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***RENASIS – the Romanian National Anti-Poverty and
Social Inclusion Network***

Annual Activity Report 2013



The Board of RENASIS is composed by the representatives of the following member organisations:

1. *"AUR"- A.N.S.R.U. – the National Association of Human Resources Specialists, Mrs. **Raluca Manaila** – President of RENASIS;*
2. *PESTALOZZI Foundation, Mrs. **Daniela Mihaita** – Vice-President of RENASIS;*
3. *SOS Children's Villages, Mrs. **Mirela Lavric**;*
4. *World Vision Romania - Mrs. **Beatrice Ciubotaru** – designated to represent RENASIS in the EAPN PEP Task Force;*
5. *NOVAPOLIS Association, Mrs. **Iris Alexe** – designated to represent RENASIS in the EAPN Policy Task Force.*

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- ✓ NOVAPOLIS Association
- ✓ Synergetica Foundation – observatory statute

I. Involving the national network RENASIS in partnerships, initiatives and projects co-financed by the European Commission.



1. "European Minimum Income Network Project" VC/2012/0825

The European project "European Minimum Income Network Project" (Contract no. VC/2012/0825) is a two year project (2013 – 2014) funded by the European Commission, that aims to build consensus to take the necessary steps towards the progressive realisation of adequate and accessible minimum income schemes.

In cash based societies, Minimum Income schemes provide a lifeline for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion to enable them to:

- ✓ Remain active in the society
- ✓ Reconnect to the world of work
- ✓ Live a life in dignity

Also, it is an important basis for an inclusive recovery from the crisis.

The project is based on the following partnership:

- ✓ **Lead Partner: EAPN** (European Anti-Poverty Network)
- ✓ **Key partners**
- ✓ **AGE Platform Europe**

- ✓ **FEANTSA** (European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless)
- ✓ **Belgian Public Administration**, Public Planning Service Social Integration, Anti Poverty Policy and Social Economy Social Integration
- ✓ **ANSA** (Agence Nouvelle des Solidarités Actives)
- ✓ **ETUI** (European Trade Union Institute)
- ✓ **OSE** (Observatoire Social Européen)
- ✓ **SIRG** (Social Inclusion Regional Group)
- ✓ **National Minimum Income Networks**
- ✓ **Belgium** by Belgian Anti Poverty Network
- ✓ **Italy**, CILAP/EAPN Italy
- ✓ **Ireland**, EAPN Ireland
- ✓ **Denmark**, EAPN Denmark
- ✓ **Hungary** by EAPN Hungary

“AUR” – the National Association of Human Resources Specialists will represent RENASIS and will coordinate this project through a direct implication of it’s members.

As ASSOCIATE PARTNER, “AUR” – the National Association of Human Resources Specialists that represents official RENASIS, will have the following responsibilities and benefits derived from associating in this international consortium:

- ✓ ***Attend the First European Level Conference (December 2013):*** The focus of this first conference will be 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).
- ✓ ***Deliver Report on Analysis of Minimum Income Scheme/s in Romania:*** Based on the experience of developing the reports in the 5 identified countries for the first year of the project (Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Italy and Hungary), the National Report

analysing Minimum Income Scheme/s in Romania will include 1) proposals on common definitions and criteria for adequate Minimum Income Schemes. 2) presentation of good and unsatisfactory practices 3) identification of key steps for the progressive realisation of access to adequate Minimum Income Schemes.

- ✓ **Organise a National level Conference:** National conference to be held in September 2014, aimed at presenting the findings from the national report, information from the EU project and relevant EU developments, awareness raising and identifying steps to help the building of consensus towards ensuring progress towards the progressive realisation of adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes in Romania. This will include discussions on the proposals for common definitions and criteria for adequate Minimum Income Schemes. The results of the National Conferences will feed into the discussions at the second European level Conference.
- ✓ **Attend the Second EU level Conference:** Using the outputs of national conferences and transnational peer reviews, a second European level Conference will be held aimed at disseminating the findings from the national level and proposals for action at EU level developed through the project. A particular outcome of this Conference will be a proposal for common EU level definition and criteria for adequate Minimum Income Schemes and recommendations for strengthening EU cooperation in this area aimed. Building consensus at National and EU levels for the further steps to be taken is a key part of this project.

