



## **Annual Report EAPN Poland– 2014**

The Polish Committee of EAPN was set up in 2007 and it does not have a legal status. 30 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 EXCO actually is 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. Wojciech Jaros (Federation of Polish Food Banks) –Vice Chair
5. Ilona Organiak (Association of Supporting Families) – Vice Chair
6. Teresa Sierawska (MONAR Association)
7. Andrzej Zybala (ATD Fourth World)
8. Joan Munch (Salvation Army)
8. Cezary Miżejewski (Konfederacja Pracy Trade Union)
10. Kamila Płowiec (WRZOS) - Secretary

In 2014 EAPN Poland had some money from Swiss Grant. We organised the following activities:

1. 4 meetings of EXCO – discussing about current social policy changes, preparation of some position papers
2. 2 meetings of Social Experts Council (it is a council of academics that helps us to prepare some position papers, expertise's etc.)
3. The GA of EAPN Poland with a debate about social housing in the context of poverty.
4. Organising a local seminar in Lublin about poverty in Poland and role of NGO to combating the problem
5. Preparing 8 reports of monitoring of social policy
6. Preparing 4 expertise's
7. Publishing "Guide to social policy of the EU"
8. Organising a seminar about working poor with The Poverty Alliance from Scotland with EXCO meeting in Warsaw



9. Organising a seminar about minimum income scheme
10. Organization with one of the member organisations - Kamiliańska Misja Pomocy Społecznej national meetings of people experiencing poverty
11. Preparing some position papers:
  - about the reform of social welfare system
  - about National Reform Programmes
12. Active participation in working group in the Ministry of Economy about National Reform Programme and preparing some opinions and paper about it.
13. Participation of some members of EAPN Poland in preparation process of National Programme Fighting against Poverty
14. Participation in some seminars, conferences and presentation of EAPN Poland and its activities. Getting some new contacts and cooperation with other organisations
15. EAPN Poland joined the Empowerment Forum
16. Meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

5 new member organizations joined in 2014.