

**Activity report**  
**EAPN Estonia NGO Actions Report 2015**  
**Reg. ID. 80304398**

NGO EAPN Estonia was founded in 2010 and joined EAPN Europe (European Anti Poverty Network) in the same year.

### **EAPN Estonia and activities on EU level**

EAPN Estonian network member representatives are active in EAPN European Network working groups, task forces, we also participate in round tables and conferences, organized by EAPN and other European organizations and Alliances.

Our network collects data and shares the information about vulnerable groups, subsistence and eligibility opportunities, social activities and involvement of NGOs with other interested partners from different international organizations.

EAPN Estonia monitors EU 2020, the country-specific recommendations (CSR) and the National Action Plan (NRP). EAPN network members participate in the monitoring of different policies: quality of employment, communication and the structural funds funding guarantees and are active in policy making in FEAD platform, Investing in Children Alliance and in many other working groups like ENSA.

### **Participation in development and preparation of legal acts and legislation on state level in Estonia**

We work in partnership with various ministries, the Statistical Office of the Labour Market Board and tens and tens other NGOs.

We translate information and documents for our network members into Estonian and make participating meaningful for these members, who can not understand English. EAPN Estonia 2 members and 2 substitute members were invited to join the National welfare strategy Steering Committee.

<https://www.sm.ee/et/heaolu-arengukava-2016-2023>

We also took part in the designing process of Child Protection Act

<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/506052015001/consolide>

Several member organizations were involved in preparation of Work Ability Reform.

<http://sm.ee/en/work-ability-reform>

EAPN network members organize joint seminars and conferences, and carry out joint projects. We also prepare and carry out joint trainings for young people and students, teachers and child protectors and social workers.

We had 2 camps for youngsters about EU and European legislation.

### **Key Events in 2015**

Participation in discussions on the Green Paper of Family Benefits and Services, giving an input to the SM – s.

[http://www.sm.ee/sites/default/files/content-editors/Lapsed\\_ja\\_pered/Perehuvitised/peretoetuste\\_teenuste\\_ja\\_vanemapuhkuste\\_roheline\\_raamat\\_2015.pdf](http://www.sm.ee/sites/default/files/content-editors/Lapsed_ja_pered/Perehuvitised/peretoetuste_teenuste_ja_vanemapuhkuste_roheline_raamat_2015.pdf)

Participation in the Centre for Ethics in Colloquium "Me and my life. Decision-making power " which took place on 27 February in Tartu.

Participants discussed about the human right to make their own life decisions. At what age should people have right to vote, and when the parents of a minor can obtain to decide an abortion.

- Participation in professional conference "Does the inwork poverty destroy family life in Estonia?" 19.02.2015.

<http://www.kas.de/estland/et/events/62697/>

- Seminar "Mental health – can media help?", March 9th, SM – S

This seminar was designed in collaboration with journalists to discuss how to recognize mental health problems so that media could contribute to solving the major social bottlenecks.

- Meeting with SM on 4<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the Eurochild report on deinstitutionalisation of the alternative care. Discussion about the planned activities of the EU Social Fund resources to enhance the quality of alternative care from 2015 to 2020.

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- EAPN Estonia held a seminar in Tallinn Social Work - and HCB hall.

Themes:

1. EAPN plans for 2015
2. The child best interest - drafting the guidelines and the work program
3. Family benefits and support services Green Paper - discussion on the proposals of first draft.
4. Cooperation with Eurochild and ENSA

- On April 5th, the traditional EAPN Easter Bunny Celebration was held at the Estonia Concert Hall. This event is our Estonian PEP meeting. This event is organized in cooperation of all EAPN Estonia members and Tallinn City Government.

Media about our event:

<http://www.goodnews.ee/lihavottejanku-pidu-vabatahtlike-valmistatud-suur-room>

<https://perejakodu.ee/uudised-6/1AD72/>

[http://www.seitsmesed.ee/eesti/uudis/2015/04/05/vahekindlustatud-perede-lapsed-lustisidlihavottejanku-party /](http://www.seitsmesed.ee/eesti/uudis/2015/04/05/vahekindlustatud-perede-lapsed-lustisidlihavottejanku-party/)

- EAPN seminar on homelessness.

- EAPN meeting about Membership Assessment and Support System
- EAPN seminar on ESF – members meeting with Anu Toodu about the Barometer.
- EAPN Estonia NGO organized the Poverty Round Table on 11<sup>th</sup> of May in Tallinn Social - and Health Administration  
The program :
  1. European issues and policy recommendations.
  2. Alar Tamm introduced Remniku summer camp project.
  3. NFCS project - Merle Haruoja

- ENSA Childhood and Youth Participation thematic working group in Brussels on 27<sup>th</sup> of April - seeking solutions to problems related to the increase of youth homelessness.

