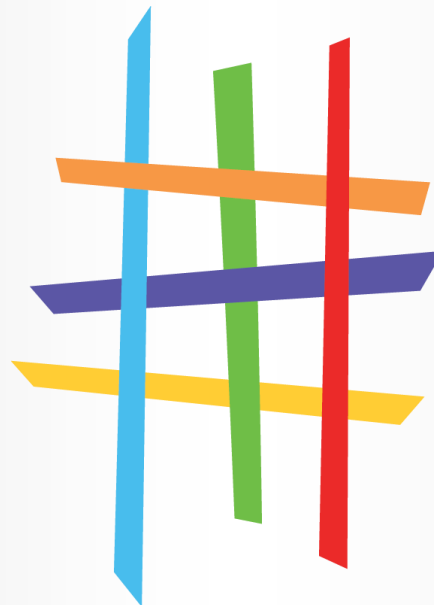


Pillar 4: Good Governance and strong internal democracy

Sharing the experience of EAPN Serbia



Networking Against Poverty

EAPN Serbia was founded in December 2010 as informal network - APN Serbia.

12 founding organizations

9 organizations joined in June 2011

7 more in April 2014

TOTAL OF 28 ORGANIZATIONS.

Variety of size, capacities, experiences...



Setting up the scene

Initially the network was informal by the decision of the founders (this is to be changed soon).

Internal procedures developed in detail, explained in the Statute.

Live discussion about every detail of the Statute
“Prepared to register tomorrow”.

Statute in accordance with EAPN values as well as the Serbian law.



Internal organization

Assembly (one representative per member organization, one vote per organization)



Managing Board (President + 4 members)

Network coordinator



Supervisory Board

One organization is hosting the network.



Practices

Involving members in running the network ?

Managing Board – 5 organizations – 5 proactive individuals, supported by their organizations.

Sharing tasks/areas among the members and keeping the Network active?

Managing Board is leading, not all members contributing equally.

Keeping the information flow.

Keeping the process open for feedback and initiatives.



Practices and reality

- Members still coming in. Why?
- Relations among members – huge, cluster organizations compared to small local organizations.
- Scene in Serbia - each for the other or each to their own?



In the end...

When working informally, without funds for years, the most important thing is to gather proactive individuals who will pull the network and push the initiatives, following previously established rules and in accordance with jointly agreed direction.

Difficult, sometimes slow and tiring, but it can be done.



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