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## **THE NATIONAL ANTI POVERTY NETWORK – SOCIAL INCLUSION RENASIS**

The Federation “The National Antipoverty Network – Social Inclusion” (RENASIS) is a nongovernmental organization founded in November 2007. It was founded by 13 NGO’s from the entire country which carry out activities in the areas of social services, education, culture and support for nongovernmental organizations.

The founding members of RENASIS are:

- 1) Confederația Caritas România, based in Bucharest,
- 2) Asociația pentru Dezvoltarea Organizației - SAH ROM, based in Bucharest,
- 3) Asociația REPERE –Bacău Branch, based in Bacău,
- 4) Fundația Estuar, based in Bucharest,
- 5) Fundația World Vision România, based in Bucharest,
- 6) Asociația Cetatea lui Bucur 7 Centre, based in Bucharest,
- 7) Fundația pentru Invățământ, based in Bucharest,
- 8) Societatea de Educație Contraceptivă și Sexuală, based in Bucharest,
- 9) Asociația Opportunity Associates – România, based in Bucharest,
- 10) Fundația SynergEtica, based in Bucharest,
- 11) Centrul de Asistență pentru Organizații Neguvernamentale – CENTRAS, based in Bucharest,
- 12) Asociația Serviciul APEL, based in Bucharest,
- 13) Societatea Phoenix Carita Horezu, based in Râmnicu Vâlcea

The members of the RENASIS Federation would like to affirm, through its activity, that poverty and/or exclusion are not just an individual problem, but of the society in general and it affects us all on all fronts – political, economic, cultural, social, moral and spiritual. The network would like to point out that on the local stage, poverty and exclusion are a community issue, they must be evaluated and the solutions for their resolution must be included in the local, long term, sustainable development plans.

Given those two aspects which led to the birth of the RENASIS Federation, its members started undertaking activities and projects which have as principal objectives to bring the poverty and social exclusion issues to the public’s attention, to support the information and acknowledgement by Romanian citizens of the principles and specific means of combating poverty, pursuing the strengthening of the abilities of Romanian non – governmental organizations towards this end.

The RENASIS Federation is member of EAPN since 2008.



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The purpose of the RENASIS Federation is to fight poverty and social exclusion through:

- a) the strengthening of the abilities of Romanian non-governmental organizations to act towards this purpose
- b) the promotion of implication of Romanian non-governmental organizations in national and European policy in the specific and relevant fields
- c) the information and understanding by the Romanian citizens of the principles and means relevant towards combating poverty, promoting liberty and human rights;
- d) the promotion of concrete partnerships between the NGO's, local public authorities, the institutions of the state, the church, the profit sector and the community
- e) combating the discrimination of individuals, ethnic and social groups and communities because of poverty
- f) promoting actions of social inclusion and sustainable development

In 2008 RENASIS has concentrated its activity towards the increased cohesion between the members of the network, these being involved in work groups towards identifying the actions which will lead to the fulfillment of the proposed objectives at its inception.

RENASIS has organized during 2008 two important undertakings:

- Participation in International Symposium "Man and the Market" organized by Confederation Caritas Romania (RENASIS member) Theological Institute together with the Roman Catholic "St. Iosif "Iasi and in the Conference" Man and the Market "organized by Confederation Caritas Romania with Anton Durcovici Academy in Bucharest. Events occurred between 16 and 18 April.
- Organization of exhibition of drawings "Play with me," organized on the World Day to Eradicate Poverty, celebrated each year throughout the world on October 17. The event was organized by the National Network of anti poverty - social inclusion (RENASIS) and the Romanian Nongovernmental Organizations for Development in Romania (FOND - NGDO) with the support of the Chamber of Deputies, at the Parliament Palace. Children in several counties of the country have showed through their drawings the way in which they perceive shortcomings in children their age: the toys, playground friends, parents go to work, the whole family. The event was presented on radios and in the press.

Another important event for RENASIS was when in September 2008 that the General Assembly of European Antipoverty Network (European Network Antipoverty - EAPN), we became members EAPN. Since 2007 RENASIS members have been actively involved in EAPN working groups and campaigns made at European level by the other similar networks.



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At the end of last year was launched the RENASIS website ([www.renasis.org](http://www.renasis.org)) that means to make more visible the work of our network, and to be of use to our members and other representatives of NGOs through the information provided.