2. "Standardized Initiatives for the Social Inclusion of Victims of Violence", priority reference 2.2.1. "Support for victims of violence" (SVV)

RENASIS was implicated as an associate in a new proposal call of the European Commission on the DAPHNE line (until this point we don't know if it was approved or not).

The project is envisaged in the framework of Priority 2.2.1. "Support for victims of violence" (SVV). It aims to contribute to the strengthening of networks supporting WVV already at play in the participating countries, through the construction and testing of strategies, tools and methodologies targeted for social inclusion and inclusion in the labour market. Specifically, it intends to establish a model for the planning and activation of specific measures of reintegration of WVV, with a focus on actions aimed at facilitating their integration/reintegration in the labour market and the access to affordable housing.

The identification of the needs addressed by the project is the result of a multi-year experience of the proposing organizations in the field of supporting WVV and it is based as well on the results of the most significant studies in this sector. For example, in this regard, the “EU Report on Violence against women and the role of gender equality” (2010), based on the analysis of the situation in the 27 EU countries, states that: “there is increasing attention to prevention measures and support services, while reintegration programmes specifically targeted to the needs of women victims of violence are less widespread or address disadvantaged population groups more in general, and not directly women affected by violence. Measures for the social reintegration of women victims of violence include support in accessing affordable housing and employment and training services. Less widespread are income support provisions for women who do not dispose of an income of their own. In most countries, reintegration services are usually provided by the regional and local authorities and NGOs. The main weakness of these interventions is, again, insufficient funding (which is likely to be further reduced in the future, due to the economic and financial recession) and the poor coverage of the needs.”

The relevance of the problem of the high exposure of the WVV at the risk of poverty and the need for targeted measures to reintegrate them, with particular reference to supporting actions to for inclusion in the labour market and housing self-sufficiency also emerges from significant acts of the European Union, such as the Resolution of the European Parliament of March 8, 2011 on “Face of female poverty in the European Union” (2010/2162 (INI)).

The project therefore aims to intervene in an area of criticality, through an approach focused on the testing of pilot actions, and the outlining of a model of intervention that:

a) is defined according to the different and specific needs that the integration of WVV may assume, and according to a specific methodology for the organisation and delivery of the services offered;

b) seeks to build a proposal to overcome the prevailing fragmentation of interventions already at play, by promoting national coordination mechanisms at national and trans-national level which:

- ✓ complement the existing services on the basis of a shared operational model;
- ✓ identify modalities to assure continuity to the interventions.

Develop a platform for the creation of an European network of services for the reintegration of WVV, which should contribute to the establishment of a long-term strategy, consistently integrated in the welfare policies, and specifically in labour market policies and in existing measures to combat poverty.

The main innovative aspects of the project are the following:

- creation of tools for a better understanding of the centrality of reintegration services in building up an effective policy to prevent and combat violence against women;
- definition of guidelines for the construction of effective measures in the implementation of actions which promote inclusion in the work environment and housing self-sufficiency;
- definition of guidelines for the development of sustainable strategies which support measures for inclusion of WVV in the labour market and recovery of a housing self-sufficiency.

The partnership of the project is the following:

Applicant: On the Road Onlus (IT)

Partners: La Gemma (IT), Praxis (GR), University of Nicosia (CY), AUR - The National Association of Human Resources Specialists (RO)

Associates: Province of Fermo (IT), Commissione Pari Opportunità Provincia di Fermo (IT), Marche Region (IT), Province of Macerata (IT), Municipality of Ancona (IT), Renasis (RO)

In 2008 RENASIS joined the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) as a full member, becoming the National EAPN platform for Romania - EAPN Romania. EAPN Europe is made up of 29 national networks (the number of their members varies greatly, some networks more than 200 members) and 18 European organizations.

