



Association „EAPN-Latvia”

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Operational basis of the organization

EAPN-Latvia (The title in Latvian may be used as Latvian Anti-poverty Network. From 28th of June 2014 EAPN-Latvia is a full-fledged member organization of the international non-governmental organization *The European Anti-Poverty Network* (EAPN). It does continue the operation of the Latvian Anti-poverty network informally established in November 2009. The objective, working in European Network against poverty, is to work for socially secure Latvia, free of poverty and social abandonment where economic, social and cultural rights are accessible for everyone.

EAPN-Latvia is established by 7 non-governmental organizations on 9th of October 2013, the official operation was commenced from 4th of November 2013, reg. No. 50008216821. From 4th of September EAPN-Latvia has obtained the status of public benefit organization.

Activity report of 2013

There were 15 member organizations with more than 2000 individual members registered in the network of EAPN on 31st of December.

Within a period from 20th November to 31st of December EAPN-Latvia implemented EAPN co-financed project “European Minimum Income Network” in Latvia with the contractual amount of 11920,00 EUR. From 9th to 10th of December the Member of the board of EAPN Latvia Elīna Ālere-Fogele represented the management of the project in EMIN conference in Paris, France.

In this year EAPN-Latvia commenced the cooperation with The Ministry of Welfare (representatives in Committee on coordination of social inclusion policy and Gender equality committee), as well as signed cooperation memorandum with Riga Council.

From 26th to 27th of November Member of the board Sandra Rubene represented EAPN-Latvia within a national delegation in the 3rd Social Platform Convent in Brussels, Belgium.
Financial turnover 2013 EUR 6189,00 (LVL 4349,49).

Activity report of 2014

There were 21 member organizations and 4 associated member organization with a total number of individual members of 3500 registered in the network of EAPN on 31st of December.

On 11th of November EAPN-Latvia became one of the establishers of Latvian Child Welfare Network. Liene Liepiņa was elected to become a Chairwoman of the board. Interests of EAPN-Latvia in new network will be represented by Member of the board Lelde Cālīte.

1) National representative office of EAPN:

On 14th and 15th of March in Warsaw, Poland Member of the board of EAPN-Latvia Elīna Ālere-Fogele participated in the meeting of Executive Committee to present the EAPN-Latvia for an official admission to EAPN.

On 26th and 27th of June in Tallinn, Estonia the meeting of EAPN EXCO (Executive Committee) took place; on 28th of June the General Assembly of EAPN took place, where Chairwoman of the Board of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga took part; from 28th of June Laila Balga is the authorized representative in the Executive Committee of EAPN.

From 1st of July board of EAPN-Latvia authorized Member of the board, representative of the association "Skalbes" Elīna Ālere-Fogele and Chairman of the board of association "PINS" Norberts Snarskis for work in EUISG (Inclusion strategy group of European Union).

3rd – 4th of October in Brussels, Belgium, Norberts Snarskis represented EAPN-Latvia in the meeting of EUISG.

On 13th – 15th of November in Seville, Spain, representative of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga took part in the meeting of EAPN EXCO.

On 13th of November members of EXCO took part in the 20-year jubilee conference of EAPN-Andalusia.

On 28th and 29th of November in Brussels, Belgium, Chairwomen of the board of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga took part in seminar of EAPN program MASS (*Membership Assessment and Support System*).

2) Implementation of the EAPN project:

Within the period from 1st of January to 31st of December EAPN-Latvia implemented in Latvia the EAPN co-financed EMIN project. There were at least 80 participants from 35 member organizations and associated partners of EAPN – Latvia and from 20 state and municipal institutions and educational authorities involved in events thereof. On 22nd of January in Rucava and on 17th of December in Aloja there was a national management meeting held for 30 participants. On 17th of September in Riga there was a national conference held with the official representation office of European Commission in Latvia with a participation of experts from The Ministry of Welfare, EAPN (Lithuania) and EAPN-Denmark.

Within the project there was a National report prepared, the project whereof was submitted to EAPN on 31st of October. On 11th and 12th of December in Brussels Members of the board of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga and Lelde Cālīte participated in the closing conference of EMIN. On 18th of December in Riga experts of EAPN-Latvia presented their guidelines and the draft of the synthesized report to the Committee on coordination of social inclusion policy of The Ministry of Welfare.

3) Projects of member organizations of EAPN-Latvia:

On 9th of July EAPN-Latvia submitted the application to Riga Council on establishment of Education, culture and sports centre of Non-governmental organizations in Latgale suburb.

