



## Equal opportunities – a way to social welfare

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### Project report summary

The project was implemented in the Baltic Sea region by 8 NGOs from Latvia, Kaliningrad region, Belarus, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Denmark and Norway. The Status Report is prepared for the period 01/11/2019 – 30/04/2020, during which the relevant activities were performed and planned to be performed; then it was not possible to continue the activities due to the emergency situation in the Baltic.

With the Activity 2, that took place 22-23 November 2019 in Riga, the understanding of the role of civil society has deepened and the NGOs' contribution to the strengthening of equal opportunities for women and men has been empowered by using the EPSR and other social rights' instruments: WRI project opening, the conference "Reference Budgets and reducing inequalities. Ready?" and the Partner Meeting of NGO experts and decision makers on project objectives was organized by WRI. 16 experts from all partner organizations, 6 decision-makers and 18 NGO participants from Latvia participated in Riga's meetings.

On January-February a seminar of NGO participants and decision-makers on EPSR was planned to be organized in Kaliningrad, Russia as Activity 3; the dates of 18-20 March 2020 were approved. The implementation of the Activity 3 did not take place due to the above circumstances.

Dissemination of the project information and results was provided by 1) the WRI section of the website [http://www.eapn.lv/baltic\\_project\\_3/](http://www.eapn.lv/baltic_project_3/); 2) <https://www.facebook.com/laila.balga/>; 3) monthly newsletter News [http://www.eapn.lv/par\\_mums.php](http://www.eapn.lv/par_mums.php); informative materials at the meetings in Riga 22-23/11/2019, partners websites <http://pilflet.dk/om-odense-aftenskole/> and <http://www.ptpest.ee/enidp.html>; participation in Latvian TV program (in Russian) 21/11/2019.

Communication between partners has taken place by e-mails.