Since 2008, RENASIS - EAPN Romania has collaborated with the European Antipoverty Network - EAPN and is actively involved in the activities developed by them (projects, lobby campaigns, studies, and exchange of information between the member networks and organisations).

Joint projects between On the Road and EAPN Portugal, EAPN Bulgaria, EAPN Spain have shared different transnational projects during the last twenty years. EAPN Romania through EAPN Europe has enabled frequent contact and collaboration with On the Road ONLUS organisation and EAPN Bulgaria, and with the Portugal platform - EAPN Portugal, had implemented a project aiming at promoting the exchange of information related to the poverty issue as well as the exchange of good practices between the networks.



3. “*Multiplying Decent Work- Decent Life*” DCI NSA ED/2012/279-811

The European project "Multiplying Decent Work - Decent Life!" (No. Contract DCI - NSA - ED/2012/279-811, co-funded by the European Commission through its EuropeAid/131141/C/ACT / Multi development education program) represents the continuation of the project "Decent Work for a Decent Life - Enhancing the trade union international strategies and policies", finalized on 30th of June 2012 and aims to increase the efforts so far in answering to social dilemmas caused by globalization.

The project is based on the partnership of the following partner organisations: "AUR" – the National Association of Human Resources Specialists (“AUR”-A.N.S.R.U.) (applicant) and the National Trade Union Confederation "Cartel ALFA" - in Romania, SÜDWIND AGENTUR and the Weltumspannend Arbeiten (Trade Union Federation of Austria) - in Austria , BILSP (the Balkan Institute for Social Policies and Labour Issues) and CITUB (the Trade Unions Federation of Bulgaria) - in Bulgaria, the Information Centre on Women Issues and the Trade Union Confederation of Lithuania - in Lithuania, PGN Polish Green Network and OPZZ (the Trade Union Confederation of Poland) in Poland and IPROS (the Institute for Social Policies) and UGT (the General Workers' Union) in Brazil.

The project is developed during a 3-year period, between 01.01.2013 and 31.12.2016.

The project can be considered as a innovative one, given it is based on a partnership with organizations from Brazil; this partnership was born during the former project, specifically due to the speaker's tour where the Brazilian partners were guests. The project aims to contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), namely poverty eradication, gender equality and creating a global partnership to promote decent work. The main goal is to inform the public, consumers and the media about the realities related to living and working conditions in developing countries. The major activities to be implemented during the above mentioned three years are: two training courses with a duration of 1 year (consisting of 7 modules of 2 days each, attended by 15 people) one-day seminars, public events, mobile exhibitions, editing and

distributing information materials, study visits in developing countries, roundtables and public events.

The National Network RENASIS participates in this project as an ASSOCIATE PARTNER, together with organizations from Moldavia, Bangladesh, Austria, Bulgaria, Brazil, etc.

As ASSOCIATE PARTNER, RENASIS has the following responsibilities and benefits derived from associating in this international consortium:

- Involvement and support for lobbying and advocacy activities conducted within the project at Romanian level
- Participation, support and organizing public events in order to raise public awareness on the topics proposed by the project and especially poverty eradication
- Dissemination of information and educational materials to members, collaborators and network stakeholders
- Ability to provide professional formation (without any financial implications) to the human resources involved in secretariat activities and network co-ordination, as well as to the representatives of member organizations
- Ability to implement specific activities in the project as associate partner, taking benefit of its own budget to implement these activities at national level
- Increase national and international visibility, and enhancing possibilities and instruments to promote and consolidate the network at national level

4. “Fit for Fair – Global learning for decent work in the sportswear industry” DCI-NSA-ED/2012/279-938

The project „Fit for Fair – Global learning for decent work in the sportswear industry” (contract DCI-NSAED/2011/58, co-financed by the European Commission through its education and development programme EuropeAid/131141/C/ACT/Multi) is a partnership aiming to support gender equality, by removing the effects of globalisation on the women’s work conditions.