In July-September the Association of development of Latgale suburb (ALPA), managed by Baiba Giptere, implemented the project co-financed by IKSD (Department of Education, Culture and Sport) of Riga Council "Maskava suburb – let's do it together!"

On 17th of December in Riga there was formally opened the project co-financed by Nordic Council of Ministers „*Support for Civil Society and Equality in Baltic*”, which will be implemented from 5th of November 2015 to 30th of April in cooperation with partners from Russia (Kaliningrad district), Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Norway, Finland and Sweden by EAPN-Latvia / Women Rights Institute. Planned budgeted for the project EUR 66823,00.

4) Participation of EAPN-Latvia in forums in Latvia, organized by NGO:

On 7th of March Laila Balga, Elīna Ālere-Fogele, Terēzija Mackare and others represented EAPN-Latvia in the discussion "Women. Right to vote. Latvia in Europe", organized by Women Rights Institute and association "Progressive" ("Progresīvie") in House of European Union.

On 25th of April in Riga Society House in conference of "Pro Development" "Signs of social inequality in Latvia as a member state of EU" EAPN-Latvia was represented by Norberts Snarskis and Aivars Lasmanis.

From 30th of April to 1st of May representative of EAPN-Latvia Staņislava Poče participated in women forum in Jūrmala, organized by Cooperation Network of Latvian Women Non-governmental organizations.

On 2nd of May Laila Balga represented EAPN-Latvia in the jubilee event of creativity club "Liepale" in Aloja.

On 19th of May EAPN-Latvia and member organizations thereof were represented in forum of Saeima and NGO "Involvement. Sustainability. Innovations", which was held in Riga.

On 17th of June representatives of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga and Norberts Snarskis participated in seminar of the project "Addict: de jure and de facto" of foundation "NOVA VITA" co-financed by Society integration foundation.

On 18th of June there were events held of the Association of development of Latgale suburb (ALPA) of project co-financed within the Social Integration Program of IJSD (Department of Education, Youth and Sport) of Riga Council "Maskava suburb – let's do it together!", hosted by Baiba Giptere.

On 21st of June Chairwoman of the board of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga took part in the event organized for youth and children of Ukraine in NGO House in Riga, which took place within the festival "Ukraine days in Baltic Sea".

On 3rd of September representatives of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga and Norberts Snarskis took part in seminar "Cooperation opportunities of NGO sector with a Probation Service", organized by Riga NGO Centre in cooperation with State Probation Service.

On 5th of September Chairwoman of the board of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga took part in the meeting of the secretariat of Latvian Presidency in European Council in EU House in Riga.

On 27th of September Chairwoman of the board of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga took part in the arrangement dedicated to events in Ukraine organized by Ukraine youth and children centre in Latvia (Chairwoman of the board Olga Berga) and association "Ukraine-Latvia" (Member of the board Vitalijs Olijenčuks), which were held with a participation of the poet Anastasija Dmitruka (poem-song "We will never be brothers").

On 30th of September in Riga Member of the board of Varakļāni association "Adult development project" Staņislava Poče represented EAPN-Latvia in the awards event on Gender equality, organized by Cooperation Network of Latvian Women Non-governmental organizations (Chairwoman of the board Inete Ielīte).

On 17th of October in Riga Member of the board of EAPN-Latvia Lelde Cālīte took part in seminar "Investment in children in Latvia: Political Instruments of EU and financing opportunities", organized by *EU Alliance for Investing in children*.

On 24th of October Laila Balga in Riga, in Latvian Academy of Arts took part in the opening of the expo "To be a woman", held within the project of Society integration foundation, Resource centre for women "Marta", association "Leader" ("Līdere"), Ministries of Welfare and Finance, co-financed by EU Progress program.

From 24th to 28th of October in Riga there was a Creation festival of Ukraine youth "Baltic dawn" held, organized by Ukraine youth and children centre in Latvia (Chairwoman of the board Olga Berga).

On 12th of November representatives of EAPN-Latvia Staņislava Poče and Norberts Snarskis took part in the conference "European Social Foundation – for You!", organized by State Chancellery.

On 20th of November representatives of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga, Baiba Giptere, Terēzija Mackare, Valija Eize and Aivars Lasmanis took part in Forum of Riga Council "Riga rolls – residents speak, think and do!", held in Latvian National library.