



European Minimum Income Network

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Achievements 1/4

Collaboration: Has the project helped to increase the number of organisations / actors mobilised in campaigning for adequate and accessible minimum income schemes?

Number of NGO:

- ✓ in the beginning of the project 20/11/2013 11 organisations were represented at the 1st national management meeting in Rucava, Kurzeme region;
- ✓ 17/09/2014 35 organisations were represented at the National Conference in Riga;
- ✓ at the end of the project 17/12/2014 14 organisations were represented at the 2nd national management meeting in Aloja, Vidzeme region.

Relevant Actors: Crisis and Counselling Centre „Skalbes”; Social support and aid Society „Veiksme”; Latvian Red Cross; Riga Active Seniors Alliance; SOS Children’s Villages Latvia; Association “PINS” - Help for Integration, Employment, Socialization; Baltic Alliance for Innovation; Women’s Rights Institute; Association of Women’s Microenterprises; Victory Foundation; Association of Addiction psychologists; Society „Jumitis”, Society „Adult Development Project”; Varaklani Parish women’s club „Magnolija”; Association for the development of Latgale Suburb; Ukrainian Centre for children and youth in Latvia; Latvian Women Sport Association; Latvian Association of disabled women "Aspazija"; Latvian support Society of the less affluent "Dace"; Latvian Samaritan Association; Latvian Association of sociologists; Latvian Association of independent experts; Baltic HIV Association; Latvian Centre for Human Rights; Latvian Association of Large Families; Vilani children and youth Society for disabled "Saulstarins"; Institute for the Latvian Future; Latvian Chamber of Agriculture; Riga Latvian Society; Jelgava disabled women’s Society "Zvaigzne"; Association "Sapratne"; Valka Ladies Club; Riga large family centre "Family Support“.

Achievements 2/4

Has other types of relevant collaboration grown during this phase of the project?

Collaboration with

- the Ministry of Welfare
- Department of Social Inclusion Policy and Social Work of the Ministry of Welfare
- the State Employment Agency
- Riga City Council
- Department of Welfare of Riga City Council
- the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Latvian University
- Riga Stradins University
- Latvian Free Trade Union
- Latvian Association of Local Governments
- 18 local municipalities: Varaklani, Rucava, Salacgriva, Tukums, Malpils, Bauska, Vilani, Baldone, Broceni, Dobeles, Karsava, Madona, Ogre, Rujiena, Sigulda, Valka, Vecumnieki, Vilaka

Achievements 3/4

Awareness raising: Has the project helped to raise the awareness of the audience/s you targeted on the need for and adequate and accessible minimum income scheme?

Audience of

- **NGOs:** increased the understanding of provision of own information and influence possibility on adequate and accessible MIS development in country
- **local municipalities:** the understanding increased on more effective use of laws and regulations in country in interests of inhabitants; the understanding developed on guidelines of NGO on development of MIS
- **the State institutions:** the understanding increased on actual needs of inhabitants; the discussion was opened with society on adequacy and accessibility of MIS and minimum income; the understanding developed on guidelines of NGO on development of MIS
- **Saeima of the Republic of Latvia:** the interest of inhabitants increased on actual needs of inhabitants; the discussion was opened on adequacy and accessibility of the minimum income
- **the European Parliament:** 9 EP deputies from Latvia got the understanding on guidelines of NGO on development of the MIS
- **media:** the knowledge of national and regional media increased on guidelines of NGO on development of adequate and accessible MIS

Achievements 4/4

Road Map: Has the project helped national partners to decide on clear (SMART) campaign objectives for an adequate and accessible minimum income scheme?

The project helped to decide on **Advocacy Objectives 2015**:

1. Opening and maintenance of the discussion in society on development of adequate and accessible MIS in the country.
2. Submission of argumentation to legislators, based on results of National report of EAPN-Latvia on development of MIS.
3. Support to guidelines of European Union in relation to development of MIS: Bill of Directive on Minimum Income; Build a highly integrated system of social and Labour policy.

Learnings 1/4 (1)

What have you learned in relation to building collaboration:

In terms of finding the right approaches?

- ✓ Provision of systematic publicity of guidelines of EAPN-Latvia
- ✓ Systematic informing of NGO on objectives of development of MIS and the protection of interests of inhabitants
- ✓ Integration into decision making processes of state and municipal institutions and development of own suggestions
- ✓ Meetings with leaders of cooperation partners and development of common discussions
- ✓ Systematic planning work of strategic group of EAPN-Latvia for maintenance of MIS developing guidelines

Learnings 1/4 (2)

What have you learned in relation to building collaboration:

In terms of your capacity to build collaboration?

- ✓ Establishment of strategic group in 09/2014:

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- ✓ Attraction of external experts
- ✓ Cooperation contract with the Ministry of Welfare

Learnings 2/4 (1)

What have you learned in relation to awareness raising:

In terms of what works in relation to awareness raising?

