

# **Report of EAPN Bulgaria on the National Pilot Actions (1.000 Euros) in partnership with EAPN Portugal Template for Final Report (max 2 sides)**

## **1. Introduction**

In 2014 EAPN Bulgaria was one of the 3 national networks that implemented National Pilot Alliance on European Semester. We succeeded to build an important and useful partnership together with other CSOs and the general and most important recommendation in our final report was to try to transform the civil monitoring and assessment of EU Semester into a regular activity and to make permanent efforts to build CSOs capacity to fulfil such monitoring.

Following this in 2015 EAPN Bulgaria continued to work with the national alliance partners, to distribute information on European Semester and its civil monitoring and was engaged in National Pilot Action in partnership with EAPN Portugal.

## **2. Description of Activities carried out, (including any adjustments to Work Programme)**

In 2015 we implemented 2 types of activities:

### **1. Transnational :**

a) Exchanging information with EAPN Portugal on the Bulgarian Alliance Report on CIVIL MONITORING OF EU SEMESTER AIMING AT ASSESSMENT OF THE QUALITY OF EU ANNUAL POLITICAL CYCLE.

b) Douhomir Minev and Maria Jeliaskova participated and presented inputs in the transnational seminar of EAPN Portugal in Lisbon;

### **2. National**

a) Within different occasions we continued to work with the National Alliance partners sharing visions and supporting each other;

b) The distribution of the results of our civil monitoring continued (The activities of the Alliance were presented by EAPN Bulgaria at an event on working poor organized by Confederation of Labour Podkrepa and EZA in February ; on a conference commemorating 25 years of the establishment of CITUB ; at the official opening of EY for development organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ; and by representative of CL Podkrepa at a meeting with European representation in Bulgaria, etc.).

c) We published an article: Minev, D., Jeliaskova, M., "Roots of the Crisis in the EU: Public Policies, Citizenship, Democracy and Manipulation" in the scientific journal "Philosophical Alternatives" 2/2015, p. 122-138. *(in Bulgarian)*

d) Updating on new developments linked to the European Semester

### **3. Evaluation of results and impact**

Partners in the National Alliance use every possible event to disseminate information about the Alliance. All the partners share the vision that the activities of the Alliance should continue and we are trying to find out ways for that.

We consider the possibility to exchange with EAPN Portugal on Europe 2020 and European Semester very useful as well. The participation in the project has stimulated us to look for new opportunities. And additionally we would like to thank EAPN Portugal for the informative and wonderful time we spent in Lisbon.

### **4. Learning points and future recommendations**

We do consider the social impact assessment of policies as a basic direction of EAPN activities. In this regard, we find important and useful the activities linked to the European Semester to continue on national, transnational and EU level.

Additionally, we think that under the conditions of restricted budget (the 1000 Euro for the National Pilot Action for Bulgaria were not enough even only for the travelling and accommodation of 2 Bulgarian representatives to Lisbon) the activities should include building partnership through exchange of documents, visions, joint SIA, instead of travelling. Budget-wise transnational activities should better concentrate on contextual issues than on organizational. For example, we think it would have been more useful if EAPN Bulgaria and EAPN Portugal together have prepared a comparative (Portugal/Bulgaria) social impact assessment of the country specific recommendations of the 2 countries and their possible impact instead to spend all budget for travelling. But maybe there will be such opportunities in the future.

### **Attachments to be included**

- **Registration lists with signatures of participants for relevant meetings/events** – this is provided by EAPN Portugal
- **Copies of all relevant documents/reports/event programmes/press releases with website links /social media.-**  
EAPN Portugal has provided the event program and the Bulgarian power point presentation. So we here include only the second Bulgarian input.(the Bigger Picture)