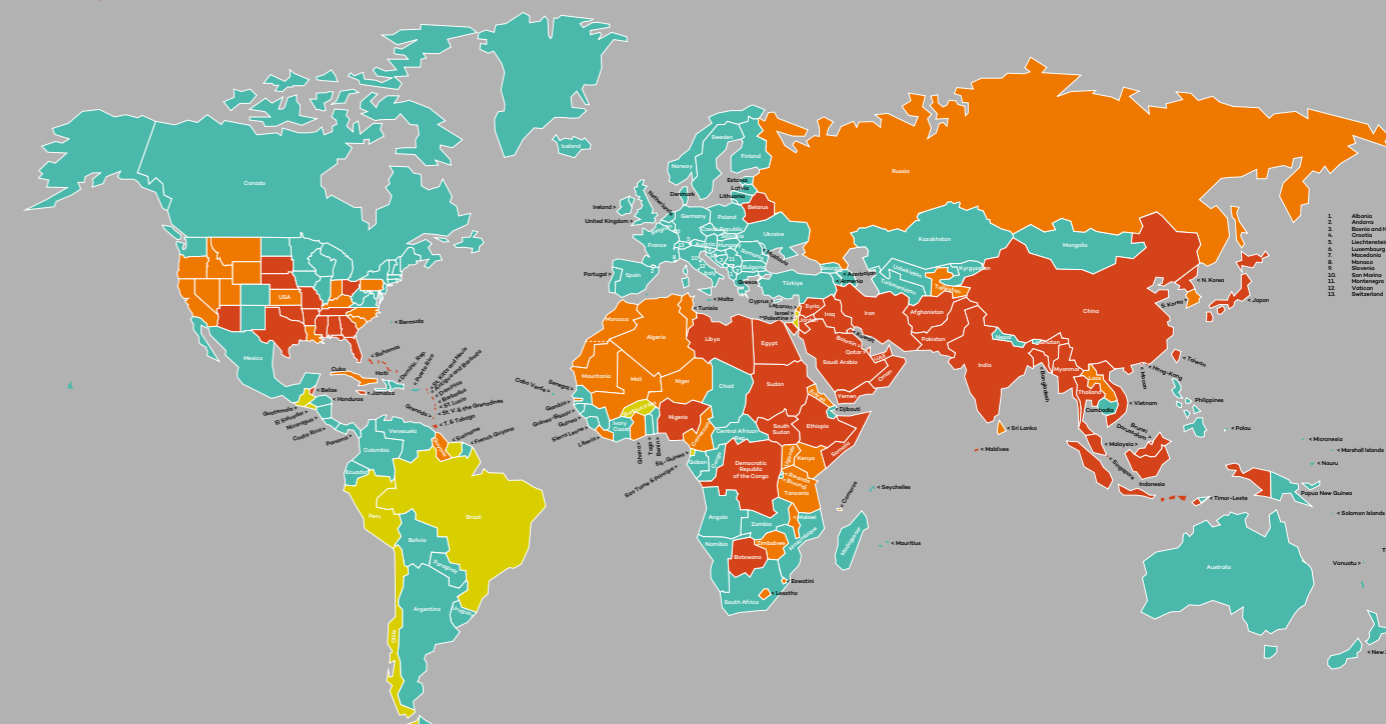


Map of strategic plan 2020/2023



- Multi-year programmes with local teams
- Other concerted action countries
- Prospect countries
- Target countries

The death penalty around the world



108 Abolitionist States for all crimes
States or territories where the death penalty is abolished.

8 Abolitionist States for ordinary crimes
States or territories where the death penalty is abolished unless there are exceptional circumstances.

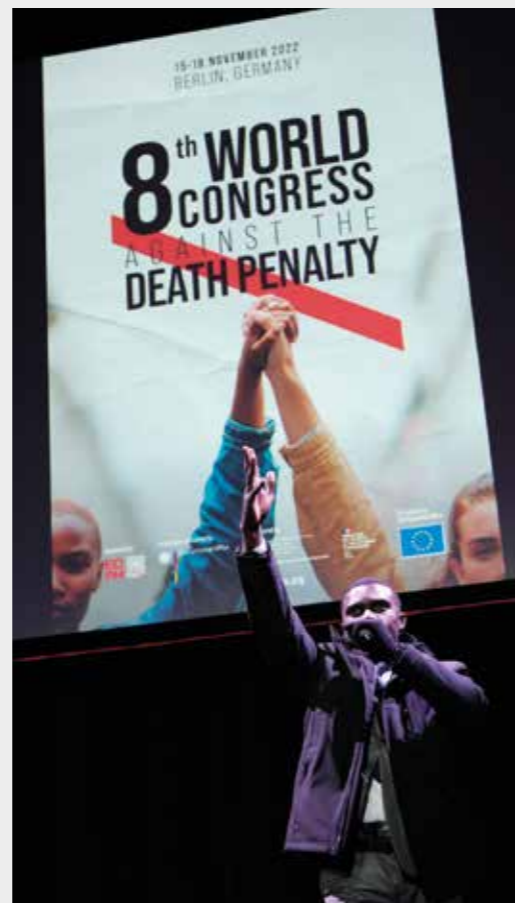
30 States with a moratorium on executions
States or territories where the death penalty is implemented but no executions have been carried out for at least 10 years and which did not oppose the latest UN resolution for a universal moratorium on executions and/or having ratified OP2*.