The project is inserted in the goal that Romania, as donor state, has assumed to achieve through its Development Cooperation Policy; according to this objective, our country is committed to assist developing countries in order to reduce their poverty, the main obstacle in ensuring social and economic development.

The Declaration of the Millennium, adopted in September 2000 during the Millennium Summit by 191 countries, among which Romania, sets the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), with specific targets to be reached until 2015. Among these, the project „Fit for Fair” meets the MDG No. 1 on the eradication of poverty, the MDG No. 3 on promoting gender equality and empower women and MDG targets No. 8 on creating global partnerships for development.

The project is an international partnership between organizations whose expertise complements each other's. Thus, the Christliche Initiative Romero (CIR) from Germany, as applicant, together with its partner - Labour Behind the Label (LBL) from Great Britain, have sound connections with information multipliers within the lucrative textile industry, while the partners from Gender Education, Research and Technologies Foundation (GERT) of Bulgaria and the Slovak Centre for Communication and Development (CST) have information multipliers in areas of interest to the specific problems faced by women in the labour market. Also, the Gender Centre (GC) from Moldavia and the National Association of HR Specialists ("AUR" - ANSRU) from Romania have established a network to support decent work in Romania and Moldavia.

They are also involved as partners in the Global South Development zone the following organizations *Organisazion Salvadorenas der Mujeres por la Paz (Ormus)* from El Salvador and *Movimiento de Mujeres y Trabajadoras Desempleadas "María Elena Cuadra" (MEC)* from Nicaragua, and other related organizations that support our global initiative: IG Metall-Union (Germany), Verdi's Union (Germany), Clean Clothes Campaign (Germany), Trades Union Congress (TUC) (United Kingdom), Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation (GPF) (Bulgaria), Scouting Slovakia (Slovak Republic), Stowarzyszenie "Koalicja KARAT" (Karat Network / Poland), National Antipoverty-Social Inclusion Network (RENASIS) (Romania) Women Organization of National Confederation of Trade Unions (Moldova), Students and Scholars Against Corporate Misbehavior (SACOM), Hong Kong.

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II. RENASIS involvement within EAPN Europe:

- ✓ Participation of Mrs. Raluca Manaila – president of RENASIS, Mrs. Laura Panteli-Stanciu – coordinator of RENASIS and Mr. Eduard Isaila – REPERE Association, **at the EXCO meeting and EAPN GA, held in Belgrade, between the 14th and 16th of June 2013**

The presentation of Romania made by Mrs. Raluca Manaila was received with great interest, the received feedback being a constructive one that encourages the network membership to engage increasingly active both at the platform and organization level.

- ✓ Participation of Mrs. Laura Panteli-Stanciu – coordinator of RENASIS and Mrs. Mariana Arnautu – World Vision Romania, at the **Annual EAPN Conference, held in Brussels, between the 30th of September and 1st of November 2013**

The conference was divided into the following events:

- 30th of September 2013

- 1) internal exchange regarding the campaign for the future European elections, that will be held in May 2014;
- 2) capacity building și the analisation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, made by the national platforms;

- 1st of October 2013

3) lobbying conference regarding the future European elections, that will be held in May 2014, with representatives guests (Egbert Holthuis – head of Social Protection – Social Inclusion Strategy Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Claudia Menne – Confederal secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, Thomas Dominique – Social Protection Committee, Marije Cornelissen – Member of European Parliament (Greens/ EFA), Michele Calandrino – policy coordinator, EU 2020, Competitiveness + Innovation Unit, DG Secretariat General, European Commission, Heather Roy – president, Social Platform, Sabine Terlecki – head of policy, CONCORD European NGO Confederation for relief and development, Freek Spinnewijn – FEANTSA, Reka Tunyogi – EUROCHILD, Claire Roumet – vicepresident Social Platform, Mary Collins – policy Officer, European Women`s Lobby, Csaba Ory – European People`s Party, Emer Costello – Party of European Socialists, Philippe Lamberts – European Green Party.

