



Annual Report EAPN Poland – 2013

The Polish Committee of EAPN was set up in 2007 and it does not have a legal status. 33 member organisations belong to EAPN Poland. Some of them are networks already. It is based at one of the member organisations - WRZOS (The Working Community of Associations of Social NGO's).

EAPN Poland is represented by the EXCO. In the current EXCO there are 10 people representing member organisations of EAPN Poland:

1. Dr hab. Ryszard Szarfenberg, (Institute of Social Policy, Warsaw University) - Chair
2. Ks. Stanisław Słowik (Caritas Kielce) – Vice Chair
3. Krzysztof Balon (WRZOS) - Vice Chair
4. Pierre Klein (ATD Fourth World) – Vice Chair
5. Sebastian Szydlik (Nadzieja Association) – Vice Chair
6. Paweł Korliński (MONAR Association)
7. Małgorzata Lelonkiewicz (Federation of Polish Food Banks)
8. Walentyna Milewska (RAZEM Association)
9. Cezary Miżejewski (Konfederacja Pracy Trade Union)
10. Kamila Płowiec (WRZOS) - Secretary

In April 2013 WRZOS began a project co-financing by Swiss Grant for EAPN Poland. In 2013 we managed to:

1. Update website www.eapn.org.pl and facebook
2. Preparing a social campaign “Nothing for us without us” about participation of people experiencing poverty (press, radio)
3. 7 meetings of the EXCO – discussing about current social policy changes, preparation of some position papers.
4. 1 meeting of the Social Experts Council (it is a council of academics that helps us to prepare some position papers, expertise's etc.)
5. The GA of EAPN Poland with a debate about participation of people experiencing poverty and new period of structural funds (October 2013)
6. Organising a local seminar in Cracow about poverty in Poland and role of NGOs to combating the problem (November 2013)
7. Preparing 8 reports monitoring social policy
8. Preparing 5 expertise's
9. Preparing 3 Newsletters



10. Organizing a training about preparing campaigns.
11. Organization of national meetings of people experiencing poverty with one of the member organisations: “Monar” Association
12. Preparing some position papers:
 - about the reform of social welfare system
 - about National Programme Against Poverty and Social Exclusion
 - about new programmes of European Structural Funds
 - about working poor
13. Active participation in working group in the Ministry of Economy about National Reform Programme and preparing some opinions and paper about it
14. Participation of some members of EAPN Poland in preparation process of National Programme Fighting against Poverty
15. Translation 2 „Anti-Poverty Magazine” and the book about child poverty. Promotion of the documents on the website and distribution to about 200 organisations.
16. Participation in some radio programmes and debates about poverty
17. Participation in some seminars, conferences and presentation of EAPN Poland and its activities. Getting some new contacts and cooperation with other organisations
18. Meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The network gained one new member organisation in 2013.