52 Retentionist states
States or territories where the death penalty is implemented.
* Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
** Palestine is a particular case: it cannot vote the moratorium resolution, has ratified OP2, but the death penalty is still applied in Gaza (last documented executions in 2017).

HIGHLIGHT

8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty

The 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty gathered more than 1,200 participants from 125 countries, in Berlin (and via streaming around the world)! For four days, the fight for universal abolition resounded in the German capital, with conferences, round tables, workshops and cultural events bringing together young abolitionists and long-time activists to generate new ideas. A review in pictures.



Tubal, a talented rapper from Cameroon, sings "No to the death penalty" with the entire audience.



The Abolition Village, epicentre of the 8th World Congress at the Radialsystem.



The Abolition Village bears witness to abolitionist activism: high-level meetings, tributes to death row prisoners, reunions, painting workshops, debates and discussions. All the congress participants saw their struggles reflected in the work of the 22 organisations that had come to present their fight for abolition.



Full house for the plenary session on "The new generation of abolitionists: transmission and innovation".



Hadja Lahbib, Belgium's Minister of Foreign Affairs, makes a passionate plea for universal abolition at the opening plenary session of the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty.



More than a dozen ministers and government representatives took advantage of their presence in Berlin to discuss the situation of the death penalty around the world.

FEDERATE

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Screening of the film *Texas vs Melissa* by Sabrina Van Tassel, with Christiane Taubira and Aminata Niakate.

The abolitionist community rises to the occasion!

The eagerly awaited 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty was the first major post-Covid event. From 15 to 18 November in Berlin, the event brought together nearly 1,200 participants from all backgrounds. Sponsored by Germany, the European Union, Switzerland and France, the Congress provided a unique international platform to discuss abolition of the death penalty. Once again, innovation and the intersectionality of struggles were at the heart of this 8th edition, with a focus on young people as the driving force of future abolition.

Each of the two plenary sessions focused on a specific topical issue to identify the most appropriate strategies to counter the justifications for maintaining the death penalty. First, the crisis in Iran, where the death penalty is used as the ultimate tool of intimidation and oppression by the regime to retain its stability in power. Next, the floor was given to the new generation of abolitionists: following on from our #AbolitionNowTour campaign, ECPM highlighted six groups of young abolitionists who have shown great enthusiasm and determination to join the movement for universal abolition.



Albert Marques, pianist and composer, who made the album *Freedom First* with Keith Lamar, poet, writer and activist, currently on death row in Ohio in the United States.



Press conference with our partners on the death penalty in Iran during the World Congress in Berlin.



Discussions at the Abolition Village, Radialsystem, Berlin.



The Minister of Justice of the Republic of Zambia, Mulambo Haimbe, announces his country's abolition of the death penalty at the opening ceremony.

ZAMBIA ANNOUNCES THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY

For the first time at the World Congress, a country announced the abolition of the death penalty. Zambia, represented by its Minister of Justice, announced during the opening ceremony that it had tabled bills in the National Assembly to amend the penal code and the Code of Criminal Procedure in order to abolish the death penalty. On 23 December 2022, Zambia fulfilled its commitment, becoming the 25th African country to abolish the death penalty. Liberia also announced that it had taken the necessary steps to enshrine the abolition of the death penalty in law.

Diverse cultural programme

During the Congress, ECPM put on a rich and diverse cultural programme, a veritable catalyst of emotions. A multi-artistic approach helped to convey the message of abolition beyond the speeches. In parallel to the Congress, various meetings, both private and public, provided an opportunity for abolitionists to meet, exchange ideas and pursue debates outside the academic programme.



Albert Marques and Kazemde George play tracks from the *Freedom First* album at the Rotes Rathaus, while Keith Lamar sings live from his cell.

Abolition Now!

Lastly, in a final moment of communion and solidarity, ECPM and its partners gathered in front of Berlin's City Hall, to the sound of music, for a powerful concluding happening, conveying a strong, clear message: "Abolition Now!"



Delegates unfurl the giant hand of abolition in front of Berlin's City Hall.

ADVOCACY

Iran: another dark year



In 2022, ECPM and Iran Human Rights (IHR) published a new annual report, which was widely covered in the media around the world, particularly in French-speaking and English-speaking media (more than 50 articles). ECPM was involved in a number of joint oral statements to the United Nations Human Rights Council. On 17 October 2022, ECPM joined other NGOs in calling for a special session of the Human Rights Council on Iran to establish an independent investigation mechanism. ECPM then conducted advocacy with several diplomatic missions to urge them to support this Resolution.

On 17 November 2022, ECPM and its partners IHR, Kurdistan Human Rights-Geneva, the Abdorrahman Boroumand Center and Impact Iran organised a press conference to warn of the risk of an exponential increase in the number of death sentences and executions, just as Germany announced that it would support the holding of a special



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Iranian lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh, a long-standing human rights activist in her country, is the very first winner of the Robert Badinter Prize.

session of the Human Rights Council on Iran to establish an international investigation mechanism. ECPM was among the first to warn of the risk of escalation in the use of the death penalty. The year 2022 had already seen a very significant increase in the number of executions. Between 1 January 2022 and November 2022, Iran executed at least 450 people (up from 333 in 2021).