✓ Participation of Mrs. Laura Panteli-Stanciu - coordinator of RENASIS and Mrs. Iris Alexe – NOVAPOLIS Association, at the **3rd Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion, held in Brussels, between the 25th and 26th of November 2013**

EAPN was heavily involved in the Annual Convention of the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion, an event organised yearly by the European Commission to monitor progress on poverty reduction in the European Union.

EAPN was represented by 54 people, out of which 28 are part of national delegations, 21 taking up places offered to EAPN by the organisers, and 5 were EAPN's President (Sérgio Aires) and the EAPN Secretariat (Director Barbara Helfferich, Policy Coordinator Sian Jones, Policy Officers Amana Ferro and Vincent Caron).

As in previous years, EAPN spoke in a number of settings during the Convention:

- ✓ Plenary: Sérgio Aires, EAPN President, spoke in the opening plenary of the second day (November the 27th), together with Lieve Fransen, Director in DG Employment, European Commission, about social policies to reduce poverty.
- ✓ Workshops: Barbara Helfferich, EAPN Director, spoke in the second day (November the 27th), in the afternoon workshop dedicated to the poverty target and progress made. Per K. Larsen, EAPN Denmark, spoke in the second day (November 27th, 13h30), on behalf of the European Minimum Income Network (project led by EAPN), in the afternoon workshop dedicated to reference budgets, together with Honoratte Muhanzi Kashale, EAPN Norway, as representative of the European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion.
- ✓ Side-Event on In-Work Poverty: EAPN organised on the first day (November 26th), together with EASPD and ENSIE, a side-event on in-work poverty, which also served as official launch of the EAPN position paper on in-work poverty. For EAPN, Peter Kelly, EAPN Vice President, presented the position paper, and Daniela Orobej, from EAPN Hungary, contributed a testimonial as expert by experience. The event included a debate with the audience and with decision-makers about how to progress the fight against in-work poverty in the European Union.
- ✓ Side-Event on Child Poverty: EuroChild (EAPN member), together with the Adhoc Alliance on Child Poverty (of which EAPN is a member) organised a side-event on the first day (November 26th), on the Recommendation on Investing in Children, which is part of the Social Investment Package.

✓ Participation of Mrs. Laura Panteli-Stanciu – coordinator of RENASIS, at the **EAPN Network Development Seminar - Implementing the Membership Assessment and Support as a Development Framework for National Networks, held in Brussels, between the 6th and 7th of December 2013**

The aim of this seminar was to introduce and build ownership of the MASS - Membership Assessment and Support System, as a development and assessment framework for National Networks and begin putting in place a peer support system.

In 2013, the Executive Committee has adopted a Membership Assessment and Support System (MASS) which sets a development framework for National Networks based on four pillars of strong anti poverty networks:

1. Ability to Influence Policy – lobbying, advocacy and policy-making
2. Building participation of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion in internal and external workings of NNs
3. Development and growth of the NN
4. Good governance and strong internal democracy.

The objectives were to:

- ✓ Build ownership on the MASS as a development and peer support tool for National Networks
 - ✓ Exchange on good practice and building capacity on four pillars of strong anti poverty networks
 - ✓ Map member training and capacity building needs, based on the MASS and current reality of engaging with EU anti poverty policy cycle
 - ✓ Identify elements of a peer support capacity building agenda and mapping the members expertise
 - ✓ Contribute to the renewed EAPN Training and Capacity Building Agenda
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- ✓ Participation of Mrs. Raluca Manaila – president of RENASIS, **at the EAPN Decent Work Task Force, held in Brussels, on the 11th of December 2013**
Mrs. Raluca Manaila was one of the 7 selected people to join the EAPN Decent Work Task Force. The main objective of this Task force is to develop resources to launch a coordinated campaign on the issue of decent/living wages across EAPN, drawing on previous work in EAPN and on the experience of the UK ‘Living Wage Campaign’.
The Task Force will produce a toolkit on campaigning on the issue of ‘a living wage’, along with any other ancillary campaign tools which it deems useful, and prepare a scoping note, to be discussed with the EU ISG, on developing an EAPN campaign, using the toolkit and other tools. These will then be used in the implementation of such a campaign across the EAPN membership.

