



EUROPEAN MINIMUM INCOME NETWORK

Tender N° VT/2011/100 Pilot project – Social solidarity for social integration

IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

This Report is relative to the contract of 20th of November 2013 between the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), Square de Meeus 18, B-1050, Brussels, Belgium, represented by Barbara Helfferich, Director of EAPN, and the association "EAPN-Latvia", Sarlotes street 1B, Riga, LV-1001, Latvia, represented by Elina Alere - Fogle, Board member of EAPN-Latvia.

Tasks under this contract were carried out within the period between 1st of November 2013 and 31st of December 2014 for EUR 11920.00.

1. Payment status at 1 January 2015

Payment status of the amount EUR 11920.00
EUR 2384.00 or 20% were paid to EAPN-Latvia on 27 th of November 2013 by EAPN. The bank document No. 131127L13127V.
EUR 8344.00 or 70% were paid to EAPN-Latvia on 12 th of September 2014 by EAPN. The bank document No. 140912F10998V.
Of the amount EUR 1192.00 (10%) will be paid EUR 17.00 after the implementation report is been approved by EAPN in March 2015.

2. WP 7 Attend First European level Conference

The representative of EAPN-Latvia Elina Alere - Fogle, National Coordinator of EMIN, attended the first European conference of EMIN, which took place in Paris, France, on 9th-10th of December 2013. The focus of this Conference was discussion on the key learning points from year 1 of the Project, the dissemination of the work from the five countries identified to pilot the work in the first year of the Project (Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Italy and Hungary) and the two thematic approaches (Age and Homelessness).

On 22nd of January 2014 in Rucava, Elina Alere - Fogle presented the results and decisions of the European Conference in the 1st national management meeting of EMIN.

3. WP 8 Deliver Report on Analysis of Minimum Income Scheme in Latvia

Based on the experience of developing the reports in the 5 identified countries (Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Italy and Hungary) for the first year of the Project the template for the reports was adjusted by EAPN and then used to produce the Latvian Report.

The National Report analysing Minimum Income Scheme (MIS) in Latvia include: 1) proposals on common definitions and criteria for adequate MIS; 2) presentation of good and unsatisfactory practices; 3) identification of key steps for the progressive realisation of access to adequate MIS has been prepared until 24th of October 2014.

Minimum Income Scheme (MIS) in Latvia

20/11/2013 the Project opening meeting took place in Riga.

20/11/2013 contracts concluded with volunteers: Laila Balga - for the Project management, and Inguna Lapsina - for accounting.

20/11/2013 Calendar of activities of the Project drawn up.

16/12/2013 contracts concluded with experts Elina Alere - Fogle, Sandra Rubene and Laila Balga on preparation of the National Report.

22/01/2014 the 1st national management meeting held in Rucava and attended by 15 professionals from the Ministry of Welfare, Latvian University and non-governmental organizations. Participants were acquainted with PPP of Fintan Farrell and Elina Alere – Fogle. The informative booklet was also prepared on EMIN project.

25/01/2014 the contract with the expert Sandra Rubene was terminated.

14/07/2014 the contract with the expert Elina Alere - Fogle was terminated.

15/07/2014 contract concluded with the expert Lelde Calite on preparation of the National Report.

01/2014 - 10/2014 the informative material of the Ministry of Welfare and Riga Stradins University was summarized and analysed; surveys of the target groups (poor people, the unemployed, social workers, etc.) were carried out, advice from experts of the Ministry of Welfare (Evija Kula), State Employment Agency (Eva Lossane), Latvian University (Baiba Bela), Riga Stradins University (Tana Lace), Latvian Free Trade Union (Peteris Krigers), Latvian Association of Local Governments (Silvija Simfa), Social Service of Riga City (Daina Breca) and 19 local authorities and social services, and 35 non-governmental organizations (Elina Alere - Fogle, Silvija Beikerte, Olga Berga, Aija Ertā, Ruta Gagaine, Baiba Giptere, Agita Kraukle, Aivars Lasmanis, Leons Mezeckis, Norberts Snarskis, Valda Stadgale, Modra Vilkausa, etc.) was received.

01/2014 - 10/2014 advice on the preparation of the National Report from Fintan Farrell and Anne Van Lancker, experts of EAPN, from Per K. Larsen, Expert of EAPN-Denmark, and Aiste Cerniauskaite, Expert of EAPN-Lithuania was received.

08/2014 100 copies of the informative booklet on EMIN project in Latvian was prepared and printed.

17/09/2014 36 participants of the National Conference – ten working groups of NGOs and social services – proposals for inclusion in the National Draft Report were prepared.