On 18 November 2022, at the closing ceremony of the World Congress, ECPM awarded the Robert Badinter Prize to Nasrin Sotoudeh. Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam, Director of IHR, received the prize on her behalf and read a message from Nasrin Sotoudeh written for the occasion. The award of this prize once again serves to highlight concerns about the death penalty in Iran.

On 10 December 2022, at ECPM's suggestion, Narges Mohammadi was awarded honorary citizenship of the city of Lyon in the presence of her children and ECPM Executive Director Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan. Narges Mohammadi wrote the preface to the annual report on the death penalty in Iran in 2020. On the same day, ECPM co-signed a joint press release as part of its advocacy work with Impact Iran for Iran's withdrawal from the United Nations Economic and Social Council's Commission on Women. On 17 December 2022, ECPM joined the Paris Bar in organising a rally at Place de la Bastille in Paris against executions in Iran.

As a member of the Impact Iran steering committee, ECPM was heavily involved in a number of collective advocacy actions.



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Since Nasrin Sotoudeh cannot leave Iran and remains under threat from the regime, Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam, Director of Iran Human Rights (IHR), received her prize from the former French Minister of Justice, Christiane Taubira, at a ceremony held at Berlin's City Hall.

LEBANON

A country that remains committed despite the crisis

In April 2022, ECPM and LACR (Lebanese Association for Civil Rights) held a series of information and advocacy meetings with candidates in the parliamentary elections and the authorities. A delegation composed of Julia Bourbon Fernandez, Head of ECPM MENA Desk, Ogari Younan, Rafic Zakharia and Hala Bou Ali, representatives of LACR, led advocacy efforts with candidates in the parliamentary elections in favour of the abolition of the death penalty. They met with more than 15 candidates from different political parties. During the discussions, ECPM and LACR presented the work of their associations, the various tools produced and the situation of the death penalty in Lebanon. Lebanon introduced its first moratorium in 1998, then repealed a law providing for the mandatory death penalty in 2001. **Since 2004, no new executions have been carried out in Lebanon. In 2024, Lebanon will celebrate 20 years of moratorium.** In December 2020, the country voted for the first time in favour of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution calling for a universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty. **Judges continue to hand down death sentences, and as of 2022 it was estimated that between 80 and 100 death row prisoners were detained in Lebanon.**

ECPM and LACR asked the various candidates with whom they met about their position on the death penalty, whether it was an issue that had already been debated within their party, whether there had been any discussion of including it in the political programme and whether they would be prepared to work towards abolition after the election. Candidates were also asked whether they would be prepared to speak publicly in favour of abolition, to which they all replied that they would. During this mission, ECPM and LACR also met with the Minister of Justice and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During these advocacy meetings, ECPM advocated in particular for a renewal of Lebanon's vote in favour of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution calling for a universal moratorium on the use of the death penalty, a reduction in the number of crimes punishable by death and the improvement of detention conditions, including for death row prisoners, with the aim of strengthening progress towards the abolition of the death penalty. **Finally, ECPM accompanied AJEM (Association Justice et Miséricorde) on a visit to Roumieh prison and met with death row prisoners.**

ECPM also continued to build on its documentation and advocacy work on new countries in the Middle East, including Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt and Palestine. In March 2022, ECPM submitted an alternative report co-signed by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty as part of the review of Iraq by the United Nations Human Rights Committee. In March 2022, ECPM also made an oral statement on the situation of the death penalty in Palestine in collaboration with Sham's, a Palestinian NGO. ECPM co-signed several advocacy letters on Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.



ECPM and LACR conducted an advocacy campaign for abolition of the death penalty in Lebanon ahead of the legislative elections (May 2022) with more than 15 candidates (pictured here with candidate Josephine Zgheib in the Keserwan-Jbeil Governorate).

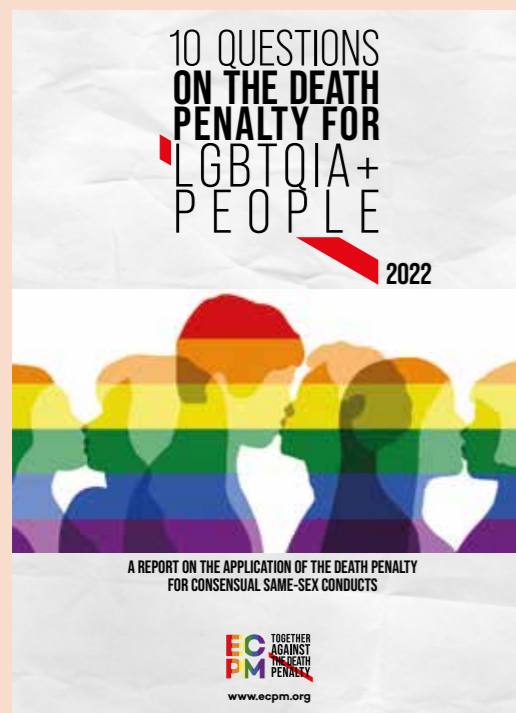


ECPM and AJEM spoke to 3 death row prisoners during a visit to Roumieh prison in Lebanon (April 2022). Since the crisis, problems of access to water and electricity have become more acute in this huge prison.