 - ✓ Participation of Mrs. Raluca Manaila – president of RENASIS, **at the EMIN project meeting, held in Paris, between the 9th and 10th of December 2013**
Mrs. Raluca Manaila represented both “AUR” – the National Association of Human Resources Specialists and RENASIS at this meeting. With the mandate from the RENASIS GA, she attended and clarified all the financial aspects regarding the VAT and the implementation of the project and participated **to the 1st European EMIN Conference (9th of December, Paris).**

III. The main actions undertaken at national level by the national network RENASIS through its member organizations and Board members

- ✓ *The elaboration of the 2013 – 2014 Strategic Programme “A stronger RENASIS for a less poorer Romania”, on the four thematic priorities, in order to form the premises to achieve objectives on a long term in terms of concrete measures:*
 - 1. Structural Funds: improving the impact of Structural Funds on preventing poverty, combating effects of poverty and ensuring wellbeing of at-risk groups, especially children.
 - 2. The European Meetings of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion: building the capacity of member organizations to work with people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, as well as increasing their representation in local, national and European forums.
 - 3. The Social Investment Package: contextualization of the Social Investment Package at national level.
 - 4. Organisational and strategic Empowerment: increased co-operation, including experience, know-how and best practice sharing, including best practice sharing related to fundraising and lobby and advocacy activities, especially at national level.
- ✓ *The active involvement of Mrs. Raluca Manaila – president of RENASIS and Mrs. Laura Panteli-Stanciu – coordinator of RENASIS, at national and international level by strengthening the national capacity building and participating actively at the EAPN European meetings.*
- ✓ *The new designated representative in the EAPN PEP Task Force, Mrs. Beatrice Ciubotaru – World Vision Romania, was chosen for the adequate representation of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion at national and European level and to develop a new strategy to ensure long-term solutions. She will have full resource support from the NGO RENASIS member SOS Satele Copiilor.*
- ✓ *The new designated representative in the EAPN Policy Task Force, Mrs. Iris Alexe - NOVAPOLIS Association, was chosen in order to: develop or support actions with other NGOs (development, migration, etc.) and other actors (trade unions, think tanks, etc.); raise awareness, not just of policy makers, but also of the public opinion and of society, as a way to produce impact and social change; contribute to the development of*

collective knowledge on anti poverty strategies, based on the realities that people experiencing poverty live in.

- ✓ *Lobby meeting between the representatives of the Romanian Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly Persons and RENASIS, regarding the possibility of a future collaboration work-frame:*

The representatives of the Romanian Ministry of Labour were: Carmen Manu: Director, Division of Social Services and Social Inclusion; Elena Dobre: Direct Adj., Division of Social Services and Social Inclusion; Rodica Carausu: Main Public Manager, Division of Social Services and Social Inclusion.

The representatives of RENASIS were: Raluca MANAILA, President of RENASIS Executive Manager “AUR”- The National Association of Human Resources Specialists and Daniela Buzducea, representing World Vision Romania, Member of the board of RENASIS and resource person for the Working Group on PEP and Social Inclusion.

The outcomes of the meeting and future directions were the following:

- The new strategic plan of RENASIS and the will to get engaged in an equal footing dialogue with the Ministry, were received by the ministry representatives as a constructive and needed step towards improving the way poverty is addressed in Romania at the present moment
- The need of stakeholder consultation at local level was stressed, in order to better integrate their inputs into the plans and policies adopted at national level. As a direct measure RENASIS will further investigate the way the Social Inclusion Regional Commissions are functioning and trying to find a suited collaboration framework with such structures.
- Positive position of the Ministry regarding the implementation of SIP (and the reform of Social Protection) as well as regarding Europe 2020. Faced with the criticism and skepticism of RENASIS, the representatives of the ministry showed high personal engagement (and dedication), as well as high level of expertise and understanding, but unfortunately facing a “less appropriate” national political and economic context.

