ASSOCIATION

"EAPN - Latvia"

ARTICLES

The Articles were approved by the Founding Assambley Riga, 9th October 2013

Amendments to the Articles were done by the Member Assambley Riga, 14th March 2018

- 1. The title of the association shall be EAPN-Latvia (hereinafter reffered to as Association).
- 2. The Association shall be continuation of operation of the informal Latvian Anti Poverty Network, which was founded on 17th November 2009 in Riga.
- 3. The aim of the Association shall be working as a part of the European Anti Poverty Network to work on socially safe Latvia, free from poverty and social exclusion, and where economic, social and cultural rights shall be available for all.
- 4. The Association, in order to achieve the aim set in it's Statutes, in all areas shall respect gender equality and shall not allow any kind of discrimination, will:
 - foster and improve operational effectiveness of those organizations, which fight poverty and prevent social exclusion;
 - raise public awareness on issues connected with poverty and social exclusion;
 - provide opportunities for people living in poverty and social exclusion to improve their wellbeing;
 - lobby interests of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion and organizations connected with the issue mentioned.
- 5. The Association, in order to achieve the aim set in it's Statutes, shall organize public operation which shall not be in contravesion with the Law.
- 6. The Association shall have the right to involve persons in voluntary work, which shall be focused to achieve the aim set in the Association's Statutes.
- 7. The term of operation of the Association shall not be fixed.
- 8. A legal entity registered in the territorry of Latvia under the Law of the Republic of Latvia, which undertakes to respect these Articles, and to pay mamber's fee, may become a member of the Association.

Each member of the Association under the rules fixed it it's Articles shall entitle one representative to participate in the forundation meeting and in other meetings of members.

- 9. The resolution regarding admission of a member into the Association shall be approved by the Board of the Association. Mambership of a member in the Association terminates with the quitting or withdrawal from the Association. A member may be excluded from the Association by the resolution of the Member's Assambley. Such a resolution shall not be a subject of appeal.
- 10. Members of the Organization may operate in other democratic organizations as well.
- 11. Rights of a member of the Association:
 - ✓ freely express one's opinion during the meetings, to put forward and discuss proposals;
 - ✓ according to these Articles to present the Association's activities in mass media;
 - ✓ participate in the elections of the Association, to stand as a candidate and promote other candidates, to be entitled to be elected in a leading possition;
 - ✓ require and receive full information regarding operation of the Association;
 - ✓ participate in consideration of the issues regarding member's own operation in the Association;
 - ✓ require for assistance of the Board of the Association, while exercising the rights and legal interests;
 - ✓ withdrow from the Association, submitting a written notification to the Board of the Association.

- 12. The obligations of the member of the Association shall be as follows:
 - ✓ to be accountable regarding Associations reputation, respect and dignity;
 - ✓ to respect these Articles, to comply with the decisions of the member's meetings;
 - ✓ to support and participate in the events organized by the Association;
 - ✓ to pay the membership fee timely;
 - ✓ to support implementation of the tasks of the Associatio by participation.
- 13. The operation of the Association shall be co-ordinated by the supreme governing body which shall be the assambley of the members, which shall be convened once a year.

The executive board shall convene a members' meeting immediately (without undue hesitation) if so requested in writing, indicating the reason for the convening, by not less than one tenth of the members. If the executive board does not convene the member's meeting, the members who require the member's meeting to be convened, may independently convene the member's meeting, forasmuch the ordinary procedure of convening the meetings.

The assembley of the members shall be held at quorum, if more than one of the half of the representatives of Association's member organizations are present. The resolutions of the member's meetings shall be approved by simple majority of the present members, by open voting, nevertheless members meeting shall not take a different decision.

- 14. The Members' Assembley fixes ammount of the membership fee as well as shall approve the symbols of the Association.
- 15. The governing authority of the Association shall be the Board, which conducts and represents the Association. The Board which consists of five Board Members shall be elected by the Members' Assambley for a period of five years. The Board shall be conducted by the Chairperson of the Board elected by the Board Members.

The Chairperson of the Board shall be entitled to represent the Association separately. The remaining Board Members shall be entitled to represent the Association jointy together with another Board Member.

- 16. The Board members shall jointy and severally be responsible for the damage which might be arised due to their fault.
- 17. The control and supervision over financial and economic activity of the Association shall be The Auditor shall conduct the inner audit of the properties and funds, submits his opinion regarding the annual budget and the Annual Report of the Association, and assesses operational quality of book-keeping and record-keeping.

The Auditor prforms the audit according to the deadlines set by the Members' Assambley, but at least once in a year. The Auditor is entitled to take decisions which are under his competence.

Authorised representative of the Association:

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