ADVOCACY

“Love is not a crime” campaign

For the first time, ECPM published a report aimed at highlighting the inter-connections between the death penalty and LGBTQIA+ issues. This brochure is part of the series “10 questions to understand...” and serves as an awareness-raising tool for both the general public and decision-makers (judges, politicians, lawyers, etc.) around the world. It is based on testimonies collected at the ILGA (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Association) World Conference in Los Angeles, as well as during the Pride parade in Paris and Berlin alongside Amnesty International Germany and Let’s Walk Uganda.



@Laure Boulabaza



@Emilie Fournier

An ECPM delegation attended the most recent congress of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Association (ILGA), in Los Angeles in May 2022.



FOCUS ON THE UNITED STATES



Eight young activists meeting at Southern Methodist University where they heard moving testimonies from John Lucio, son of Melissa Lucio, and Debra Milke, a former death row prisoner.

The Abolition Now Tour stops off in Texas

Texas was a major stop on the **AbolitionNowTour**, with the aim of mobilising young Americans. It was a week of emotion and sharing, starting at South Methodist University in Dallas with law professor Rick Halperin, Debra Milke, a former death row prisoner (23 years in prison in Arizona, released in 2015) and John Lucio, son of Melissa Lucio, whose scheduled execution date two weeks later was finally suspended pending a retrial.

ECPM Director Raphaël Chenuil-Hazan discussed abolition with students from Houston’s Awty International School at a ground-breaking conference-debate and took part in an anti-death penalty symposium organised by Lamar University’s law centre to bring an international perspective to the US debate.



Debra Milke (centre) with John Lucio and his partner.



TRIBUTE TO HANK SKINNER

On 16 February 2023, Hank Skinner died in Gavelston Hospital in Texas after complications arising from a brain tumour. Hank had spent almost 28 years on death row in solitary confinement, allowed out of his cell for no more than an hour a day. He was facing an execution date for the fourth time, scheduled for September 2023. He fought fervently for years, supported from the outside by his wife Sandrine Ageorges-Skinner and his lawyers, to clear his name. Accused of a triple homicide, he maintained his innocence until the very end.

ECPM has been supporting Hank in France since 2009, organising fundraising events and mobilising the press to highlight the injustice he suffered. We think back now to 24 March 2010, 13 years ago, when Hank Skinner was due to be executed in the notorious Huntsville prison in Texas. We will always remember that evening when we all gathered on the Place de la Concorde in Paris, in front of the US Embassy, a few hours before Hank Skinner’s scheduled execution, and we continued to hope despite the ticking clock. Sandrine, who was a member of our Board of Directors at the time, was with us live from Texas. She was as confident as ever. French actress Lou Doillon came to give us her support, and activists, supporters and other partners of ECPM were all there, shouting their indignation. That day Hank survived only 23 minutes of way from execution. More recently, he addressed the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty last November in a letter read by Sandrine.

ADVOCACY

INTENSIFYING ADVOCACY IN ASIA

In 2022, advocacy was intensified with the authorities on the new penal code reforming the application of the death penalty in Malaysia, and the bill abolishing the mandatory death penalty in Indonesia.

In the run-up to the Malaysian bill being tabled in parliament, ADPAN and ECPM organised a national conference in Kuala Lumpur, bringing together local and regional stakeholders, as well as a series of advocacy meetings in parliament and at Suhakam (the Malaysian Human Rights Commission).

In Indonesia, KontraS organised a series of meetings with members of parliament to call for further revision of the chapter on the death penalty in the penal code, widely criticised by abolitionist groups, or at the very least to provide guarantees.

The law abolishing the mandatory death penalty in Malaysia was passed in April 2023. The new penal code was adopted by the Indonesian parliament in December 2022.



Advocacy meeting at the Malaysian Parliament (Kuala Lumpur, July 2022).

CAMEROON AND DRC: THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

The year 2022 was rich in action and progress for our African partners. Thanks to the work carried out as part of the partnership with ECPM, Droits et Paix succeeded in lifting the taboo on the issue of the death penalty in Cameroon. An unprecedented rapprochement also took place with Cameroon's Human Rights Commission, and a network of Cameroonian parliamentarians against the death penalty was created. In DRC, CPJ undertook numerous actions, both with lawyers and civil society. The network of Congolese parliamentarians against the death penalty took a major step forward by drafting an abolitionist bill to be presented to the Senate in 2023.



Parliamentary round table co-organised by ECPM, CPJ and the network of Congolese parliamentarians against the death penalty, at the Kinshasa Parliament in September 2022.



Raphaël Galea, Vice-President of the Human Rights Commission of Cameroon, speaks to journalists after the workshop on the Commission's role in abolition of the death penalty (Yaoundé, October 2022).

MOROCCO Actors remain mobilised

ECPM and its partners in Morocco met the Minister of Justice on several occasions and organised various meetings with members of parliament in Morocco. In June 2022, a written question was submitted by one of the Network's parliamentary members to the government. ECPM and its partners in Morocco submitted a joint alternative report ahead of Morocco's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in October 2022. ECPM, the Moroccan Coalition against the Death Penalty and the Observatoire marocain des prisons (OMP) conducted advocacy in Rabat and Geneva to ensure that recommendations on the death penalty are taken into account in the UPR process.

