



## Strengthening the NGO network – a tool for social society

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## Project report summary

Category	The project is delivering	Comments
Quality	as expected	<p>The project had deepened understanding of the role of civil society and strengthens the NGO network of the Baltic Sea Region to contribute to the social and health sector by using the social rights instruments. 9 partners from 8 countries – Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Sweden, Poland, Denmark and Norway - have developed the network by improving 37 experts' knowledge and skills regarding the topical social rights that are being used in cooperation with education institutions, state's or municipality's structures in decision-making, as well as with other local NGOs / NFP and stakeholders. By using the basic principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the exchange of experience the partners have built their capacity in order to positively influence to the social secure policy in the Region, which has supported by the European Commission and the Nordic programs.</p> <p>The quality of the project was diminished by the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic in the period from October 2020 to February 2022, which prevented participants from meeting face-to-face in order to carry out activities in each partner country according to their objectives. In addition, from February 2022, the quality of the project was affected by additional exceptional circumstances related to the war conflict in Europe caused by the Russian Federation and Belarus, as two remote meetings were canceled in March and April 2022 in Kaliningrad and Denmark (with partners from Kaliningrad and Belarus).</p>
Time	as expected	<p>The project implementation time was as expected (19 months).</p> <p>In the period from <u>February 2021 to April 2022</u>, 8 project management meetings were held in remote format, which were attended by 10 managers from partner organizations.</p>



		<p><u>On May 21, 2021</u>, the project partner Eesti People to People (Estonia) organized a project launch webinar - NGO expert seminar. The webinar was attended by 13 participants from organizations in Estonia, Latvia, Sweden, Norway and Saint-Petersburg.</p> <p><u>On July 13, 2021</u>, the project partner PSP-Foundation (Saint-Petersburg, Russia) organized a webinar - NGO expert seminar. The webinar was attended by 18 participants from organizations in Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Sweden, Norway and Saint-Petersburg.</p> <p><u>On September 8, 2021</u>, the project partner B-Creative Association (Sweden) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar. The webinar was attended by 14 NGO experts from Sweden, Belarus, Norway, Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg and Latvia.</p> <p><u>On September 24, 2021</u>, the project partner Foundation “Interakcia” (Belarus) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar. The webinar was attended by 13 NGO experts from Belarus, Sweden, Saint-Petersburg and Latvia.</p> <p><u>On October 13, 2021</u>, the project partner Velferdsalliansen EAPN-Norway (Norway) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar. The webinar was attended by 11 NGO experts from Norway, Poland, Estonia, Saint-Petersburg and Latvia.</p> <p><u>On February 23, 2022</u>, the project partner Stowarzyszenie “Vesuvio” (Poland) organized a webinar - NGO expert seminar. The webinar was attended by 15 NGO experts from Latvia, Estonia, Sweden, Norway, Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg and Poland.</p> <p><u>On April 27, 2022</u>, the project partner EAPN-Latvia (Latvia) organized a webinar - the project evaluation and closing. The webinar was attended by 11 NGO experts from Estonia, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Belarus, Saint-Petersburg and Latvia.</p> <p>In the period <u>from February 2021 to April 2022</u>, 9 project partners each prepared a plan of 1-8 seminars-workshops and implemented a total at least 70 local activities in their countries. The project partners involved a total of 1140 participants in local workshops.</p>
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Budget	with challenges	<p>The project budget was used in full as planned. However, the amending budget was agreed with the NCM (letters dated 21 May and 19 October 2021). 100% from the total grant DKK 444,150 was used. DKK 66,623 or 15% of the grant was included as pre-funding of EAPN-Latvia. Co-financing of the project partners was provided in the amount of DKK 127,850 (100%). Based on the amendments regarding the organization of webinars the project budget was also amended to take into account the savings in NCM funding previously planned for trips to the partner countries. The project included relevant activities for the period from January 2021 to April 2022 - local workshops, with equal funding for each partner from these travel expenses. The planned local travel expenses were used for the project information distribution.</p>
Objectives	as expected	<p>The objectives of this project achieved by implementing the following tasks: 1) improving the knowledge on the principles of the EPSR and other social rights instruments with the experience in Estonia, Russia, Latvia, Belarus, Sweden and Norway; 2) improving the knowledge on the previous experience of partner organizations in cooperation with education institutions, state's and municipality's structures in the social and health sector; 3) strengthening the built NGO network of the Baltic Sea Region to contribute to the promotion of the social security in cooperation with NGOs and society in partner countries; 4) summarizing and disseminating of information with conclusions of the NGO experts on the role and opportunities of NGO network in advocacy of interests in the social security policy of the Region.</p> <p>The objectives of the project were achieved as planned, as the partners changed the methods of implementing the activities between January 2021 and April 2022, canceling travel and international meetings. Instead, partners in each partner country, incl. in Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg, Belarus and Denmark, they flexibly rescheduled their activities to local workshops, involving a wide audience of local NGOs / NFPs and stakeholders. The results of the local workshops complemented and largely covered the</p>



