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Strengthening the NGO network - a tool for social security

EAPN-Latvia, Association

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SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The project was implemented in the Baltic Sea region by 9 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 was to deepen the understanding of the role of civil society and to strengthen the NGO network of the Baltic Sea Region in order to contribute to the social and health sector for promotion of social security in general by applying the basic principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and other social rights instruments.

An NGO Symposium, 8 seminars and an evaluation meeting took place remotely, as well as at least 70 local workshops were held in the partner countries in order to implement the project tasks. These activities improved the knowledge and skills of the target group – 37 NGO experts in the social and health promotion sector - and strengthened the partners' capacity for cooperation and advocacy of topical interests in educational institutions, state or municipality structures, as well as summarized the NGO experts' conclusions and provided the dissemination of information within the region on the NGO network's role and opportunities for social security.

The project budget was approved in the amount of DKK 572 000 (EUR 76 648); co-funding of the Nordic Council of Ministers DKK 444 150 (EUR 59 516) included.



NGO EXPERTS OF THE PARTNER ORGANISATIONS WERE INVOLVED FROM:

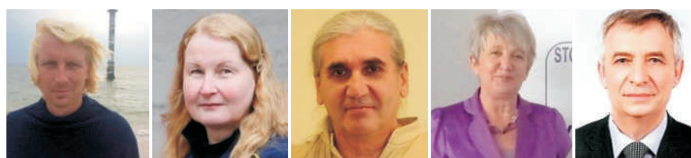
Latvia



Russia (Kaliningrad Region and Saint-Petersburg) and Belarus



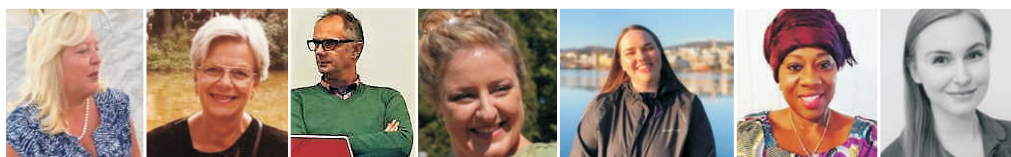
Estonia and Poland



Denmark



Sweden and Norway



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THE NGO EXPERTS' CONCLUSIONS SUMMARY



EAPN-Latvia: Preamble of the European Pillar of Social Rights declaring political will of the European Union to contribute to strengthening more social Europe.



Eesti People to People: The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan outlines concrete actions to further implement the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights as a joint effort by the Member States and the EU, with an active involvement of social partners and civil society. This is an opportunity for Europe to update its social rulebook, while successfully navigating the transformations brought about by new societal, technological and economic developments and by the socio-economic consequences of the pandemic.



B-Creative association: By integrating perspectives on non-discrimination and equal opportunities, we can get one step closer to the goal: A labour market that is accessible to all people on equal terms. When the society makes the best of both men's and women's skills and creativity, this contributes to greater justice and economic growth, among other things.



Velferdsalliansen EAPN Norway: With good non-formal skills assessment in collaboration with the health services and the education system, as well as an assessment of previous practices, a plan can be made for these users, which should result in a vocational training job.



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Eesti People to People: In a modern society, men and women should have equal opportunities to succeed. Any differences between the wages paid to men and women (gender pay gap) are considered to be an essential indicator of the non-existence of equal opportunities.



Stowarzyszenie VESUVIO: The aging of the society becomes an impulse for public authorities and non-governmental organizations to undertake activities aimed at ensuring better quality of life for seniors and active aging in the context of realisation of the objectives of European Pillar of Social Rights.



PSP-Foundation: A key measure to prevent violations of migration and labour laws, falling into the sphere of influence of unscrupulous intermediaries and employers and, as a result, loss of legal status: multilanguage informative materials for migrants for different regions of the country; informative web-resources for migrants and specialists working with them.



EAPN-Latvia: Strengthening the capacity, skills and a network of different level stakeholders regarding social entrepreneurship.



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Odense Aftenskole: The social enterprise operates providing goods and services for the market in an entrepreneurial and innovative fashion and uses its profits primarily to achieve social objectives.



Stowarzyszenie VESUVIO: The tasks for NGO is to support for educational, cultural and tourist activities to cover the needs of the elderly. And on the other hand: strengthening the potential and contribution of NGO.



Foundation INTERAKCIA: It is necessary to consider the issue of additional state support for organizations whose property is owned by public associations of people with disabilities, in terms of strengthening the productivity of their activities, as well as developing social, sports and recreational facilities, etc.



EAPN-Latvia: The problem is that the NGO sector cover the costs of its administration in order to achieve the goals set out in the statutes. They do not have enough membership fees and donations, and the state or municipal funding, as well as the funding of the European Commission is limited.



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