



National Network in relation to the Europe 2020 and
the Flagship Platform against Poverty

EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY IN LATVIAN RURAL AREAS

EAPN-Latvia Report on the national work

01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017

EAPN-Latvia has implemented the Europe 2020 Strategy Programme and the Flagship Platform against Poverty in Latvia since January 1st 2017. Three objectives and six expected results that were mentioned in our “Application for EAPN funding in 2017” were mostly achieved.

The implementation of this programme was managed by **Laila Balga** and **Elina Alere-Fogele** (EAPN-Latvia Board members).

In February 2017, as part of the European Programme, EAPN-Latvia approved the Latvian Programme “Europe 2020 Strategy in Latvian rural areas” and implemented it until December 31st 2017 in Riga and other regions of Latvia.

EAPN-Latvia has carried out the following activities which led to the achievement of the expected results:

I. January 1st 2017 – December 31th 2017, Riga

The administration of the programme. 6 volunteers and 1 translator have contributed their work to the programme.

Publicity measures: a website; a monthly newsletter; information in regional newspapers. The evaluation of the programme.

II. January 1st 2017 – December 31st 2017

- 1) May 22nd 2017, Riga – An event planning meeting with participation of 5 experts from different EAPN-Latvia member organizations.
- 2) Presentation and distribution of 110 copies of 2015 EAPN-Latvia handbook “Runājam un rīkojamies” (“Discussing and taking action”), which is based on EAPN materials, and also of recently issued booklets: 2016 EAPN booklets “The contribution of meaningful Social Innovation to reducing poverty and social exclusion in Europe” and “EAPN Assessment of the 2016 Country-Specific Recommendations” and a 2017 EAPN booklet “More Social Europe in the European Semester?” (all three booklets were translated into Latvian in 2017). These printed materials were distributed within the non-governmental sector in Riga and also in the centres of other four regions of Latvia (in Jurmala, Liepāja, Ziemeļi, Jekabpils, Balvi, Varakļāni, Sigulda, Dobele, Rucava and Rezekne).



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III. August 1st 2017 – September 30th 2017

- 1) September 6th 2017, Rucava – A discussion meeting/workshop on raising public awareness of Europe 2020 Strategy, incl. the European Pillar of Social Rights. The participants of this event included NGO and municipality professionals and volunteers from Latvian rural areas, as well as 6 EAPN-Latvia experts (in total: 17 participants).

Learning points (conclusions) and further recommendations. A questionnaire for participants.

- 2) September 7th 2017, Ziemeļe, Pavilosta district – A meeting on raising public awareness of Europe 2020 Strategy, incl. the European Pillar of Social Rights. The participants of this meeting included NGO professionals and volunteers from Latvian rural areas, as well as 5 EAPN-Latvia experts (in total: 51 participants).

Learning points (conclusions) and further recommendations.

IV. October 1st 2017 – December 31st 2017

- 1) November 15th 2017, Riga – An expert meeting for the compilation of EAPN-Latvia proposals; 8 participants.
- 2) October 1st 2017 – November 30th 2017, Riga – The preparation of EAPN-Latvia experts' proposals (also in English) on reducing poverty and social exclusion and on capacity building of non-governmental organizations and the submission of 24 applications to European and Latvian legislative institutions (decision-makers). (An overview of EAPN-Latvia's contribution to protecting the interests of poor people in 2017).
- 3) December 6th 2017, Riga – EAPN-Latvia working group evaluation meeting on the results of Europe 2020 Strategy Programme in 2017. 6 participants from EAPN-Latvia member organizations.

For more information please visit:

- <http://www.eapn.lv/latvija/>
- <http://www.eapn.lv/latvija/socialo.php>

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