		achievement of the project's objectives.
Deliverables	with challenges	<p>Dissemination of project information and results proceeded as planned in 6 partner countries - Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.</p> <p>Information about the content of the project and the achieved results was disseminated both to the participants of the NGO and to the public in general with the main website of the project and social network help. These pages contain the logos of the project sponsor and partner organizations and information about the project. In addition, EAPN-Latvia distributed monthly "News" for use by partner organizations. Resources such as the press, radio and television were partly not used during the project reporting period. Due to the political situation and the war in Europe, and the existing legislation in their countries, the partners from Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg and Belarus had very limited opportunities to disseminate content and visual information about the cooperation in this project. From September 2021, from Belarus there were practically no such opportunities and the management of the partner left its country and continued to coordinate from Georgia.</p>



## 1. PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT, STRATEGIC LINK, OBJECTIVES AND BENEFIT

### a. Amendments

No changes were made to the project's basis, problem, purpose, scope or target group, as well as to the project's strategic links with co-operation programs and the Nordic vision.

### b. Outcomes

The project in period of 19 months had deepened understanding of the role of civil society and strengthened the NGO network of the Baltic Sea Region to contribute to the social and health sector by using the social rights instruments. 9 partners from 8 countries – Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Russia, Belarus, Sweden, Denmark and Norway - have developed the network by improving 37 experts' knowledge and skills regarding the topical social rights that are being used in cooperation with education institutions, state's or municipality's structures in decision-making, as well as with other local NGOs / NFP and stakeholders. The need for this project was determined by the large amount of the population being socially disadvantaged in the Baltic States, Poland, Russia and Belarus. Only strong NGO network, which includes the Nordic countries, could successfully handle the advocacy of these people's interests. By using the basic principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the exchange of experience the partners had built their capacity in order to positively influence to the social secure policy in the Region, which has supported by the European Commission and the Nordic programs. The success of this project has result in change of attitude and activation within NGOs and population.

The participation of partners from the Nordic countries in this project had been mutually beneficial for all partners. Cooperation between EAPN-Latvia and its partners of Russia, Belarus, Estonia and Poland was directly aimed at fostering democracy and protection of social security in the Baltic Sea Region with the help of Nordic countries. The positive experience in the legislative processes that Denmark, Sweden and Norway have was useful in order to comprehensively develop social and health promotion sectors. The proclamation of EPSR in Sweden in 2017 showed the direction of development for the social rights of socially disadvantaged groups, and that is recommended also to Baltic States, Belarus and Russia. The project was focused on increasing the significance and impact of the civil society of Nordic countries by strengthening NGOs and their cooperation with different institutions in each partner country. The expanded participation and exchange of experience within the NGO network has be able to affect the understanding and balanced development of society in the Baltic Sea Region.

