

Project No. 1020370

Strengthening the NGO network – a tool for social society

EVENT REPORT

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Belarus

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Norway

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will be implemented in the Baltic Sea region by 8 non-governmental organizations from Latvia, Russia (the Kaliningrad Region and Saint-Petersburg), Belarus, Estonia, Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.

The overall objective of this project is to deepen the understanding of the role of civil society and to strengthen the NGO network of the Baltic Sea Region to contribute to the social and health sector for promotion the social security in general by applying the basic principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and other social rights instruments. Planned period 19 months. A one NGO Symposium, 8 seminars/workshops and an evaluation meeting will take place in 9 partner countries in order to implement the project tasks. These activities will improve the knowledge and skills of the target group - 18 NGO experts in the social and health promotion sector - and strengthen the partners' capacity for cooperation and advocacy of topical interests in education institutions, states, or municipality's structures, as well as summarize the NGO experts' conclusions and will provide the dissemination of information within the Region on the role and opportunities of NGO network for social security.

For more information visit: http://www.eapn.lv/baltic_project_4/

INTRODUCTION

The seminar Strengthening the NGO network - a tool for social security's took place in Sweden in Kristianstad 7 March 2022

Agenda

- Welcome and presentation of participants.
- Presentation of the project Strengthening the NGO network - a tool for social security.
- Discussion on social rights and equality.
- Experience and solutions
- Coffee break, networking
- Summing-up

Participants from Unga Funkisar, "Young people from the disability association" participated at the event in Sweden.

CONTENT OF THE MEETINGS

Presentation of the project and its background was done.

The group had discussion about how they perceive Sweden and equal value for all. The participants presented some experiences from their life's.

Answers from the discussion with Young Funkisar

The young people from Unga Funkisar are taming every day with gender equality, they have major obstacles when it comes to the labor market. They feel that they can do adequate work even though they are in a wheelchair.

Usually if they can get a job, it is time-limited and the company receives a grant for their salary, but when the test period is over, the company does not hire them because then they will have to pay a higher part of their salary.

Often companies choose to take advantage of this benefit so people with disabilities usually get a shorter period of work and then they are back to square one again. Disabled people have a compensation from the state, for example, pension or sickness benefit, but if this person could find a job, they do not receive more in salary than they have in contributions. This frustrates them and they feel powerless in this system. They like to work but want to feel like they get their paycheck for good work. Even though they don't benefit financially from working, they still choose to do it for the social part.

Many young disabled people in Kristianstad feel alienated because there are many rules that prevent them from having a good life. For example, in Sweden we have a transport for the disabled that is called "Transport Service" it is like taxis but adapted for wheelchairs. This person must order a week early if they, for example, are going to a doctor or other case this means that they cannot make a trip spontaneously but must always be out in good time.

Young Funkisar wants them to be more visible in society, for example if they got a job in school as a student assistant, they could support students during class time and be available as rest guards. If they had received these jobs, children would have learned to respect all people from an early age and seen that everyone is equal, many children today do not come into close contact with disabled people and then do not get any understanding of disabilities of various kinds.

There are many areas of society that disabled people see as discrimination and that came up during the workshop. Granting the number of assistant hours for those who want to travel somewhere and need escort and assistance. They may only be granted a certain number of hours depending on their personal investigation, and the escort may only work a certain number of hours consecutively. This means that the disabled person cannot travel at, for example, an annual general meeting of their association over a weekend, because the escort is not allowed to stay overnight and the person in question needs help even during the night.

Accessibility to adapted toilet, parking permit, possibilities to enter by wheelchair / permobile in shops and restaurants when there are stairs and not ramp.

We found that disabled people need to be more visible in all contexts.
And more information about this target group.

General overview of the event is that the project and the topic outcomes are very important, and we need to raise awareness of this topic and its issues.
There is a great need for working with this topic and to increase the network.

PHOTOS





POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Some slides from the PowerPoint presentation from the event



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Välkomna
Workshop 7 mars 2022
Unga Funkisar
Kristianstad



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Strengthening the NGO network - ett verktyg för social trygghet

Detta projekt kommer tillsammans med nio partners i åtta länder att utbyta erfarenheter om sociala rättigheter. Projektet pågår i 19 månader och projektet kommer att ha workshops och erfarenhetsutbyte om verktyg som hjälper målgruppen. De som kommer att arbeta med projektet är NGO-anställda och volontärer.

Projektpartnerna är Lettland, Estland, Sverige, Ryssland, Polen, Vitryssland, Norge.

PARTICIPATE LIST

 Attendance List for Workshop: with participants from NGO and Young people from the disability association, Luga Fankisar NORDBEN Project number: 1020370 Date: 2022/08/8 Location: Oštra Vāļģipate 44 Krīstīnstad		
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