On 18 March 2022, the Moroccan Coalition Against the Death Penalty (CMCPM), in partnership with OMP and ECPM, organised a national and Maghreb regional conference in Rabat on **"Legislative mechanisms and prospects for the abolition of the death penalty in Morocco and the Maghreb"**. The event was attended by more than one hundred participants. Journalists attending the event ensured media coverage, leading to more than 10 articles published in the national online press. The first panel addressed the prospects for abolition in the context of the ongoing penal reform in Morocco and was moderated by Dr Mohammed Ayatt, international expert and former member of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. The second panel extended the theme addressed by the first panellists to the Maghreb region and was moderated by Ms Khadija Rougani, member of the national bureau of the Network of Lawyers Against the Death Penalty.

In October, ECPM and its partners in Morocco supported and participated in the launch of a Network of Entrepreneurs Against the Death Penalty, a global first.



ECPM and CMCPM meeting representatives of the Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights in Rabat.

@CNDH Maroc



Press conference in Rabat to mark the 20th World Day against the Death Penalty.

To mark World Day Against the Death Penalty, ECPM worked with CMCPM, OMP, the National Human Rights Council (CNDH) and various networks in Morocco to organise a press conference that received extensive coverage in the national media.

@UPT Larache



Students from the Polydisciplinary Faculty in Larache attend a seminar on the right to life organised by the UPT Larache association as part of the third-party funding scheme. For 10% of the 110 participants, it was the first time they had heard about the death penalty.

ECPM and OMP also supported the implementation by 4 associations of micro-projects to mark World Day Against the Death Penalty. With the objective of strengthening the national abolitionist movement beyond the capital, support focussed on participatory awareness-raising workshops on the death penalty held in the municipalities of Fès, Akka Ighan, as well as at Larache University.

ADVOCACY

Mauritania: A major first

In March 2022, ECPM and the Association mauritanienne des droits de l'homme (AMDH), its partner in Mauritania, organised their first national conference in Nouakchott. The conference, which focused on "sexual violence and the death penalty", was part of the "Strengthening progress towards abolition of the death pen-

of the Association des Femmes Chefs de familles.

Other speakers included academics and sociologists such as Dr Idrissa Demba Korera, and a representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The conference was structured around 4 round tables on: international commitments to protect women's rights and make progress towards abolition of the death penalty; the non-deterrent effect of the death penalty; legislative reform processes to fight violence against women; and alternatives to the death penalty in combating violence against women.



National conference on "sexual violence and the death penalty" organised by AMDH and ECPM in Nouakchott, Mauritania.

alty" project, co-financed by the French Development Agency (AFD) and Norway. **Approximately fifty people attended the event, and three national television stations were present to provide media coverage. The conference was opened by Fatimata M'Baye, President of AMDH, Aminata Niakaté, President of ECPM and the Secretary General of the National Human Rights Council (CNDH).** International experts including Aissetou Kante, President of the Child Rights Commission of the Association des femmes juristes du Sénégal (AFJS) and President of the Rufisque Court of First Instance, and Chokri Latif, President of the Tunisian Coalition against the Death Penalty, also attended the event.

They were joined by lawyers including Mr Bah, and parliamentarians including Mariam Baba Sy, President of the Network of Women Parliamentarians, and Dr Khalil Ould Dedde, as well as representatives of civil society, including Brahim Bilal, President of the Sahel Foundation, and Aminetou Mint Mocktar, President



ECPM and AMDH meeting the Director of Judicial Protection (Children) at the Ministry of Justice in Nouakchott (March 2022).

TUNISIA: STRONG MOBILISATION DESPITE A DIFFICULT CONTEXT

ECPM and the Tunisian Coalition against the Death Penalty (CTCPM) submitted a joint alternative report in the run-up to Tunisia's Universal Periodic Review in October 2022. ECPM also supported the participation of the CTCPM President in the UPR presession organised by UPR-Info in Geneva. ECPM and CTCPM conducted advocacy in Geneva and Tunis to ensure that recommendations on the death penalty were taken into account during the UPR process.

Despite a difficult context, ECPM and CTCPM managed to organise two training seminars for actors in the penal chain.

On 14 and 15 May 2022, CTCPM and ECPM organised their first strategic seminar for stakeholders in the criminal justice system on the death penalty, as part of their joint project "Strengthening progress towards abolition of the death penalty in the Maghreb". Over a period of two days, judges and prosecutors, lawyers, emeritus university professors, a psychologist and NGO representatives listened to various presentations on specific subjects relating to the role of actors in the penal chain and the death penalty, and were able to interact or work together during practical exercises.



Performance of "Laila Zaraq - Nuit Blanche" by the company Les Artistes.

On 15 and 16 October 2022, CTCPM, in collaboration with ECPM, the Organisation Against Torture in Tunisia (OCTT) and the Danish Institute Against Torture (Dignity), organised another seminar as a follow-up to the first training course for actors in the penal chain in Tunisia, in May 2022, with the aim of setting up a network of lawyers against the death penalty. Twenty-three participants, including lawyers, legal experts and a psychologist, came together over two days to discuss the link between torture and the death penalty, and worked on drawing up a charter for the creation of a lawyers' network.

The meeting was marked in particular by the participation of the Secretary General of the Tunisian Bar Association, the first Bar to be represented at an activity organised by CTCPM and ECPM, who announced his commitment to continuing to organise joint actions.



Chokri Latif, CTCPM President, and Sondes Garbouj, psychologist and expert in human rights and the fight against violence.



Mathilde Millier, in charge of ECPM's international programmes, handing out roles for young participants to take on in role-play exercises.