EAPN-Latvia and partners maintained the three cross-sectored strategies planned in the project: 1) while planning to increase the influence of NGO network the partners included in project activities the discussions regarding the use of social rights instruments with education, state and municipal institutions that are responsible for the social inclusion of children and young people; as a result the NGO experts summarized and disseminated their conclusions on health care and social security for children and young people both in law and in practice; 2) the sustainability of this project ensured by the stable cooperation between the NGO network organizations with a



common goal – creation of strong social security in the Baltic Sea Region, with getting funding for NGO activities from EU and Nordic funds; 3) the partners unequivocally supported gender equality in society and decision-making, as provided for in the EPSR, and this aspect was observed by ensuring the equal participation of women and men in this project.

The target group of this period consisted 37 experts in the social and health sector who works in 9 partner organizations: EAPN-Latvia, Eesti People to People, PSP-Foundation, Women's Union of the Kaliningrad Region, Foundation INTERAKCIA, Stowarzyszenie VESUVIO, Be-Creative Association, Odense Aftenskole and Velferdsalliansen EAPN-Norway. The objectives of this project have achieved by implementing the following tasks: 1) improving the knowledge on the principles of the EPSR and other social rights instruments with the experience in Estonia, Poland, Russia, Latvia, Belarus, Sweden, Denmark and Norway; 2) improving the knowledge on the previous experience of partner organizations in cooperation with education institutions, state's and municipality's structures in the social and health sector, as well as with other local NGOs / NFP and stakeholders; 3) strengthening the built NGO network of the Baltic Sea Region to contribute to the promotion of the social security in cooperation with NGOs and society in partner countries; 4) summarizing and disseminating of information in a brochure with conclusions of the NGO experts on the role and opportunities of NGO network in advocacy of interests in the social security policy of the Region.

## 2. DELIVERABLES AND ACTIVITIES

### a. Amendments

During the project implementation process, the quality of the project was diminished by the exceptional circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic in the period from October 2020 to February 2022, which prevented participants from meeting face-to-face in order to carry out activities in each partner country according to their objectives. In addition, from February 2022, the quality of the project was affected by additional exceptional circumstances related to the war conflict in Europe caused by the Russian Federation and Belarus, as two remote meetings were canceled in March and April 2022 in Kaliningrad (Activity #9) and Denmark (with partners from Kaliningrad and Belarus) (Activity #2).

The following changes were made to the project regarding the organization of seminars / workshops in webinar format, namely: Activity #3 in Estonia 21/05/2021, Activity #5 in Saint-Petersburg 13/07/2021; Activity #4 in Sweden 08/09/2021; Activity #7 in Belarus 24/09/2021; Activity #8 in Norway 13/10/2021; Activity #6 in Poland 23/02/2022, and Activity #10 in Latvia 27/04/2022.

Based on these amendments regarding the organization of webinars in May 2021 - April 2022, the project budget was also amended to take into account the savings in NCM funding previously planned for trips to Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg, Belarus, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. The partners changed the methods of implementing the activities between January 2021 and April 2022, canceling travel and international meetings. Instead, partners in



each partner country, incl. in Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg, Belarus and Denmark, they flexibly rescheduled their activities to local workshops.

Practicing seminars / workshops in webinar format attracted a larger number of individual participants - NGO experts than planned, i.e. 37 instead of 18.

These amendments have been agreed with the NCM: 15/03/2021 – for a change of partner; 21/05/2021 and 19/10/2021 on the approval of webinars, the inclusion of additional activities (workshops) in the project and amendments to the budget; 26/06/2021 - on the extension of the Status Report deadline until 30/09/2021.

No changes were in the content of the project activities and the planned results. In some cases, the sequence of activities was changed in the project, but this did not affect the achievement of the intended results.

