

International Gender Policy Network (IGPN) Annual Report 2010



1. Introduction of IGPN

The International Gender Policy Network (IGPN) is a membership based, non-profit, non-governmental organization and has been established in autumn 2005 in order to strengthen and foster the policy work impact of the women's movement and to ensure the sustainability of women's movements in the Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia ("IGPN region")¹. Network of partners, formerly affiliated to the Network Women's Program of the Open Society Institute (NWP OSI) and actively collaborating with the NWP OSI through national offices of the Open Society Institutes and later directly, as independent NGOs, conceptualized its cooperation and structure into common mission and goals.

IGPN Mission: to generate policy, knowledge and advocacy for women's rights and gender equality at local, regional and global levels.

IGPN Main Goal: to ensure accountability of national, regional and global mechanisms, institutions and actors in the area of women's rights and gender equality.

IGPN is influencing policies at all levels, building on and using the capacity and expertise of its members. Underpinning the concept of access to sources - in order to empower women, we have to guarantee their access to the power and through the power access to sources - our activities during 2010 were also focused on topics directly related to power structures and access to sources. Our priority in 2010 was working on increasing political participation of women. But we also continued our active participation on UN reform discussions. At the same time, we foster our members capacity through trainings and collaboration.

¹ List of IGPN member countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan



2. General overview of the activities in 2010

I. Strengthening women's access to sources

Increasing Women's Political Representation

IGPN continued to elaborate on the initiative towards increasing political representation of women regionally – advocating the women's rights on political participation.

In January 2010 we organized second training for IGPN members on political participation of women. This time we were discussing the practical knowledge important for women in politics. IGPN members used this knowledge while organizing trainings for women from IGPN database of women able and willing to enter politics (<http://database.igpn.net>).

IGPN elaborated interviews with political parties based on common methodology. Reports were prepared and disseminated with the relevance to election cycle and we also worked on awareness rising of the importance of political participation of women inside political parties. We promoted women from IGPN database among political parties to demonstrate that there are women able and willing to enter politics in IGPN countries.

There were many IGPN activities at national level to promote political participation of women:

Kazakhstan

- meeting of delegation of ambassadors of OSCE with leaders of NGOs
- conference „Carrying out of organizational – practical actions on political promotion of women within the framework of realization of Strategy of gender equality in Republic Kazakhstan for 2006-2016“
- round table „Strategy of gender equality in politics: realization, experience, prospects“
- round table „Mutual relations and interactions of political parties and the nongovernmental organizations of Kazakhstan in a context of the political communications“
- conference „Political promotion of women in a society – a principle of gender democracy: problems and perspectives“
- final activity: roundtable with politicians and political parties

Ukraine

- promotion of the database across the country with a very good support of different kinds of media
- revise edition of „Arithmetics of power“ in Ukrainian and English – representing the ratio of women and men at the top level of Ukrainian power. This edition was revised and published after presidential elections of 2010 to show the crucial changes in Ukrainian government and the country's top management and a drastic decrease in a number of women in political life of the country
- IGPN survey on political parties was presented (and the database promoted) during the round table „Presenting Gender Map of Ukraine as an innovative tool to promote gender equality“ (present were journalists, politicians, representatives of NGOs and international organizations)
- conference of women's organizations in Ukraine - participants were representatives of women's organizations from different regions of



Ukraine, representatives of Ukrainian Parliament and Government, representatives of embassies, international organizations and foundations

- training of trainers on political participation of women in Ukraine
- two researches and analysis of the role of women in local elections in 2010 in Ukraine and the presentation of the data to the media and public

Georgia

- trainings for women from the database
- presentation of IGPN interviews with political parties (political parties representatives were present during the presentation and related discussion)
- trainings on women`s political participation for 36 groups of IDP/conflicts` affected women/community representatives in 5 different regions of Georgia

Azerbaijan

- campaign supporting political participation of women before elections in autumn 2010


Kyrgyzstan

- project on increasing the role of women in the recovery proces in Kyrgyzstan (after the tragic events in the south of Kyrgyzstan in summer 2010)

Tajikistan

- conference on political participation of women in Tajikistan (politicians and civil society were discussing the topic with a big media interest)





Global level and gender accountability: **UN Reform of Gender Equality Body**

IGPN together with another organisations committed to gender equality have long been advocating for the United Nations to reform its gender equality architecture. IGPN is working in European Working Group of global initiative on UN Reform of Gender Equality Body (GEAR) in close cooperation with WIDE, European Women's Lobby and Oxfam Novib. We have been together advocating on EU level to get the support of EU member states for the creation of new UN agency which will work for women and also rising awareness especially in EU Parliament of the need of adequate budget for this new entity as well.

