

Annual report 2016 EAPN Sweden

Summary:

EAPN Sweden has representatives in the EUISG and EXCO (Guni Haggren and Lena Huss).

EAPN Sweden has also taken part in the committee concerning migration and refugee issues (Magnus Pålsson).

EAPN Sweden took part in the 2016 General Assembly in Brugge, Belgium.

The annual PEP meeting (People experiencing poverty) was held in Brussels. The meeting is an arena with the purpose to discuss and spread information about practical and individual consequences of poverty and social exclusion.

This year, EAPN Sweden sent four representatives from the local network in the county of Skåne. Preparations for the PEP meeting (no 15) was made in cooperation with the Nordic countries.

Local activities:

For many years The Swedish network has been a part of the Governmental Delegation for social issues, lead by the ministry for Social Affairs. Unfortunately, the delegation has now been abolished. No other working groups or official arenas for these important issues has been launched.

In 2016 The government arranged a meeting concerning the National Reform Programme. EAPN Sweden took part of this meeting.

The Swedish network is small and has very limited financial resources. Our actions are depending on money for the local PEP preparations, translation of documents, some actions for information and finally on membership fees. The consequence is that very few external activities can be performed. If The Swedish network make arrangements, we are depending on volunteers.

Annual meeting:

The EAPN Sweden Annual meeting was combined with a seminar in the local EU office. The issue was "The state of the welfare state". One of the speakers was an officer from our Swedish EU office.

Website and information:

Due to technical problems, our Swedish website has been closed for some time. But in 2016 the network launched a new website, which is now under construction. We also have a Facebook site. It is our impression that Facebook is more important for communication than a regular web site.

Translations:

During 2016 the following documents have been translated:

- EAPN position paper on "Social pillar"