

Annual report of EAPN Spain 2013

- **Lobbying and advocacy capacity**

During 2013, we have held several meetings with decision-makers and political representatives to **advance in the National Reform Programme (NRP) in the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy**, which has as main objective to reduce by 20 million the number of people in poverty or social exclusion in Europe.

It has also maintained a **line of intense work with the authorities responsible for the Structural Funds in the regions**, with the primary objective of extending the influence of the third sector of social action in the new programming period. This work has resulted in **EAPN Spain's participation in the Steering Committee of the Social Fund**.

We have also continued taking part in the political dialogue with all political groups and in various forums in which we can have an impact against poverty and social exclusion, at local, regional, national and European level.

Relevant actions in 2013

- **National Inclusion Plan:** EAPN Spain has participated in its elaboration through working groups in the State Board of Social Action NGOs.
- **Platform of the Third Sector (PTS):** EAPN Spain holds the vice Social Policy and European Affairs. We have promoted several political positions, as the creation **of the Bureau of Civil Dialogue**.
- **Alternative Report on the National Reform Programme 2013:** with the ultimate goal of establishing a comprehensive system of program monitoring in the different regions.
- **Report 'The social impact of the austerity policies':** in order to measure the effects of these policies on people, particularly on the most vulnerable.

- **Annual Seminar. Held on 14th and 15th November in Alcalá de Henares**, entitled "**Our job at the change of scenery and social model**" The objective was to understand the impact that the crisis is having on organizations working with vulnerable groups.

- **Report 'Seminar Child Poverty'**: contains the conclusions of the Seminar held in Palma de Mallorca in September 2013, dedicated to childhood policies.

- **Report on Housing**: fruit of the work of the Housing Commission EAPN-ES, with the aim of supporting the positioning of the Third Sector Platform on this matter.

- **Political positions**

- **'Our task at the change of scenery and social model'**, the result of the Annual Seminar of EAPN-ES

- **Report 'Citizenship Rights, Information to participation'**, corresponding to the Second PEP Congress held in Valladolid in September.

- **Manifiesto of EAPN-ES** on the occasion of the International Day against Poverty

- **Manifiesto of the Spanish Alliance Against Poverty**

- **Participation of people living in poverty in the internal and external work of EAPN**

One of our main priorities for 2013 continued to be a firm commitment to the participation of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion in society, through various actions aimed to put the person at the center of the process of social inclusion.

Relevant actions in 2013

- **II PEP Congress** - "Human Rights: Rights at Stake?" In which **169 people** from 16 regions participated.
- **12 Regional PEP Meetings:** Andalucía, Asturias, Castilla y León, Canarias, Ceuta, Extremadura, Galicia, Madrid, Melilla, Murcia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands C. **1,052 participants.**
- **Participation of people in vulnerable situations in transnational projects** through the European program of adult education Grundtvig, in collaboration with five other European institutions, such as the National Federation of Reception and Social Reinsertion of France, The French Army Salvation and EAPN national networks.

- Development and Extension of the Network

Currently the **number of regional networks** is **19**, which means that we are present in 100% of the Regions and autonomous cities in Spain. **All these networks receive support and technical advice from the Secretariat of the Network and its governing bodies. National NGOs** are currently **16**.

EAPN Spain continues helping **those financially disadvantaged territories**, through hiring someone full time or part time and through the funding of training and awareness. Under these two programs (Training and Awareness), **all territorial networks have resources allocated from the National network.**

Networks that have hired staff from EAPN Spain are: Asturias, Canarias, Cantabria, Castilla y León, Castilla la Mancha, Ceuta, Extremadura, Galicia, Madrid, Melilla, Murcia and Valencia.

- **Good governance and strong internal democracy**

In 2013 EAPN Spain consolidated the **functioning of its governing bodies: 3 Executive Committee meetings and 4 of the Standing Committee**. These bodies have had full participation in all meetings.

Active working groups are: Communication, Structural Funds, Employment, inclusion, Participation, Internal Regulations, State Institutions, and Equal Treatment and Non-Discrimination. EAPN Spain also created an ad hoc group working on the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. On the other hand, we **have created four working committees: housing, education, employment and health** in Inclusion and Employment Groups.

Beside, a **Europe Group** was created to coordinate actions and transfer information and work of the various representatives in the organs, groups and working committees in EAPN Europe.