

National Network and its European dimension of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion

RAISING AWARENESS ON DECENT INCOME

EAPN-Latvia Report on the national work

01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017

EAPN-Latvia has implemented the EAPN PeP Programme in Latvia since January 1st 2017. Seven objectives and eight expected results that were mentioned in our “Application for EAPN funding in 2017” were mostly achieved.

On January 28th 2017 the Board of EAPN-Latvia appointed **Henriks Danusevics**, the President of Latvian Traders’ Association, as the National Coordinator of PeP Programme.

On March 30th - 31st, EAPN-Latvia representatives **Elina Alere-Fogele** (the Board Member) and **Henriks Danusevics** (PeP Programme National Coordinator) participated in the meeting of PeP National Coordinators organized by EAPN in Riga, Latvia.

In February 2017, as part of the European PeP Programme, EAPN-Latvia approved the Latvian Programme “Raising Awareness on Decent Income” and implemented it until December 31st 2017 in Riga and other Latvian regions.

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

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

Administration of the PeP Programme. The National coordinator, 2 local coordinators, 20 experts, a PR consultant and an IT consultant have all contributed their work to the PeP Programme.

Publicity measures: an Internet website; a monthly newsletter; brochures and other informative materials; information placed in the national and regional newspapers, television and radio; blogs and photos posted on social networks (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Evaluation of the PeP Programme.

II. January 1st 2017 – February 28th 2017

1) February 14th 2017, Riga – Planning of the PeP Programme. Information research on the real income of Latvian residents in the different fields of occupation. The gathering of statistical data. Compilation of results within the EAPN-Latvia working group which consists of 11 experts.

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III. February 1st 2017 – May 31st 2017

- 1) February 16th 2017, Dobele – A discussion meeting on raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life with participation of three EAPN-Latvia experts, Dobele district organizations of disabled people and specialists from the local authorities (in total: 18 participants).
- 2) March 24th 2017, Riga – A planning meeting for 4 EAPN-Latvia experts' events about raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life for all.
- 3) May 26th 2017, Jurmala – A discussion meeting on raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life with participation of EAPN-Latvia experts, Jurmala local authorities and specialists from “Progressive” political party (8 participants).

IV. March 1st 2017 – July 31st 2017

- 1) March 4th 2017, Riga – Preparation of proposals within the EAPN-Latvia PeP working group for the discussions with large families in Latvian regions on raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life (8 participants).
- 2) May 17th 2017, Balvi – A discussion meeting between 10 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and Latgale region non-governmental organizations and local authorities on raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life (in total: 33 participants).
- 3) July 6th 2017, Rīga – A discussion meeting between 9 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and Latvian non-governmental organizations on raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life and on the tasks for PeP European Conference 2017 in Brussels, Belgium (in total: 25 participants).
- 4) July 12th 2017, Sigulda – EAPN-Latvia PeP experts' meeting and the preparation of proposals for the *Saeima* (Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia (10 participants).

V. August 1st 2017 – September 30th 2017

- 1) September 7th 2017, Ziemepe – A discussion meeting between 5 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and the leaders of Liepaja Society of the Blind on the experiences and needs of PeP regarding raising awareness of decent income. The compilation of proposals.

VI. September 1st 2017 – September 30th 2017

- 1) September 14th 2017, Varaklani – A discussion meeting between 7 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and Varaklani district non-governmental organizations and local authorities

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on the experiences and needs of PeP regarding raising awareness of decent income. The compilation of proposals (in total: 23 participants).

VII. May 1st 2017 – May 31st 2017

- 1) May 31st 2017, Jekabpils – A discussion meeting between 3 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and Jekabpils city and Jekabpils district organizations of disabled people on the experiences and needs of PeP regarding raising awareness of decent income. The compilation of proposals (in total: 20 participants).

VIII. April 1st 2017 – September 30th 2017

- 1) April 18th 2017 – August 21st 2017 – The nomination of delegates for participation in PeP European Conference 2017 in Brussels, Belgium.
- 2) August 22nd 2017, Riga – The approval of delegates for participation in PeP European Conference 2017 in Brussels, Belgium (5 meeting participants).
- 3) September 15th 2017, Rezekne – Preparatory meeting before the roundtable discussion at the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs of the *Saeima* of the Republic of Latvia. Discussion between 7 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and Rezekne city and Rezekne district non-governmental organizations on the experiences and needs of PeP regarding raising awareness of decent income. The compilation of proposals for legislators (in total: 27 participants).

IX. September 1st 2017 – November 30th 2017

- 1) October 6th 2017, Riga – EAPN-Latvia PeP experts' and NGOs leaders' meeting for the preparation of proposals for participation in PeP European Conference and the *Saeima* (Parliament) of the Republic of Latvia (11 participants).
- 2) October 25th 2017, Riga – A discussion meeting between 10 EAPN-Latvia PeP experts and Latvian non-governmental organizations on raising awareness of the need to provide decent income for a dignified life and on tasks for PeP programmes in 2018 (in total: 42 participants).
- 3) November 15th 2017, Riga – Roundtable discussion at the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs of the *Saeima* of the Republic of Latvia between 3 Latvian delegates to PeP European Conference 2017, the Board of EAPN-Latvia and the management of the Committee.

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- X. September 1st 2017 – October 31st 2017
- 1) September 12th 2017, Riga – Preparatory meeting with participation of the Board of EAPN-Latvia and 3 Latvian delegates on preparation for their participation in PeP European Conference 2017 in Brussels, Belgium.
- XI. November 1st 2017 – November 30th 2017
- 1) November 8th 2017 – November 10th 2017, Brussels, Belgium – The participation and presentation of 4 EAPN-Latvia delegates in PeP European Conference 2017. The compilation of results. Publicity measures.
- XII. November 1st 2017 – December 31st 2017
- 1) December 6th 2017, Riga – An evaluation meeting on the results of PeP programme in 2017 with participation of 1 Latvian delegate to PeP European Conference 2017, the Board of EAPN-Latvia and the leaders of 5 non-governmental organizations.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.eapn.lv/pep/>

http://www.eapn.lv/latvija/20170330_daudzbernu_gimenu_bba.php

http://www.eapn.lv/latvija/20170216_dobele.php

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