On 14th September 2009 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a crucial resolution that supports the creation of a new strong United Nations agency that will be promoting women's rights all over the world. Now it is important to influence how the agency will work, what will be its budget, strategic plan etc.

Important role of IGPN in this long-term process is to share news and latest developments of GEAR campaign with IGPN member organizations actively working and lobbying in IGPN countries and also share experiences with UN work from IGPN countries with the working groups of GEAR campaign and to comment the next shape of UN work in the field.

Due to long-term advocacy work of IGPN - during 54th session of Commission on the Status of Women in March 2010 - was the GEAR positioning towards creating the new UN gender equality entity accepted as an official governmental position statement of Czech Republic and was presented at high level plenary. Czech Vice Minister for Human Rights also personally delivered the message of GEAR positioning to UN Deputy Secretary General.

Development Cooperation and Gender


IGPN opened the topic Development Cooperation and Gender in the region in 2008. We provided with our findings and recommendations other gender and development organizations, national and EU governments. During 2010 the topic was recognized as important by some of these stakeholders. In some of the national development platforms were created gender working groups with aim to bring attention to the topic among other development organizations.

Important part of our work is dissemination of the information from and to EU level to/from national level in IGPN countries. IGPN members engage further in the topic of Development Cooperation and Gender at national level and influence the national agenda.

Preparations for the Female Leadership Training

During 2010 IGPN started to plan and prepare training on Women's Leadership for women leaders from Kyrgystan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. As trainers for this event were selected Ms. Margarita Jankauskaite and Vilana Pilinkaite-Sotirovic from IGPN member organization in Lithuania - Center for Equality Advancement, due to their long-term experiences on this field and perfect knowledge of Russian language which was agreed as the most suitable language for the training.





In the preparation stage we distributed the application forms for participants and selected the trainees from the three countries.

We also identified three main purposes of the training:

- to enhance professional capacities, knowledge and skills on the issues of women's leadership and civil and political participation
- to empower women leaders to shift the focus on their community affairs from short-term needs towards complex long-term policy strategies
- to share know-how experience and help networking among the neighboring countries of Central Asia

The training was planned for January 2011.

Publications

Increasing women's representation in decision making through political parties: Interviews with political parties in Georgia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan, September 2010



II. Institutional Capacity Building of IGPN

Cooperation and trainings, focus on non-discrimination

In January 2010 IGPN organized second training on political participation of women for its members. This time it was more practical training and we cooperated on it with trainers with experiences from politics - Bonnie Bernström and Anne Jalakas. Bonnie Bernström is a former Member of Swedish Parliament and Anne Jalakas is an independent journalist and gender consultant in politics. We were discussing the practical knowledge that should be delivered to women in politics, what are the important things they should be aware of. Our members were using this knowledge while working with the women from IGPN database, organizing trainings, seminars on national level.

In December 2010 IGPN organized strategic planning meeting for all IGPN members. Together we evaluated our activities in 2008-2010 and made plans for 2011-2013. Based on agreed conclusions we prepared our new Strategy document. We decided to keep most of our topics but we also identified new areas of our interest.



3. Networking with other organizations and institutions

IGPN is an active member of GEAR EU Working Group - closely cooperating with WIDE, European Women's Lobby and Oxfam Novib.

IGPN is a member of Gender Working Group of CONCORD, EU platform on Development Cooperation.

IGPN is a member of FoRS – Czech Forum for Development Cooperation and member of its newly established Gender Working Group.

IGPN is a member of AWID.

IGPN established relationships with some of MEPs in EU Parliament. And on national level with politicians and political parties representatives and with women able and willing to enter politics.

4. Institutional Development

Following its institutional development, IGPN establishes itself as a stronger player in the region and addresses the regional issues at global forums, as well as national issues at regional level. Collaboration with stakeholders consisting of political representatives, civil society representatives as well as another network organizations is an inevitable part of our work.