## **b. Outcomes**

### Management meetings

Activity #1. In the period from February 2021 to February 2022, eight project management meetings were held in remote format (10.02.21, 11.02.21, 03.03.21, 06.05.21, 15.06.21, 12.08.21, 09.09.21, 11.02.22), which were attended by 10 managers from partner organizations: Laila Balga, Ruta Pels, Marina Matiunina, Boris Panich, Marina Borisova, Alina Stadnik, Jan Johansen (since 15.05.21), Ingmarie Rohdin, Honoratte Muhanzi and Hans Vodsgaard (until 11.02.21). The webinars discussed and approved the schedule of international activities, tasks for the implementation of local activities, partners' budgets, publicity measures and tasks for dissemination of results. Administrative meetings were organized by EAPN-Latvia, each partner provided a computer and connection to ZOOM to participate in the webinar.

### Activities

#3 On May 21, 2021, the project partner Eesti People to People (Tallinn, Estonia) organized a project launch webinar - NGO expert seminar on the topic "European Pillar of Social Rights and other tools of social rights – Fair working condition. Exchange of experience of NGOs". The webinar was attended by 13 participants from organizations in Estonia, Latvia, Sweden, Norway and Saint-Petersburg. The seminar was moderated by Ruta Pels, President of EPTP, who introduced the project tasks to the participants. Experts from Estonia, Sweden, Norway and Saint-Petersburg gave presentations on the implementation of the EPSR, fair working conditions and gender equality in Estonia, Swedish practices in promoting social security, ensuring a guaranteed minimum income in Norway, and legal employment of migrants and protection of labour rights in Russia.

#5 On July 13, 2021, the project partner PSP-Foundation (Saint-Petersburg, Russia) organized a webinar - NGO expert seminar on the topic "European Pillar of Social Rights and other tools of social rights – Social protection and inclusion. Exchange of experience of NGOs". The webinar was attended by 18 participants from organizations in Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Sweden,





Norway and Saint-Petersburg. The seminar was moderated by Olga Efimova, Project Manager of PSP-Foundation. Experts from Saint-Petersburg, Latvia and Belarus gave presentations on the main tasks in the field of promoting the social and cultural integration of migrants, on social integration of migrants in the legal and socio-cultural context and on inclusive practices in the field of integration of female migrants in Russia, the Latvian experience in strengthening the NGO network, and the rights of persons with disabilities and social integration in Belarus.

#4 On September 8, 2021, the project partner B-Creative association (Bromolla, Sweden) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar on the topic “European Pillar of Social Rights and other tools of social rights – Equal opportunities and access to the labour market. Exchange of experience of NGOs.” The webinar was attended by 14 participants from organizations in Sweden, Latvia, Belarus, Kaliningrad, Saint-Petersburg and Norway. The seminar was moderated by Ingmarie Rohdin, Manager of B-Creative Association. Experts from Sweden, Latvia and Belarus gave presentations on the equal opportunities and access to the labour market in Sweden, Latvia and Belarus.

#7 On September 24, 2021, the project partner Foundation “Interakcia” (Minsk, Belarus) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar on the topic “European Pillar of Social Rights and other tools of social rights – Equal opportunities and access to the labour market. Exchange of experience of NGOs.” The webinar was attended by 13 participants from organizations in Belarus, Latvia, Estonia, Sweden and Saint-Petersburg. The seminar was moderated by Marina Borisova, Project Manager of Interakcia. Experts from Belarus, Latvia, Sweden and Saint-Petersburg gave presentations on the equal opportunities and access to the labour market in Belarus and Sweden, on promotion of gender equality through practices of female migrants’ integration in Russia and on the equal opportunities and access to the labor market in the NGO sector in Latvia.

#8 On October 13, 2021, the project partner Velferdsalliansen EAPN-Norway (Oslo, Norway) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar on the topic "European Pillar of Social Rights and other tools of social rights – Social protection and inclusion. Exchange of experience of NGOs". The webinar was attended by 11 participants from organizations in Norway, Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Saint-Petersburg. The seminar was moderated by Honoratte Muhanzi, Manager of Velferdsalliansen. Experts from Estonia and Latvia gave presentations on gender and fair labour market in Estonia and on the social entrepreneurship for stronger communities in Latvia.