The following works for:

- ✓ **NGOs:** systematic provision of information and development of discussions;
- ✓ **local municipalities:** integration into decision making processes, provision of information and development of discussions;
- ✓ **the State institutions:** personal meetings with managers of institutions, integration into decision making processes, provision of information and development of discussions;
- ✓ **Saeima of the Republic of Latvia:** personal meetings with deputies, integration into decision making processes, provision of information and development of discussions;
- ✓ **the European Parliament:** personal meetings with EP deputies, provision of information and development of discussions;
- ✓ **media:** provision with actual information.

Learnings 2/4 (2)

What have you learned in relation to awareness raising:

In terms of your capacity to do awareness raising?

- ✓ Training of strategic group of EAPN-Latvia, planning of short term works (for one year) and long term works (3-4 years), systematic development of guidelines and integration into protection of interests
- ✓ Attraction of interested and high quality experts, incl. from relevant institutions of European Union
- ✓ Fulfilment of liabilities of the contract with the Ministry of Welfare
- ✓ Conclusion of other cooperation contracts with respective NGOs (Latvian Trade Union, Latvian Association of Local Governments, etc.), state institutions (Memorandum of NGO and The Cabinet, The Ministry of the Interior, etc.) and local municipalities as well as fulfilment of liabilities under the contract

Learnings 3/4

What have you learned in terms of building road maps for the progressive realisation of adequate minimum income schemes in collaboration with other actors:

In terms of development of realisable objectives?

Important:

- ✓ development of group of confederates;
- ✓ to attract relevant professionals;
- ✓ to manage the subject and laws and regulations;
- ✓ to provide information to cooperating institutions and officials on the objectives;
- ✓ to determine real goals together with partners and to develop argued suggestions;
- ✓ to control the progress of own suggestions on regular basis;
- ✓ to promote the goals and suggestions in society.

In terms of your capacity to mobilise to achieve the objectives?

It is important to increase resources of EAPN-Latvia, to improve knowledge of professionals and to fortify cooperation with media.

Learnings 4/4

What have you learned in terms of your capacity to deliver projects:

Can you give examples of systems you put in place to help manage the project?

- Management Group of EMIN project, selected from the Network volunteers: Laila Balga, Inguna Lapsina, leaders of member organisations
- The Board of EAPN-Latvia as the Steering Committee: Laila Balga, Lelde Calite, Elina Alere - Fogele
- Informative data base: NVO, correspondence of state and municipal institutions, correspondence of experts, correspondence of media

What capacity needs have you identified that you need to develop to deliver projects?

Important to provide:

- paid staff for the project activities of EAPN-Latvia;
- EAPN-Latvia materially technical base: permanent meeting premises, transport;
- maintenance of website and circular of EAPN-Latvia.

Future work of EMIN 1/3

Ideas for Advocacy work to make progress on the National and/or European Road Map

1. Coordination of qualified work of EAPN-Latvia strategic group in relation to MIS development policy.
2. European 2015 – Development year on decrease of poverty – use of political guidelines.
3. Use of events of Latvian presidency in 2015 for informing and activation of society in respect of increase of welfare.
4. Development of the project on interest protection events in Latvia in 2015-2016.
5. Arrangement of discussion in non-governmental sector within the project of EAPN-Latvia in relation to development of MIS and decrease of poverty (Support for Civil Society and Equality in Baltic, etc.).
6. Summary of discussion results of NGO and submission of suggestions to legislators.
7. Presentation of national report of EAPN-Latvia in non-governmental sector, state institutions and municipalities.
8. Analysis and preparation of suggestions for institutions of European Union, including guidelines of EAPN.

Future work of EMIN 2/3

Ideas for building of National Minimum Income Networks and collaboration with abroad range of actors

Building of NMIN:

- increase of capacity of EAPN-Latvia;
- increase of number of members of EAPN-Latvia throughout territory of Latvia;
- expansion of the network of cooperation partners;
- research in Latvia and abroad on development opportunities and results of NMIN;
- preparation of the project for 2016-2020;
- training of professionals of EAPN-Latvia.

Abroad collaboration:

- in the level of institutions of European Union, including EAPN;
- in the level of Baltic States (with Lithuania and Estonia);
- in the level of states of Baltic Sea (with Baltic States, Sweden, Germany, Finland, Russia and Poland);
- in the level of border countries (with Baltic States, Sweden, Russia and Belarus);
- in the level of commonwealth countries (with European Union countries, other Northern countries, Ukraine, etc.).

Future work of EMIN 3/3

Ideas to build public support for adequate Minimum Income Schemes

1. Education of society (general and leader development).
2. Fortification of feedback between society and legislator (Deputies of Saeima, MEPs)
3. Fortification of the cooperation and contracts between state institutions and NGO (Memorandum of NGO and the Cabinet, agreements with local municipalities, etc.).
4. Activization of NGO and integration into decision making processes (commissions of Saeima, work groups of ministries and municipalities); training of NGO professionals.
5. Improvement of quality of laws and regulation and provision of accessibility to inhabitants; improvement of communication with social services.
6. Explaining of actual problems (absence of “consumer basket” in the country, etc.) and immediate solution; cooperation of NGO with the Ministry of Welfare a.o.
7. Integration of society in public events in Latvia and abroad on matters of welfare increase (in meetings of Latvian presidency, PeP, Social Platform a.o.)
8. Systematic provision of NGO information in media on necessity of adequate MIS.

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