5. Donors

Open Society Institute

Oxfam Novib

Total raised amount from donors in 2010: 72.215 EUR.



6. Member organizations

Albania: Gender Alliance for Development Center (GADC)

Azerbaijan: Public Union for Gender Equality and Women's Initiatives (GEWI)

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Woman and Society (Research, Policy and Advocacy Center)

Bulgaria: The Center of Women's Studies and Policies (CWSP)

Czech Republic: Slovak-Czech Women's Fund (SCWF)

Georgia: TASO Foundation (Women's fund & Memory research center)

Hungary: Foundation for the Women of Hungary (MONA)

Kazakhstan: Feminist League

Kosovo: Kosovar Gender Studies Center (KGSC)

Lithuania: Center for Equality Advancement (CEA)

Macedonia: Akcija Združenska

Moldova: Center „Partnership for Development“

Romania: Center for Partnership and Equality (CPE)

Serbia: Reconstruction Women's Fund

Slovak republic: Slovak-Czech Women's Fund (SCWF)

Ukraine: Ukrainian Women's Fund (UWF)

Tajikistan: Perspective +

Open Society Institutes in these countries:

Armenia

Montenegro



7. Institutional leadership

Board of Directors

Chairperson: Monika Ladmanová, Czech Republic

Virginija Aleksejune, Lithuania

Natalia Karbowska, Ukraine

Marija Savovska, Macedonia

Marina Tabukashvili, Georgia

Executive Director: Kristina Kosatíková



8. Financial Statements

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2010, in thousands CZK

Assets

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total long term assets		
Total long term financial assets		
B. Total current assets	4 544	2 706
Reserves	150	57
Current financial assets	3 839	2 648
Other assets	555	1
Total assets	4 544	2 706

Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total own resources	562	1 052
Equity		286
Total profit or loss	562	766
B. Total third party resources	3 982	1 654
Short time liabilities total	220	90
Other liabilities total	3 762	1 564
Total liabilities	4 544	2 706

Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2010, in thousands CZK

A. Costs

Total purchases	54
Total services	2 698
Total personel expenses	1 047
Total other costs	30
Total contributions provided	8
Total costs	3 837

B. Revenues

Total other revenues	136
Total revenues from sales of materials	23
Total received contributions	3 882
Total revenues	4 041

C. Profit or loss before taxation 204

D. Total profit or loss 204



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report on the Financial Statements

Following the accomplished audit, we have issued, on this day, the auditor's report to the financial statements that create a part of this annual report as follows:

"We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the civic association International Gender Policy Network, which comprise the balance sheet as of 31 December 2010, and the profit and cost statement for the period 1 January 2010 through 31 December 2010, and footnotes to these financial statements, including the description of used significant accounting policies.

Accounting Entity's Statutory Body's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Statutory Body of the civic association International Gender Policy Network is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Czech accounting regulations. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors and the International Standards on Auditing and related application guidelines issued by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. Those standards require that we comply with ethical standards, and plan and perform the audit in such a way as to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. The aim of internal controls assessment is to design appropriate audit procedures, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of

accounting policies used and the adequateness of accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the civic association International Gender Policy Network as of 31 December 2010, and of its profits and costs and financial performance for the year 2010 in accordance with Czech accounting regulations."

Report on the Annual Report

We also checked the agreement of the Annual Report as of 31 December 2010 with the financial statements that create a part of this annual report. It is the statutory body of the civic association International Gender Policy Network who are responsible for the accuracy of the Annual Report. Our task is to issue, based on the accomplished check, our opinion concerning the agreement of the Annual Report with the financial statements.

We carried out the check in agreement with the International Standards on Auditing and related application guidelines issued by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. These standards require that the auditor planned and accomplished the check in such a way that he obtained a reasonable assurance that the information contained in the Annual Report describing the facts that are also subject of displaying in the financial statements, are in all significant aspects in agreement with the financial statements. We believe that the accomplished check provides a reasonable basis for expressing the auditor's opinion.

In our opinion, the information stated in the Annual Report of the civic association International Gender Policy Network as of 31 December 2010 is in all significant aspects in agreement with the above-stated financial statements.

Liberec on 30 April 2011



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Převzala:
14. 5. 2011
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