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RESOLUTION OF THE NGOs PARTNERS OF THE BOSS PROJECT

Paphos, Cyprus, 29 April 2023

We, the leaders of ten European networks of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from Latvia, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, France, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania, and Sweden, have been managing the activities of our organizations in particularly difficult geopolitical circumstances, in a continuous changing conditions, for the past three years - during the extraordinary Covid19 pandemic, the brutal war in Ukraine (as well as in other nearby areas), and during and after a devastating economic crisis, which has rapidly increased poverty in Europe.

BOSS Project, "*Building a Network to Boost Social Secure Europe*", co-financed by the Erasmus+ program, objectives are the creation, reinforcement and strengthening of networks and broader collaborations between NGOs with the aim of promoting social security as well as increasing the knowledge of NGOs, the exchange of good practices and expertise, around the issue of the implementation of social rights and issues of equality between men and women.





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Through a series of capacity building and educational programs, the partners have seen good practices, exchange knowledge and experiences, strengthen their network of cooperation, around the issues of social integration, social rights, equality between men and women, through the implementation of principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

We have remotely convened our members and supporters in transnational meetings - on 25 May 2021 in Cyprus, 15 September 2021 in Sweden and 26 November 2021 in Italy - which gave us the opportunity and expertise to express the views of NGOs networks on issues that contribute to European social security.

Today, April 29, 2023, in Paphos, Cyprus, we have gathered at a transnational conference and discuss the “BOSS implementation in new conditions” and how the NGOs and Civil Society Organizations can strengthen their cooperation and work together with other stakeholders (such as local authorities, private sector and government) in order to create and influence social inclusion policies and strategies. Further to the above discussion, the ALL Partners of the BOSS project wants to draw Your attention to issues that have not disappeared over the years and to receive Your support, in two main issues, political and structural aspect of the NGOs work, as well as the increase of financial support to NGOs. NGOs working on the promotion and protection of human rights are particularly precious to our democracies. There are many concrete examples which show how the work of these organizations contributes to promoting accountability, transparency and civic engagement, offering a vital contribution to the EU’s efforts to protect and strengthen democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

For these reasons, and as a result of our join efforts and common goals:

WE ASK FOR:

A. Political and structural support to NGOs:

- increase the place of NGOs and opportunities for capacity building in the areas of social rights, social inclusion and strengthening of gender equality;
- stimulate European and national level decision-makers for regular cooperation and structured dialogue with NGOs, especially those aimed at reducing poverty and social exclusion;
- expand the rights of NGOs and promote opportunities for NGOs to attract public and private sector professionals and specialists.



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B. Financial support of NGOs:

- expand the rights of NGOs for access to financial resources;
- stimulate the opportunities for NGOs with appropriate financial resources, to exchange experience with other European organizations and ensure the sustainability of the established NGO networks at the European level, especially those fighting against poverty and social exclusion;
- pay special attention and provide sufficient financial resources to the possibilities of increasing the capacity and education of employees, peers, and volunteers of NGOs, including taking into account the factor of significant aging of the society;
- increase the opportunities of NGOs with appropriate financial resources to particularly provide support to disadvantaged population groups, including homeless people, asylum seekers, immigrant families with small children, persons with mental illnesses, etc.

The Resolution was prepared and agreed by ALL the partners of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships project with no. 2020-1-LV01-KA204-077474.

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