STRENGTHEN

Regional Seminar in Kenya



Regional seminar on abolition of the death penalty in East Africa, in Nairobi (May 2022).

ECPM and Crime Si Poa organised a regional seminar on the death penalty in Nairobi on 30 and 31 May 2022, with a particular focus on East Africa. The aim of the seminar, the first of its kind in the region, was to facilitate exchanges between abolitionist actors from six countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon, DRC and Sierra Leone. With the exception of Sierra Leone, which has

been abolitionist since October 2021, the countries represented had not yet taken steps to abolish the death penalty, although they applied moratoriums and had made some progress. The seminar provided an opportunity to highlight the region's achievements and to discuss abolitionist strategies to be developed by stakeholders.

Working group "The role of young people in abolition" with members the Abolition Now Tour Kenya at the regional seminar in Nairobi.



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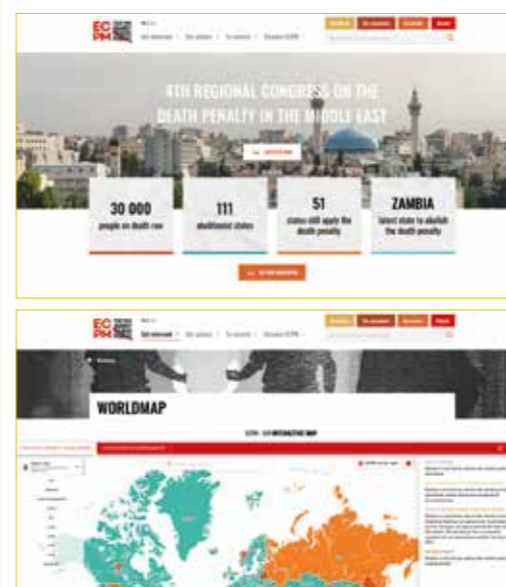
The youth delegations from the Abolition Now Tour met in Berlin to present the work achieved in their respective countries. From conferences to advocacy and theatrical performances, the six groups demonstrated an abundance of creativity.

ABOLITION NOW TOUR IN BERLIN

The Abolition Now Tour campaign continued in 2022 with 3 new workshops: the Indonesia workshop in January 2022 (held remotely), the Lebanon workshop in February, and finally the Texas workshop at the beginning of April. This tour of 6 countries, which began in 2021, has enabled the global project to take shape, giving rise to 6 actions, one in each country. ECPM's coordination of this campaign ended in November 2022 after the 8th World Congress. It lasted 18 months.

In Morocco, the delegation produced an awareness-raising film with people involved in abolition, including a witness. In DRC, young people organised 3 conferences in schools, universities and political fora. In Kenya, the delegation organised 3 conferences for young people in schools and civil society. In Indonesia, the youth delegation set up a social networking campaign calling for abolition. The Lebanese delegation organised a participatory abolition workshop, similar to the one organised by ECPM in Lebanon. Finally, the Texan delegation also opted for a social networking campaign in support of abolition.

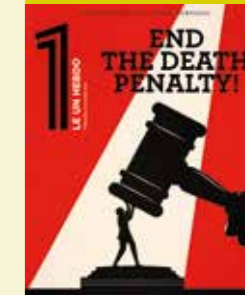
The campaign culminated in the 8th World Congress against the Death Penalty in Berlin, where the young people were invited to share their experiences and express their views at a workshop aimed at capitalising on the actions undertaken. This helped to strengthen the network, encouraging the delegations to pursue actions at the local level and to continue the work of the delegation independently.



ECPM's new website

In November 2022, the organisation's new website went online, after a full year of work and internal reflection. Clearer, more legible and bilingual, it should help to increase the visibility of ECPM's actions on the web and improve referencing. Our new graphic identity has also been fully deployed, with a new colour chart designed to enhance the clarity of our interactive map, among other improvements.

MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS



To mark the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, ECPM, in close collaboration with the magazine *Le 1 Hebdo*, produced a special issue devoted entirely to the struggle for abolition. This special bilingual English-French edition, distributed to congress participants in Berlin, will accompany our teams in the field as a tool for communicating to the general public on the death penalty and the abolitionist community.

Finally, the *France Médias Monde Group* (FMM) was one of the key partners of the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, with an advertising campaign broadcast on *France 24* and *RFI*. They also relayed the messages of several ECPM special guests present in Berlin during the Congress.



TEACH

Raising awareness in schools

SLAM COMPETITION



Sam Guillome, alias Nemo, winner of the "Ensemble, slamons l'abolition" competition, Bar El Camino, Caen.

ECPM, in partnership with Ligue Slam de France and Institut international des droits de l'homme et de la paix (2IDHP), challenged young people aged 14 to 20 to write and perform a slam in front of the camera to make a case against the death penalty. They had two minutes to convince a jury of experts committed to abolishing the death penalty, through the poetry of their words and their message in favour of universal abolition. A prize-giving ceremony was organised in June at a Slam evening in Caen, in partnership with the Valgoude association. The event was a huge success, with slammers from all backgrounds taking to the stage to slam against capital punishment.

In 2022, our activities reached nearly 3,500 young people, mainly in the Île-de-France, Normandy and Auvergne Rhône-Alpes regions. Seven key witnesses (former death row prisoners and lawyers) agreed to talk about their painful experience of the cruelty of capital punishment.