#6 On February 23, 2022, the project partner Stowarzyszenie Vesuvio (Rzeszow, Poland) organized a webinar – NGO expert seminar on the topic "European Pillar of Social Rights and other tools of social rights – Social protection and inclusion. Exchange of experience of NGOs". The webinar was attended by 15 participants from organizations in Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Kaliningrad and Saint-Petersburg. The seminar was moderated by Alina Stadnik, Project Manager of Vesuvio. Experts from Poland and Latvia gave presentations on the European Pillar of Social Rights – social protection and social inclusion for the elderly in Poland, on the strengthening the NGO contribution with the collaboration with the elderly houses – the



examples of good practice of Poland and on the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights in Latvia: governmental position vs. NGO commitment.

#10 On April 27, 2022, the project partner EAPN-Latvia (Riga, Latvia) organized a webinar – the project evaluation meeting and the project closing. Draft brochure of the experts' proposals was represented by EAPN-Latvia. The result dissemination plan was approved by the partners. The webinar was attended by 18 participants from organizations in Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Norway, Sweden, Belarus, Kaliningrad and Saint-Petersburg. The meeting was moderated by Laila Balga, Project Coordinator of EAPN-Latvia.

After each webinar with questionnaires, NGO experts provided their assessment and suggestions regarding the results of the seminar.

### Local workshops

In the period from February 2021 to April 2022, 9 project partners prepared a plan of 1-8 seminars-workshops and implemented local activities in their countries that corresponded to the goals and objectives of the project. The project partners involved a total of 1140 participants in local workshops (Denmark - 239, Belarus - 162, Latvia - 150, Estonia - 132, Norway - 129, Saint-Petersburg - 105, Poland - 101, Sweden - 62, and Kaliningrad - 60). The target groups were formed by NGO staff and volunteers, politicians, decision-makers in state institutions and municipalities, and stakeholders.

In the period from January to August 2021, in these workshops, the partners achieved the following results: 1) strengthened the management capacity of their organization; 2) strengthened NGO networking methods and knowledge of social security in pandemic conditions; 3) increased knowledge on social inclusion and gender equality; 4) increased knowledge about the principles of the ESRP and their implementation in the EU Member States; 6) increased knowledge of social inclusion strategies; 7) raised awareness of the role of employment and education in the process of social inclusion, incl. for young people; 8) increased knowledge for ensuring equality in social and labor law and the right to education; 9) provided knowledge and skills for the protection of the health of the elderly and people with disabilities; 10) raised awareness of child poverty; 11) strengthened contacts and cooperation with politicians, decision-makers and business representatives, and 12) prepared proposals for legislators on issues of ensuring access to health, training and promotion of employment aimed at poverty reduction.

In the period from September 2021 to April 2022, in these workshops, the partners achieved the following results: 1) increased knowledge of the EU's social inclusion policy and strengthening of gender equality; 2) increased knowledge of the 20 basic principles of EPSR and the process of their implementation in the EU; 3) increased knowledge about the provisions of the 14th and 16th principles of EPSR and the impact of health care and minimum income on the maintenance of poverty in vulnerable groups; 4) the social security discussed in post-pandemic time; 5) the focus on climate adaptation actions in the area of public health actualized; 6) awareness of social rights,



social, physical and mental well-being for youth, equal conditions for both sexes in the labor market increased, 7) NGO role discussed about the influence of climate change, aging and senior activities; 8) increased NGO staff skills in the promotion of healthy life for older generation; 9) NGO events disseminated for seniors to be implemented in the local area; 10) evaluation provided about arising NGOs capacity in building social inclusion for disadvantaged groups; 11) increased knowledge of poverty reduction and social inclusion, and advocacy of interests of the poor; 12) increased competencies of NGO staff to organize rehabilitation for the disabled; 13) increased awareness of the current situation and helped to find the right measures to support women - entrepreneurs; 14) the information collected about the situation in post-pandemic time with the aim of strengthening women's networks; 15) the women leadership discussed; 16) the discussions developed to support people to find jobs and get new professions; 17) the discussions developed to support women on the labor market and to improve cooperation between NGOs and the business sector; 18) knowledge about interactive methods of prevention and overcoming xenophobia and discrimination, including among young people; 19) increased knowledge about the role of volunteering; 20) cooperation developed with immigrant, disabled people and young women organizations; 21) the discussions developed and the thematic proposals prepared for the decision-makers; 22) plans prepared on NGO capacity development and support for disadvantaged groups.

