### October 2012-March 2013

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform in partnership with National Democratic Institute works introducing new legislative initiative Minimum income in the Republic of Macedonia.

### October

Publication of the annual report on poverty and social exclusion held on 16.10.2012 at the EU Info Centre in Skopje.

Annual report on poverty and social exclusion 2011 was intended to make the assessment and policy analysis, trends and challenges and the situation of vulnerable groups in the field of poverty and social exclusion, identified in different regions of Macedonia.

Events was sparked great interest in the media

Second Conference for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion

Second conference for people experiencing poverty and social exclusion held on 29.09.2012 in Skopje. One hundred and fifty participants share their experience in one of the four working groups:

- Social Care
- Health care
- Unemployment and
- Gender equality

The goal of this conference was revision of the Declaration, created by 120 participants last year on the First conference, and making new requests to the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.

Link of the MAPP Declaration:

Download - MAPP Declaration People Living in Poverty and Social Exclusion

This year also, we had representative from Serbian platform who is member of EAPN. Press for the media was organized.


The second part of the conference was on Square Macedonia where MAPP organized humanitarian public event with street artists. The Executive members decide donation from the humanitarian event to be given to NGO Lice v Lice. They need finances for publication of their street magazine Lice V lice and for capacity building of the children who are vendors of the magazine. The vendors are from NGO “Children’s rights”. The profit from selling the magazines goes 50% to the organization and 50% to the vendors.

More information about “Lice V lice” please visits this link: [http://www.liceulice.org/](http://www.liceulice.org/)

These electronic mediums write about the conference and humanitarian event of MAPP.

Video: [http://youtu.be/jGs6jCPDAz8](http://youtu.be/jGs6jCPDAz8)

### August

From August - still Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform public support for the Citizens' Initiative Aman and attended 11 public protests against the constant rise in prices in Macedonia

[www.amanmk.wordpress.com](http://www.amanmk.wordpress.com)

### July

- **General Assembly of the Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform**

Macedonian Anti-Poverty platform on 6-7 July in Struga held regular General Assembly.

At the regular General Assembly was conducted the following activities:

1. Annual report of the MAPP for the period July 2011 and July 2012 th
2. Financial report of the MAPP for 2011
3. Adoption of the draft Statute of the MAPP
4. Presentation of the EU strategy from 2020 Aferdita X. Imeri, an expert on social inclusion
5. 26 new organizations elected to official members of MAPP
6. Selected two new members of the Executive Board Platform (Vladimir Ilievski and Divna Zmejkovski)
7. Re-election of President of the Platform (Mila Carovska)

June

- **Project - Mapping the social needs at local level**

Macedonian Anti-Poverty with financial support from the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Skopje in the period from June to October 2012 will implement the project: Mapping social needs at the local level.

General objective of the project is to assess the social needs and problems of the poor and socially excluded groups of citizens in the following municipalities: Gazi Baba, Kocani St. Nikole, Bitola and Tetovo.

Project activities:

Selection of local coordinators and interviewers

Organizing training for the team of interviewers and local coordinators

- Survey of social needs in the aforementioned municipalities:
- Conducted questionnaires with poor and vulnerable groups of the population;
- Interviews with representatives of relevant institutions;
- Conducted focus groups with poor and vulnerable groups.
- Preparation of survey analysis
- Organize five public debates and promotion analysis

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- **General Assembly of EAPN**

President of MAPP-Mila Carovska and representative of the General Secretariat of the MAPP - Mari Terzieva Pavlovska has attended on the General Assembly of EAPN from 7.6 to 9.6 2012 in Oslo, Norway. For additional information please follow this link: [www.eapn.eu](http://www.eapn.eu)
May

- **Training" Advocacy and lobbying"

Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM-FV Skopje) in cooperation with the Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform organized two-day training on the topic:

" Advocacy and lobbying"

The purpose of the training was to enable the participants to gain knowledge about advocacy and lobbying as important components of successful involvement in the preparation of laws, ways and forms how to prepare and support a successful initiative for policy / laws and their amendments or additions.

The training was conducted on 28 and 29 May in Skopje

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- **11th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty took place in the Egmont Palace**

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform attended the 11th European Meeting of People Experiencing Poverty took place in the Egmont Palace, Brussels on 10 and 11 May on the topic of “Homelessness and Housing Rights in the Context of the Crisis.”

This year's meeting was focused on three key questions:

- In relation to homelessness and housing rights what are the key differences that can be seen in 2012 as compared to 2008

- From the experience of the delegates and the preparation work for the meeting what are the ‘good and bad practices’ in relation to addressing homelessness and housing rights that have been identified?

- How to design best policies to address homelessness and housing that are adapted to the different needs and realities of different individuals and communities and can ensure equality in access to homeless services and
housing rights?
The meeting brought together over 150 people with direct experience of poverty and homelessness from 30 European countries who have chance to exchange views on these questions.
Macedonian delegation via video presents the situation of homeless people in Macedonia.
Link for watching the video: Profession Homeless
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjUq5xdqiZk

**February-March**

- Active citizenship, civic participation, human rights and monitoring of budgets in the following municipalities.

Institute for Human Rights Ludwig Boltzmann (BIM-FV Skopje) in cooperation with the Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform, in the period from February to March 2012, organized seven two-day trainings on active citizenship, civic participation, human rights and monitoring of budgets in the following municipalities:

- Negotino (23 - 02.24.2012)
- Berovo (22 - 23.02.2012)
- Radovis (12 - 13.03.2012)
- Konce (14 - 03.15.2012)
- Pehcevo (20 - 03.21.2012)
- Caska (22 - 23.03.2012) and
- Studenicani (28 - 29.03.2012)

The participants were representatives of local nongovernmental organizations, representatives of municipalities and other interested citizens.
The goal of the trainings was the participants of these communities to acquire basic knowledge of:

- **Human rights and approach based on human rights**
- **Active citizenship and civic participation**
- **Monitoring of budgets at local level**

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