They spoke at a series of educational presentations, including one specifically focussed on freedom of expression and religion, and the violation of these fundamental rights by death sentences imposed for charges of apostasy and blasphemy.



Ndume Olatushani, a former death row prisoner in the United States, at an educational presentation organised by ECPM's Teach team at the Collège Marcel Pagnol in Monsault.

Several classes who expressed an interest in exploring the subject further, were given more specific support: class projects, screenings and debates, theatrical performances, etc.

In some cases, this led to the production of collective resources such as podcasts.



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Awareness-raising workshops were organised at the Radialsystem during the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Berlin. Dozens of young people took part.

PEACE SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAEN



Around twenty young people from all over the world took part in the latest edition of the Peace Summer School at the University of Caen.



Death penalty and peace

In June, ECPM and Institut international des droits de l'homme et de la paix (2IDHP) co-organised the 21st Peace Summer School at the University of Caen on the theme "Death Penalty and Peace". Over the week, around twenty young French-speaking people from all over the world took part in a series of activities designed to encourage

them to reflect in depth on the death penalty and its impact on human rights. The fast-paced programme included conferences, role-play exercises, case study scenarios, training sessions, personal accounts and enabled students to compare points of view and build their own case for the universal abolition of the death penalty.

TEACHING ABOLITION INTERNATIONAL NETWORK (RIEA)



RIEA's stand at the 8th World Congress against the Death Penalty in Berlin.

In addition to the educational initiatives carried out by its members in their respective countries, the RIEA held its annual meeting in Berlin, in conjunction with the 8th Congress. This high point in the life of the Network was an opportunity to review individual activities, but also to affirm the collective ambitions of its members and to envisage stronger partnerships by pooling educational tools and methodologies. Two new organisations, approached on the basis of their interests and experience in the field and existing links with other members, joined the Network with a view to consolidating the links between them: Crime si poa in Kenya and 2IDHP in France.

THE ASSOCIATION

Pride parade

Once again, ECPM was present to roll out the banner of its “Love is not a crime” campaign, alongside tens of thousands of participants at the Paris Pride parade, on Saturday 25 June, organised by the association Inter-LGBT.

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The ECPM team cheerfully mobilised at the latest Paris Pride parade, with many of the association's volunteers.



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Fête de l'Huma: ECPM volunteers lead the way

As in previous years, ECPM took part in the *Fête de l'Humanité*, a key moment of activism for the abolitionist community, which was shared with the Libérons Mumia Collective. Volunteers, members of the association and of the Board of Directors were on hand to raise awareness among youth and adult participants on abolition of the death penalty, in a festive atmosphere conducive to discussion.



Our governance

ECPM's governance structure comprises members, volunteers and employees, steered by quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors, monthly meetings of the Executive Board and an Annual General Meeting. Robert Badinter is the association's Honorary President.



Robert Badinter,
Honorary President



Aminata Niakaté,
ECPM President



Véronique Mary,
Treasurer



Emmanuel
Maistre



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Marie Doucet-
Lechantre



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Board of Directors

Aminata Niakaté Aminata has been a lawyer at the Paris Bar since 2010 and is committed to equality and human rights issues. She currently chairs the Parity-Equality Commission of the National Union of Liberal Professions. She is highly involved in her profession and chaired the Equality Commission of the National Bar Council between 2018 and 2020. Since November 2020, she has been President of ECPM, where she has been active since 2009.

Véronique Mary From the moment she became politically aware, Véronique Mary was deeply convinced of the need to abolish the death penalty. It was after signing the ECPM petition in *Télérama* in 2000 that she decided to become more active and joined the association. She is a member of the Board of Directors, and was Treasurer from 2003 to 2019, a position she has held again since 2021. As a pharmacist, she conducted research for 30 years in neuropharmacology, and now focuses on pharmacovigilance.

Emmanuel Maistre A journalist by profession, at the age of 16 Emmanuel Maistre joined a group within the association Action des chrétiens pour l'abolition de la torture et de la peine de mort (ACAT). Later, combining his activism with his profession, he joined ECPM as editorial manager and then coordinator of the World Congress against the Death Penalty in Paris in 2007. For several years, he was also Secretary General of the association. He has two children and is currently editorial manager at Secours Catholique.

Edmond-Claude Frety is a lawyer at the Paris Bar, former secretary at the Paris Bar Conference, former member of the Paris Bar Council and lecturer at the Paris Bar School (EFB). His practice focuses on litigation, mainly in the areas of business law, intellectual property law and criminal law applied to new technologies. He joined the ECPM Board of Directors in June 2022.

Marie Doucet-Lechantre has been a human rights activist since her teenage years, and is a specialised teacher and trainer in the French national education system. She joined the fight for universal abolition of the death penalty with ECPM ten years ago, and became a member of its Board of Directors in 2020. She has four children and is a member of the Board of the Centre Contre les Manipulations Mentales.

Laurent Duarte is an activist and the Executive Secretary of the Turn the Page movement, which brings together more than 250 organisations in Africa and Europe to promote democracy and human rights. Formerly coordinator of the International Human Rights Film Festival, he has been a director of ECPM since 2020.

Emmanuel Oudar is director of an events and communications SME in the Paris region. He is one of the long-serving pillars of the association, demonstrating an unwavering commitment for over 21 years. He has been contributing his expertise to the organisation since the beginning of the ECPM adventure and has been a member of the Board since 2004.