The common future directions of collaboration and common work should focus on:

- An integrated approach at policy level regarding labour occupation, housing, transportation and remuneration policies;
- Capacity building of PEP, in order to empower them and enable their active participation at local level (in first place), as well as better their participation at European level
- Coherency at policy level

RENASIS will formulate a clear protocol for constant consultation and collaboration with the ML, protocol seen by the ministry representatives as a good opportunity to make steps further especially in the present conditions faced by the ministry of lack of resources (especially HR).

IV. RENASIS - 2014 Future Perspectives

- By the involvement in the EMIN project, we will provide opportunities for professional training and capacity building for member organisations and staff and increase the networks visibility at national and international level;
- Strengthening the network by activating the network members and maintaining within it only the members that showed and continue to show interest in network activities and that fulfil their obligations (pay and submit to GA the annual membership fee);
- The possible involvement of new NGOs, that deal with the following issues: social integration of Roma people, elderly people, people with disabilities, people in risk situations, eradication of poverty;
- Maintaining an efficient operation of the network at national and international level and to allow close communication with the membership and the Board
- Setting partnerships nationally and internationally
- Developing project proposals at national level for accessing structural funds together with member organizations with extensive expertise in this area.

V. Financial Situation

The financial situation is presented in the Accountancy Report for the year 2013, which will be presented to the Board and membership during the RENASIS GA planned for end of March 2014.

Please see below the payment situation of the annual RENASIS fee.

1. Pending annual fee for 2009, from the following members:

- ✓ ESTUAR Foundation

2. Pending annual fee for 2010, from the following members:

- ✓ ESTUAR Foundation
- ✓ Fundatia pentru Invatamant
- ✓ Opportunity Associates Romania
- ✓ Centrul de Asistenta pentru Organizatii Neguvernamentale - CENTRAS

3. Pending annual fee for 2011, from the following members:

- ✓ Fundatia pentru Invatamant
- ✓ Opportunity Associates Romania
- ✓ Centrul de Asistenta pentru Organizatii Neguvernamentale - CENTRAS

4. Pending annual fee for 2012, from the following members:

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VI. Thematic Priorities for 2014 (to be revised until March 2014)

- Structural Funds: improving the impact of Structural Funds on preventing poverty, combating effects of poverty and ensuring wellbeing of at-risk groups, especially children.
- The European Meetings of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion: building the capacity of member organizations to work with people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, as well as increasing their representation in local, national and European forums.
- The Social Investment Package: contextualization of the Social Investment Package at national level.
- Organisational and strategic Empowerment: increased co-operation, including experience, know-how and best practice sharing, including best practice sharing related to fundraising and lobby and advocacy activities, especially at national level. (take advantage of the opportunities of the EMIN project)



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Annex 1 to the Annual Report 2013

RENASIS conclusions based on the four pillars of the MASS document

1. Influence National Governments for Better Policies: Advocacy, Lobbying and Policy-Making linked to European level developments. As one of the main aims of EAPN, its members should take into consideration certain criteria on this key area, to make sure that an important part of their activities is focused on monitoring and influencing the design of policies (especially social and antipoverty ones, but not only), and measures to improve the situation of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, linking national to European level developments and ensuring effective two-way (i.e. national \rightleftharpoons EU) action.

Pentru anul 2013 a avut loc o intalnire initiala cu reprezentantii Ministerului Muncii, urmand ca prin noul board RENASIS sa se dezvolte un parteneriat sustenabil. De asemenea, noul membru Iris Alexe - Asociatia Novapolis, va activa sustinut pe partea de lobby si policy-making (inclusiv in task force-ul EAPN-ului pe parte de policy).

