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Debate "Decent minimum income"

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (MAPP), in cooperation with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), on 15 February 2013, 11.00, at the Journalists Club in Skopje organized a public debate on "decent minimum income in Macedonia".

Aim of the debate was the need of implementing minimum income and opening a discussion of introducing a Minimum income as part of the social policy of the Republic of Macedonia.

On the debate MAPP had a representative from the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) Brussels, she share the positive experiences of implementing the Minimum Income in the Member States of the European Union and on this debate MAPP present the results of analysis conducted in Macedonia.

On the event MAPP invited members of Parliament, representatives of trade unions, relevant state institutions, NGOs and media that had the opportunity to contribute to the topic.

Photo:

http://mpps.org.mk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=214:gallery23&catid=41:gallery&Itemid=121

Video: <http://youtu.be/GxVZKe2NfN0>

Public debate: "Citizen Participation in local democracy"

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (MAPP), Institute for Social Democracy "Progress", Foundation Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - Office in Skopje, International Centre "Olof Palme" organized a public debate "Citizen Participation in Local Democracy" on 18 March 2013 at Gem club, Skopje.

Speakers on the debate were: Carovska Mila, president of the Macedonian Anti Poverty, Peter Atanasoff, a professor at the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Mari Jordanovska and Lubomir Kostovski -journalists.

On the debate were invited all relevant public and political institutions, representatives of associations of citizens, representatives of political parties, academic and scientific community, relevant professional associations and NGOs, the media, and individual

Civic Platform - Local elections 2013

We, the citizens, seek free, honest, fair and democratic elections!

We, the citizens, are deciding the future of the Republic of Macedonia!

We, the citizens, saying loudly: Be aware what are promising, because we are watching!

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (MAPP) on the local elections in 2013 acted proactively in two components:

- Accreditation to monitor the local elections, which directly involve citizens in 19 municipalities with 423 direct monitors
- Sending a letter to all political parties to endorse the initiative dignified minimum Income .Two political parties are supporting the initiative Dignified minimum income.

Decent Minimum Income - Activities April-May 2013

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (MAPP), continued its activities within the current project "Dignified minimum Income in Macedonia."

Activities April-May 2013

Strengthening the internal capacity of the network

Strengthening the capacities of members of MAPP (training, workshops and mobilizing members and citizens to support the initiative decent minimum Income in Macedonia) in 4 regions:

Skopje (covering cities Tetovo and Kumanovo)

Bitola (covering cities Prilep, Krusevo, Resen, Ohrid and Struga)

Stip (covering cities Sv. Nikole, Kocani, Delcevo, Vinica, Berovo, Pehchevo)

Valandovo (covering cities Dorjan, Gevgelija and Strumica)

Photos of famous photographers

Contact with famous photographers who wanted to develop or share their photos associated with our initiative

Online campaign

Continuing cooperation with Metamorphosis for further mobilization and effective on-line campaign for MI.

Film on poverty done by the students of Film academy.

Photo:

http://mpps.org.mk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=211:gallery22&catid=41:gallery&Itemid=121

Conference: "Bridging the gap between theory and practice"

President of MAPP Mila Carovska on the 05/07/2013 participated on a conference organized by Austrian Development Agency ADA in Vienna.

30% of the Macedonians live in poverty. "if you look at the government budget, the reduction of poverty is not on the agenda. We are trying to unite civil society organizations in order to improve living conditions in Macedonia.

The problem is that many of our rights already exist on paper, we are also invited to deliver comments on our national strategies and plans to reduce poverty and social exclusion, but our recommendations still have not actually taken into account,"said Mila Carovska on the conference.

For more information: http://www.entwicklung.at/aktuelles/die_luecke_schliessen/

Public debate on "Quality of Life"

MAPP on May the 15, took part in the third debate "Quality of Life" organized by the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network Macedonia in partnership with the Centre for Civil Communications, as part of the USAID project to strengthen the independence of the media in Macedonia.

Journalists and NGO representatives spoke openly about problems in Macedonian society - highlighted the high rate of poverty and unemployment, abuse of minimum wage, the living conditions in rural areas, demographics and disproportionate regional development. And representatives of non-governmental organizations and journalists agreed that the existing strategies mostly remain on paper without implementation. Journalists, has taken the issue of

cooperation with non-governmental organizations and the use of their data and the possibilities for future cooperation on specific topics.

