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Organization's projects, events and other activities addressed to the target groups in the calendar year

Activities addressed to the target groups:

- 1) 06.04.2021 - European Social Policy working group's webinar on reducing patient co-payments;
- 2) 30.04.2021 - participation in the remote ceremony of the Gender Equality Award;
- 3) 06.09.2021 - Poverty Watch report was prepared and submitted to EAPN-Europe/European Commission;
- 4) 29.09.2021 - participation in the Senior Citizen's Day celebration at the Riga Alliance of Active Seniors;
- 5) 06.10.2021 - PeP program seminar at Sigulda association "A Call to You";
- 6) 20.10.2021 - a remote meeting of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty;
- 7) 20.10.2021 and 22.10.2021 - remote admission to the Minister of Welfare on poverty reduction issues.

All international projects implemented by EAPN-Latvia are addressed to the specific target groups (see below).

Organization's performance or achievements during the calendar year for the benefit of the target group and in the area concerned

Achievements:

- 1) operation within the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) and cooperation with more than 40 non-governmental organizations and

networks across Europe; remote participation (online) in EXCO, EUISG, Capacity Building Group meetings, General Assembly and political conferences of European Union institutions;

- 2) implementation of EAPN PeP (People Experiencing Poverty) program in Latvia;
- 3) remote participation in the PeP European Conference;
- 4) implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy program in Latvia; submission of proposals to the decision-making institutions of the European Union and Latvia;
- 5) implementation of one measure (that is co-financed by the European Social Fund / State Employment Agency) for an unemployed person with a disability;
- 6) remote implementation of projects " Strengthening the NGO network – a tool for social security " and "Equal opportunities – a way to social welfare", co-financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers;
- 7) remote implementation of the project "Link between social rights and social entrepreneurship", co-financed by NORDPLUS;
- 8) remote implementation of the Erasmus+ Adult Education Program project "Building a Network to Boost Social Secure Europe - BOSS";
- 9) remote operation of two working groups: European Social Policy working group and NGO Capacity Building working group;
- 10) international remote meeting on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty;
- 11) remote planning and submission of the Erasmus+ Adult Education Program project "PERSON FIRST" in cooperation with SMES-Europa;
- 12) submitting a project to the Erasmus+ SMALL adult education program;
- 13) remote representation in the Interreg OSIRIS project activities;
- 14) remote participation in the forum of Saeima of the Republic of Latvia and NGOs;
- 15) submitting an application for Erasmus+ accreditation for the operation of an NGO consortium in Latvia.

Founders / members of the organization and other persons

- The number of founders / members: 28
- The number of people involved: 18
- The number of public beneficiaries: 3000

The use of donations received during the calendar year

- The total amount of donations received in the calendar year: 0 euros
- The total amount of donations used in the calendar year: 0 euros

Factors that contribute to the activities of the organization (for example, cooperation with public administration institutions, entrepreneurs)

Cooperation with public administration and local government institutions:

- 1) cooperation with the Social and Labour Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia;
- 2) representation in the Monitoring Committee of the EU Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund;
- 3) representation in the memorandum between the Cabinet of Ministers and NGOs;
- 4) representation in the Coordination Committee for Social Inclusion Policy of the Ministry of Welfare, the Gender Equality Committee and the FEAD Consultative Working Group;
- 5) representation in the memorandum between the Ministry of the Interior and NGOs;
- 6) representation in the memorandum between Riga City Council and NGOs;
- 7) representation in the Advisory Council of the Riga City Council on issues of social integration;
- 8) representation in the Latvian Social Entrepreneurship Association;
- 9) representation in the Latvian Child Welfare Network;

- 10) representation in the Latvian Women's Non-Governmental Organizations Cooperation Network;
- 11) cooperation with the Latvian Free Trade Union Confederation and the Society for Transparency DELNA;
- 12) cooperation with 8 NGOs associated with EAPN-Latvia network;
- 13) cooperation with the Representation of the European Commission in Latvia.