Richard Sédillot graduated from the Institute of Comparative Law at the University of Paris II. He has been involved in major political, criminal and family law cases. He has represented clients and provided legal assistance in numerous foreign courts, as well as the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, the European Court of Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. He has been a member of the Board since 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Rigorous management

ECPM is committed to financial management in accordance with the strict rules laid down by its donors and public authorities. To this end, the accounting firm Doucet & Beth is in charge of approving the association's accounts. Their expertise is supplemented by the certification of the accounts by KPMG, which verifies the proper use of funds, in accordance with the association's missions.

In 2022, ECPM's resources amounted to €3,118 k. ECPM's actions are mainly supported by France (government, public donors and development agency-AFD), abolitionist governments (Norway, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Principality of Monaco), and IGOs (EU, OIF).

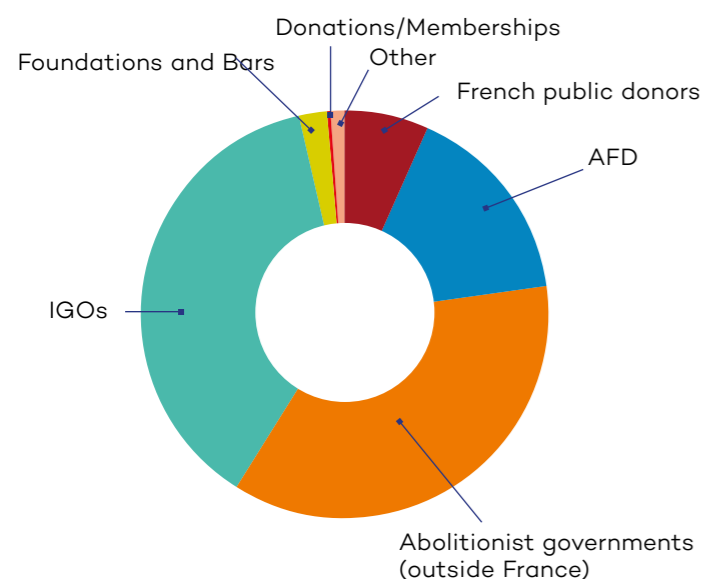
An increase in operations

The year 2022 was marked by the preparation and holding of the 8th World Congress, as well as by international and educational projects. The operating costs of these initiatives consist mainly of travel expenses and fees for various services (venues, communica-

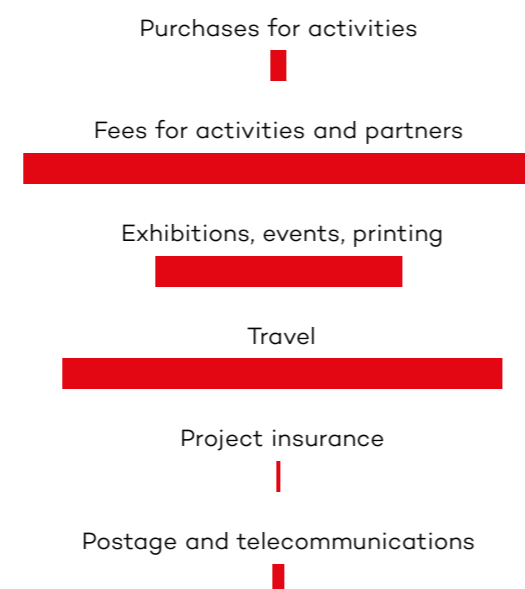
tion, production of communication and educational material, etc.). Structural costs remain limited, representing less than 5% of total expenses.

The 2022 accounts are balanced with a slight surplus of around € 16 k.

Type of resources 2022



Type of operating expenses 2022



ECPM acts to promote the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



4 QUALITY EDUCATION

Our educational actions come under **Goal 4**: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Goal 4.7: By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for [...] human rights, [...] promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence [...].



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

The death penalty is discriminatory at both the economic and social level. Our activities contribute to the implementation of **Goal 10**: Reduce inequalities within and among countries.

Goal 10.3: Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard.

Goal 10.4: Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality.



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Our work to promote the universal abolition of the death penalty is fully in line with **Goal 16**: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Goal 16.2: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

Goal 16.3: Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Our inclusive and federating action concerning all abolitionist actors (politicians, civil society, NHRIs, media, economic actors or those involved in education) come under **Goal 17**: Partnerships for the Goals.

ECPM thanks all its teams: employees, interns, voluntary workers and volunteers and who work every day to advance our common cause.

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PARTNERS

OUR NETWORKS

ECPM plays a key role in structuring and galvanising the human rights sector. The association is a founding member of the Plateforme droits de l'homme, which provides trade union advocacy to defend the sector. ECPM's Executive Director chairs the Platform. ECPM is involved in the World Coalition against the Death Penalty as a founding member, participating in the Steering Committee and various working groups to strengthen the global reach of the struggle. ECPM plays a leading role in national and regional networks and coalitions against the death penalty in the Maghreb, Central Africa and South-East Asia.



OUR POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS



OUR ASSOCIATIVE PARTNERS



OUR MEDIA PARTNERS FOR THE 8TH WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY



“We, political prisoners, live in a prison where the shadow of the death penalty hangs over us (...) Being threatened with death in the solitude of a cell is not that far from actual execution.”

Narges Mohammadi
Iranian activist
against the death penalty
and 6 other activists
held in Evin prison
in Iran.