- Kärt Mere had a presentation on child poverty conference organized by the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Family Centre "Who is the protector of children in Estonia?" in the National Library on 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

[http://perekeskus.eu/konverents-kes-on-eesti-laste\\_kaitsja/](http://perekeskus.eu/konverents-kes-on-eesti-laste_kaitsja/)

- Participating in the study "Child - friendly justice - and the views of professionals experience " on 12<sup>th</sup> of June in Tallinn.

- project partners meeting - network of the "Voices of Youth".

- Ministry of Justice and the Office of the Ombudsman for children organized a film festival with specific program on Children Rights. EAPN leaders were invited to have a debate with the audience after watching the movie "Something Better to come". The film told the story about a girl, her name was Yula and she lived in the junkyard.

[http://etv.err.ee/v/dokumentaalfilmid/xxix\\_parnu\\_filmifestival/saated/ca9b9005-f711-444e-ba27-905d1ef806f6](http://etv.err.ee/v/dokumentaalfilmid/xxix_parnu_filmifestival/saated/ca9b9005-f711-444e-ba27-905d1ef806f6)

Kärt Mere and Martin Medar and Piet Boerefijn attended a long training organized by Praxis and KÜSK for leaders in NGO - s .

[http://www.praxis.ee/tood/yhenduste\\_programm/](http://www.praxis.ee/tood/yhenduste_programm/)

- Estonian Food Bank leader Piet Boerefijn was elected to become a member of the Foodbanks Federation.
- Kiira Gornischeff and Kärt Mere held a debate with television viewers 25/11/2015 in the show "Concerns all", discussing together actively about poverty issues.

[http://etvpluss.err.ee/l/arutelu/kasaetsja\\_vseh](http://etvpluss.err.ee/l/arutelu/kasaetsja_vseh)

- EAPN contributed to the study "Collection of Good Practices on non-monetary Measures in the area of Women and Poverty ".
- EAPN Estonia representatives are participating in the project TRANSWEL about free movement of workers and their social ensurence and security in the Member States. a Policy Stakeholder Seminar,
- Regulating the portability of welfare in the EU: Contemporary Solutions and Future Challenges, in Brussels on 27 November 2015.

## **EAPN Estonia media coverage in 2015**

Pealinn 30.10.2015

Vaesusekspert Mere: Eesti Nokiaks olgu iga lapse vaesusest välja toomine

Pealinn 18.10.2015

Kärt Mere: vaesuse võitmiseks on vaja poliitilist tahet

Pealinn 17.10.2015

EUROOPA VAESEMAID: Eesti peab sotsiaalkulutusi suurendama

ERR 21.04.2015

Pirjo Turk: sooline palgalõhe - kelle mure?

ERR 05.04.2015

Tallinnas korraldati vähekindlustatud lastele Lihavõttejänku pidu

Seitsmesed uudised 05.04.2015

Vähekindlustatud perede lapsed lustisid Lihavõttejänku peol

GoodNews 05.04.2015

LIHAVÕTTEJÄNKU PIDU! Vabatahtlike valmistatud suur rõõm

Pere ja Kodu 03.04.2015

Lihavõttejänku pidu vähekindlustatud peredele

ERR 27.03.2015

Fakte Euroopa sotsiaaluuringutest: Eesti elanikud tunnevad end äpradununa

EPL 26.03.2015

Sotsiaalvaldkond vajab sularaha asemel hoopis teenuseid

Linnaleht 12.02.2015

Vaid neljandik rahvast suudab teenida välja elu pealpool vaesuspiiri

Delfi 29.01.2015

DELFI VIDEO: Vaata, millised erakonnad ignoreerivad Eesti kõige vaesemaid inimesi

Õhtuleht 13.01.2015

KURB: Eestis elab 650 last praktiliselt omapäi

## **New members**

NGO SHIA    [facebook/shiaest](https://www.facebook.com/shiaest)

We started cooperation with The Salvation Army, had meeting in the EAPN office on 19.02. with leaders Ced & Lyn Hills - Major Peres. The goal of our cooperation is to find the best opportunities for distressed people, to reach them, and to provide adequate support.

EAPN Estonia network is composed of 24 member organizations and 5 associated partners. PEP - s are active members of our member organisations and we believe, they have a voice.

[ww.eapn.ee](http://ww.eapn.ee)

<https://www.facebook.com/MtuEapnEesti/>

Kärt Mere

25.10.2016.