Factors that hinder the activities of the organization

The activities of the organization were hindered by:

- 1) Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, as a result of which almost all activities had to take place remotely, however most members of the EAPN-Latvia Network's member organizations were unable to join these activities due to their lack of experience and technology devices;
- 2) we had no opportunities to develop organization's economic activities, as a result we experienced lack of funds to pay for the rent of our premises and communication services;
- 3) due to the corrupt environment and decision-making in the non-governmental and public sector (Active Population Fund - AIF, Society Integration Fund - SIF, State Chancellery, Ministry of Culture), EAPN-Latvia was forced to refuse to participate in calls for proposals for attracting financial resources, which were organized in Latvia, as a result of that EAPN-Latvia was unable to support its Network organizations, which never submit project applications by themselves or are unable to compete with their project applications against organizations supported by non-governmental and public sector institutions ("their own team");
- 4) the leaders of the EAPN-Latvia network's member organizations are psychologically and materially severely depressed, as a result of which many organizations were afraid to get involved in the international activities offered by EAPN-Latvia;

- 5) employees of the EAPN-Latvia member organizations lack knowledge of foreign languages (English, French, German), which has restricted their participation in many international activities offered by EAPN-Latvia;
- 6) due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, EAPN-Latvia members had difficulties accessing government officials (deputies of the Saeima, ministers, local government leaders, etc.) in connection with decision-making in the interests of people experiencing poverty.

Future action plan

Organization's operational purpose

Long-term projects, measures and other activities (implementation period - more than one year):

- **ongoing:**

- 1) 01.10.2020 - 30.04.2022 - NORDEN program's project "Strengthening the NGO network - a tool for social security" in partnership with organizations from St. Petersburg, Kaliningrad, Estonia, Sweden, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Poland;
- 2) 01.06.2019 - 31.10.2022 - NORDPLUS program's project "The link between social rights and social entrepreneurship" in partnership with organizations from Denmark, Norway, Estonia and Lithuania;
- 3) 01.09.2020 - 30.06.2023 - ERASMUS+ Adult Education Program's project "Building a Network to Boost Social Secure Europe - BOSS" in partnership with organizations from Cyprus, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Greece, France, Poland, Romania and Estonia.

- **planned:**

- 1) From 01.02.2022 - ERASMUS+ Adult Education Program's SMES-Europa project "PERSON FIRST - Emergency services and rehabilitation support: promoting accessibility, improving e-quality, reinforcing networking" in

- partnership with organizations from Belgium (Lead Partner), Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Denmark, Finland and Poland;
- 2) From 01.03.2022 - ERASMUS+ Small Adult Education Program's project "Improving the competencies of NGO Educators for social inclusion" in partnership with organizations from Estonia, Sweden, Italy and Greece;
 - 3) From 01.06.2022 - NORDPLUS program's project "Modern digital tools - a resource for strengthening social entrepreneurship" in partnership with organizations from Estonia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway and Finland;
 - 4) From 01.06.2022 - ERASMUS+ Accreditation project for international mobility of adult educators in 2022-2023;
 - 5) From 01.06.2022 - ESF project "Subsidized jobs for the unemployed", State Employment Agency's program "Measures for specific groups of population";
 - 6) From 01.09.2022 - ERASMUS+ Cooperation Partnership Program's adult education project "Paving new paths to social networking" in partnership with organizations from the Netherlands, Hungary and Finland;
 - 7) From 01.12.2022 - ERASMUS+ Cooperation Partnership Program's adult education KIKE project "Lifelong learning to support current young children" in partnership with organizations from Hungary (Lead Partner), Cyprus, Ireland, Romania and Slovenia.

Short-term projects, measures and other activities (implementation period – less than one year):

- **planned:**

- 1) 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022. - EAPN-Europe support program for national networks.

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