#### Results' dissemination and publicity

Dissemination of project information and results proceeded as planned in 6 partner countries - Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Due to the political situation and the war in Europe, and the existing legislation in their countries, the partners from Kaliningrad and Saint-Petersburg had very limited opportunities to disseminate content and visual information about the cooperation in this project, but from Belarus there were practically no such opportunities. However, online communication with EAPN-Latvia and other partner organizations in Russia and Belarus (partly from Georgia) was provided very regularly and in good quality, which ensured the process of achieving the planned results.

Information about the content of the project and the achieved results was disseminated both to the participants of the NGO and to the public in general with the main website [http://www.eapn.lv/baltic\\_project\\_4/](http://www.eapn.lv/baltic_project_4/) of the project, with the partner's websites and the social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, etc.) help, and in some cases other partners distributed their newsletters. These pages contain the logos of the project sponsor and partner organizations and information about the project. In addition, EAPN-Latvia distributed monthly "News" for translation and use by partner organizations. Resources such as the press, radio and television were partly not used during the project implementation period.



### **3. COMMUNICATION**

#### **a. Amendments**

Due to the limitations of the pandemic and the war conflict, the communication between partner managers within the project took place remotely, which was different from the planned process. No formal changes were made to the project in terms of communication and visibility plan.

#### **b. Outcomes**

In the period from February 2021 to April 2022, communication between managers in the project was provided by 9 partners with the planned target groups: NGO experts in the social and health sector, NGO employees and volunteers, and heads of public administration institutions and employees in the social and health field of education, state and municipal structures.

Communication took place in 8 administrative meetings, 7 topical meetings / seminars / workshops and a significant number of local workshops (at least 70) with a direct target group of 37 experts on the European Pillar of Social Rights and other social rights instruments, on cooperation with educational institutions, state and municipal structures, on topical social and health issues, on previous developments in this area, on mutual cooperation between NGO experts, on dissemination of information of social security policy. The knowledge and skills of NGO experts for operating in the network of the Baltic Sea Region for the promotion of social security were improved.

The project contacted a significant number of NGO staff and volunteers, who are an indirect target group but were involved in activities in 9 partner countries, as well as received information both during and after the activities. Communication with these participants took place on the EPSR and other social rights instruments, on topical social and health issue, on the role of Network in the Baltic Sea Region and on the capabilities of NGO experts in the implementation of social rights, as well as on cooperation with society in the social and health field in general. The knowledge, understanding and skills of NGO employees and volunteers for operating in the network of the Baltic Sea Region for the promotion of social security were improved.

The project also contacted a significant number of heads of public administration institutions and employees in social and health field of educational institutions, state and municipal structures, who are also an indirect target group, but were not involved in activities in the partner countries; this target group received information after the activities were completed. Communication with this target group took place on similar topics as mentioned above, as well as on cooperation between NGOs and decision-makers. The knowledge of state structure specialists on the activities of NGO network in advocacy in the Baltic Sea Region in the social and health field and in the promotion of social security in general was improved.

To ensure communication and visibility, the project coordinator EAPN-Latvia and 8 partners regularly used their staff and volunteer resources, as well as their organisation's premises, communication services and technologies. The implementation of these measures was



significantly and differently from previous experience affected by the pandemic, as the communication took place remotely, but the visual design (logos, inscriptions, souvenirs, handouts, etc.) had to be used to a much lesser extent.