Se va pune accent foarte mare atat pe partea de vizibilitate a retelei, cat si a diseminarii activitatilor intreprinse.

2. Participation of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion in Internal and External Workings of the National Network. As considered in EAPN's values and key messages, its members must try to enhance the leading role of people experiencing poverty and focus on this horizontal objective constantly, not only in the development of external activities, but also in the internal management of EAPN members themselves, with a view to empowering people experiencing poverty to be actors, decision-makers and political representatives of the change EAPN is working towards.

In cadrul Adunarii Generale din 29 noiembrie 2013, a fost desemnat ca

reprezentant RENASIS Romania in cadrul grupului de lucru PEP, dna. Beatrice Ciubotaru - reprezentant World Vision. Aceasta si-a exprimat interesul de a se implica activ, iar SOS Satele Copiilor vor aduce informatii aditionale pentru acest topic.

Dupa prima intalnire de la Bruxelles, din ianuarie 2014, se vor pune bazele unei strategii viabile pentru Romania referitoare la implicarea directa a oamenilor care experimenteaza saracia, urmarind obiectivele deja stabilite in Strategia de Participare a EAPN-ului.

3. Development and Growth of the Network. As a way to ensure the capacity to really achieve the above, every EAPN member should aspire to continually strengthen its base, grow and bring together different organizations, constantly reaching out to large and small groups and organizations, , trying to synergize actions and become stronger, in order to be more effective and promote cooperation and understanding between them. Together with other members, contribute to strengthening the European Network.

Dupa foarte multe telefoane, email-uri si discutii cu organizatiile membre la momentul aprilie 2013, in cadrul ultimei Adunari Generale din 2013, a fost stabilita o noua structura viabila si cu un board nou, care doreste sa se implice activ.

Membership RENASIS:

- ESTUAR Foundation*
- World Vision Romania*
- Fundatia pentru Invatamant*
- Societatea de Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala*
- Opportunity Associates Romania*
- Centrul de Asistenta pentru Organizatii Neguvernamentale - CENTRAS*

- *"Petre Andrei" University*
- *SOS Satele Copiilor*
- *"AUR" - the National Association of Human Resources Specialists*
- *Meridiane Socio-Culturale Association*
- *REPERE Association*
- *MAMA MARE Organization*
- *Cetatea lui Bucur 7 Centre Association*
- *PESTALOZZI Foundation*
- *NOVAPOLIS Association*
- *Synergetica Foundation - observatory statute*

Board RENASIS:

- *"AUR" - the National Association of Human Resources Specialists, Mrs. Raluca Manaila - President of RENASIS*
- *PESTALOZZI Foundation, Mrs. Daniela Mihaita - Vice-President of RENASIS*
- *SOS Satele Copiilor, Mrs. Mirela Lavric*
- *World Vision Romania, Mrs. Beatrice Ciubotaru - designated to represent RENASIS in the EAPN PEP Task Force*
- *NOVAPOLIS Association, Mrs. Iris Alexe - designated to represent RENASIS in the EAPN Policy Task Force*

4. Good Governance and Strong Internal Democracy. National Networks should guarantee that their internal functioning is clearly based upon democratic and participatory procedures and principles, with transparent governance and decision-making, upholding to the best ability possible the democratic values and principles that EAPN is advocating for, towards society at large and decision-makers. This pillar is the foundation of EAPN's existence and key achieving the change it stands for.

In cadrul anului 2013 a fost restabilit un dialog permanent cu toate organizatiile membre RENASIS, au fost transmise atat informatii legate de toate deplasările efectuate, cat si de intalnirile interne (Adunari Generale si Consilii Directoare). Materialele primite de la EAPN au fost diseminate, atat in fizic cat si prin contul de DropBox realizat special pentru un acces mai rapid si usor. Contul de DropBox mai contine si Rapoartele Anuale, Bilanturile Contabile si alte studii referitoare la saracie.