For more information: <http://birn.eu.com/en/news-and-events/birn-macedonia-holds-debate-on-quality-of-life>

General Assembly of MAPP 2013

Macedonian Anti-Poverty Platform (MAPP) on Oct 02, 2013 at Hotel Port held its fourth regular General Assembly.

The fourth regular General Assembly included the following activities:

1. Presentation of the Annual Report of MAPP
2. Presentation of the financial report of MAPP
3. Review of Article 16 of the Statute of MAPP
4. Presentation and adoption of the Communication Strategy for the period 2013-2015
5. Presentation of new members and voting for their membership in MAPP

On the fourth General Assembly 19 new CSOs and 3 individuals become new members .

Photo:

http://mpps.org.mk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=236:gallery26&catid=41:gallery&Itemid=121

Memorandum of Cooperation

On 07th of October , 2013, MAPP signed Memorandum of Understanding with Citizen initiative 8th September

The purpose of the signing of this Memorandum is the realization of joint activities for the introduction of minimum decent Income in Macedonia and enhances the quality of life of citizens in social risk.

Debate on "Decent minimum Income in the Macedonian context"

On 17.10.2013, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, MAPP organized a public debate on "decent minimum Income in the Macedonian context."

The purpose of this public debate was marking 17th of October International Day against Poverty and presenting the need to introduce a minimum Income in Macedonia

The debate addressed by:

- Mila Carovska Chairman of the MAPP
- Prof. Dr. Maja Gerovska Mitev - Institute of Social Work and Social Policy
- Jalal Hodzic – CI 8th September
- Professor. Zdravko Savevski-FON University and member of Solidarity LD

The event was supported by the National Democratic Institute (NDI), within the project "Strengthening citizen participation in the legislative process."

MAPP on the same day with the support of students from high school Algorithm, on the square Macedonia conducted the campaign informing citizens for Decent Minimum Income, citizens could support the initiative by giving their signature.

Video <http://youtu.be/KaHJldsqiSk>

Third conference of people living in poverty and Social Exclusion

Conference of people living in poverty and social exclusion was held on 24.12.2013 at Hotel Porta, Skopje.

The main objective of the conference was to provide democratic debate between the concerned parties and active involvement of the poor and socially excluded people in decision-making.

The conference was attended by 200 people, of which 150 persons living in poverty and social exclusion and 50 persons members of MAPP

The conference was held in three working parts:

- I work part - the opening conference and the revision of the Declaration of poor and socially excluded people passed in 2012, which was sent to the Government of Macedonia.
- II working part - Citizens of poverty through the three of poverty determine: the causes of poverty, how they feel the poverty and how to overcome poverty. On this part of the conference were presented messages from participants at the conference.
- III working part - Developing democratic debate between the people that live in poverty and representatives of political parties.

Guests panelists in this section were Cvetanka Ivanova, Member of Parliament and Irena Todoroska RM (Ministry of Labour and Social Policy-MLSP).

Citizens asked direct questions to the guests, by answering they suggested steps to be taken by the state to overcome current situation.

The main emphasis on this conference was given on "Dignified minimum income". The conference was covered by the media they carried the main message "Introducing minimum decent Income for all citizens"

Photo:

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MAPP from 2013 to 2014 is part of the project European Minimum Income Network .

MAPP with the support of the National Democratic Institute in the period September 2014- Neomvri will work on the second cycle of activities for the initiative decent minimum income.

Activities for this period?

- ✓ 17 public debates decent minimum Income in 17 cities in Macedonia
- ✓ March against poverty
- ✓ Concert for a dignified life
- ✓ Documentary about the decent life movement
- ✓ Public discussion in the Parliament of the RM for a minimum Income

Photo debates:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mpps/sets/72157640773460265/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mpps/sets/72157640776097453/>

Short movie against poverty

Macedonian Anti Poverty in cooperation with the Faculty of Dramatic Arts produced a short movie against poverty from true stories of poor people involved in the activities and research of MAPP

Video: <http://youtu.be/sJSmGCMQMMY>