#### **4. EXPERIENCE AND CONTINUED POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

During the project implementation period from October 2020 to April 2022, the project partner countries were dominated by a pandemic and a war conflict, which was completely unforeseen when the project activities were planned. As a result, new, previously unknown experiences emerged for the partners to overcome these circumstances and achieve their goals. Experience has been linked to overcoming communication and technological barriers, to differing legislation in partner countries, and to the management capacity and social, economic and political implications of each partner organization. However, the high sense of responsibility of the project partners in the fulfilment of contractual obligations and, in general, the quality management and provision of activities (including partly remotely) determined the full implementation of project tasks and achievement of goals, as well as dissemination of information to the general public.

9 partners were involved in the project partnership. Partners from Belarus and Saint-Petersburg stood out in ensuring the quality of the project content. The Estonian and Swedish partners made a significant contribution, setting an example for other partners in terms of administrative performance and publicity. The attitude and actions of the Polish and Norwegian partners to accurately integrate or organize the planned activities are to be welcomed.

Some negative moments were seen in the activities of the Danish and Kaliningrad partners, who did not carry out the tasks entrusted to them in full. However, it cannot be denied that the sharing of experience of these two partners between others complemented and helped to achieve the required results.

As the Lead Partner, EAPN-Latvia is very grateful to both the project partners and the funder for the opportunity to promote social security in the Baltic Sea Region. EAPN-Latvia, evaluating the results of the project and the nature of the partners' activities, intends to continue cooperating with all those who stand for democracy in Europe.

EAPN-Latvia and other partners intend to develop the achieved results and propose new project opportunities and other activities in the Baltic Sea Region, taking into account the Nordic Council of Ministers' program proposals; these measures will be aimed at strengthening social security policies. In addition, EAPN-Latvia, in cooperation with some NORDEN project partners (from Estonia, Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway) and with others from 2020, plans to develop the results of this project in terms of strengthening NGO capacity and social security in Europe through the Nordplus and European Commission programs, incl. Erasmus+ and ESF projects;



in particular:

- 1) 01.01.2022 – 30.11.2022 – EC / EAPN-Europe support program for national networks;
- 2) 01.06.2019 - 31.10.2022 - NORDPLUS program's project "The link between social rights and social entrepreneurship" in partnership with organizations from Denmark, Norway, Estonia and Lithuania;
- 3) 01.09.2020 - 30.06.2023 - ERASMUS+ Adult Education Program's project "Building a Network to Boost Social Secure Europe - BOSS" in partnership with organizations from Cyprus, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Greece, France, Poland, Romania and Estonia;
- 4) 01.02.2022 – 31.07.2024 - ERASMUS+ Adult Education Program's SMES-Europa project "PERSON FIRST - Emergency services and rehabilitation support: promoting accessibility, improving e-quality, reinforcing networking" in partnership with organizations from Belgium (Lead Partner), Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Denmark, Finland and Poland;
- 5) 01.03.2022 – 30.08.2023 - ERASMUS+ Small Adult Education Program's project "Improving the competencies of NGO Educators for social inclusion" in partnership with organizations from Estonia, Sweden, Italy and Greece;

as well as planned:

- 6) From 01.06.2022 - ERASMUS+ Accreditation project for international mobility of adult educators in 2022-2023 (Consortium of 14 NGOs);
- 7) From 01.07.2022 - ESF project "Subsidized jobs for the unemployed", State Employment Agency's program "Measures for specific groups of population";
- 8) From 01.09.2022 - ERASMUS+ Cooperation Partnership Program's adult education project "Paving new paths to social networking" in partnership with organizations from the Netherlands, Hungary and Finland;
- 9) From 01.12.2022 - ERASMUS+ Cooperation Partnership Program's adult education KIKE project "Lifelong learning to support current young children" in partnership with organizations from Hungary (Lead Partner), Cyprus, Ireland, Romania and Slovenia.



## APPENDICES

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B-Creative Association:

<https://b-creative.link/projekt>

<https://www.facebook.com/BCreativeAssociation/posts/pfbido2YcS4Gfy6EPP3FiAMpM4xjeh6b91Gsff8MEbRMqBD3qFsprw4H6dYw2AsSEuzjaXI>

Odense Aftenskole:

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