After the terrible tragedy which killed almost one hundred citizens, elected and representatives of Poland we want to express our sincere sympathy and our sadness.

Among the victims is Izabela Jaruga-Nowacka, a left wing politician and declared feminist who worked without respite for equality between women and men, for neutral state and social justice. For her persevering fight dedicated to human LGBT rights she received the Rainbow Award "For courage in promoting views and supporting initiatives serving to overcome intolerance and the limitations of society."

European Feminist Initiative had the privilege to collaborate with Izabela Jaruga Nowacka on both local and European level for women rights, especially for reproductive rights. We received her support for IFE-EFI’s European Appeal for free abortion "Alicja’s fight is our fight".

Her death is a great loss, a loss for our cause, a loss for the feminist and democratic movement in Poland and in Europe.

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On behalf of the European Coordination

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