20/09/2014 - 23/10/2014 the National Draft Report was prepared and translated from Latvian into English.

24/10/2014 the National Draft Report and the Summary in English was prepared and submitted in EAPN. In the Summary for the progressive realisation of adequate MIS are included the key obstacles, the key proposals and the conclusions.

01/11/2014 - 30/11/2014 recommendations of EAPN experts Fintan Farrell and Anne Van Lancker were received for the National Draft Final Report.

01/12/2014 - 31/12/2014 clarifications to the content and design of the National Draft Final Report and the Summary were made; the National Report of EAPN-Latvia was printed of 100 copies in Latvian and 20 copies in English.

17/12/2014 the 2nd national management meeting and the Project evaluation was held in Aloja, it was attended by 16 professionals from the Latvian Ombudsman and non-governmental organizations. Participants were acquainted with the presentation of Lelde Calite, Laila Balga and Elina Alere - Fogle. The National Draft Final Report and the Summary, together with the Toward adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes in Europe (by Anne Van Lancker) was presented at the national management meeting.

18/12/2014 in Riga, the participants of the Coordination Committee of Social Inclusion Policy of the Ministry of Welfare were introduced to the presentation of Lelde Calite, Laila Balga and Elina Alere - Fogle. The National Draft Final Report and the Summary, together with the Toward adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes in Europe (by Anne Van Lancker) was presented at the meeting.

4. WP 11 Organise National level Conference

17/09/2014 the National Conference of EMIN / EAPN-Latvia was held in Riga, NGO House, and was attended by EAPN experts from Lithuania – Aiste Cerniauskaite and from Denmark – Per K. Larsen, as well as by the Welfare Minister Uldis Augulis, the representative of the European Commission in Latvia, experts of the Ministry of Welfare and State Employment Agency, representatives of the Welfare Department of Riga City Council, Latvian Association of Local Governments and Latvian Free Trade Union.

At least 70 participants took part in the National Conference of the following organisations: 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", as well as the local municipalities of Varaklani, Rucava, Salacgriva, Tukums, Malpils, Bauska, Vilani, Baldone, Broceni, Dobeles, Karsava, Madona, Ogre, Rujiena, Sigulda, Valka, Vecumnieki, Vilaka. The organisations were integrated in the existing structure of the Network and EMIN.

The Road Map, prepared by Per K. Larsen, was presented to the audience, as well as the presentation of Aiste Cerniauskaite was provided. Laila Balga, EMIN National Coordinator, and experts Lelde Calite and Elina Alere - Fogle presented the Conference participants with the National Draft Report and the overall project objectives. There were 10 working groups established to prepare proposals on adequate MIS for making of improvements. Each group worked on the matter previously prepared of experts in the discussion.

The National Conference contributed to the following: 1) to present and discuss the findings in the National Draft Report; 2) to present the Road Map for EU level actions and to build consensus for the proposals for National and EU level actions for the progressive realisation of access to adequate MIS in Latvia.

The Steering Group of EAPN-Latvia (the representatives of NGOs, PeP and Social Partners) was formed to assist the organisation of the National Conference. For the Conference, participants were given information materials with EMIN logo. Two interpreters conducted translation of presentations from English to Latvian. Photography and video filming was provided. Lunch and coffee was served for participants and experts. The press release was sent on 18th of September 2014.

5. WP 12 Attendance of Second European level Conference


Two representatives of EAPN-Latvia Laila Balga, National Coordinator of EMIN, and Lelde Calite, Expert of EMIN, were attended the second European conference of EMIN which took place in Seville, Spain, 11-12 December 2014. This Conference was held aimed at disseminating the findings from the national level and proposals for action at EU level developed through the Project. The particular outcome of this Conference was the proposal for common EU level definition and criteria for adequate MIS and recommendations for strengthening EU cooperation in this area aimed. Building consensus at National and EU levels for the further steps was taken as a key part of this Project.

On 17th of December 2014 in Aloja and on 18th of December in Riga, experts Laila Balga and Lelde Calite presented the results and decisions of the European Conference to the 2nd national management meeting of EMIN and the meeting of the Ministry of Welfare.

Publicity

20/11/2013 – 31/12/2014 managers of the Project, provided the publicity events: distribution of booklets and other informative material in the meetings of NGOs and local municipalities; distribution the information in the webpage of EAPN, in national and regional media, incl. Facebook and Twitter. Results of EMIN project were handed in the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, in the Cabinet and in ministries, as well as proposals were prepared to nine MEPs of Latvia. The preparation of EAPN-Latvia webpage www.eapn.lv was developed.

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