

**International Gender Policy Network
(IGPN)
Annual Report 2012**



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. In 2012 we started to implement IGPN new Strategy document. Because we identified new topics for our new strategy, we needed to develop new programmes – on peace and security and on women and harm reduction. But we also continued our active participation at UN discussions. At the same time, we foster our members capacity through collaboration. We also present their work and cooperation on regional and international level.

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



2. General overview of the activities in 2012

I. IGPN worked on these two new topics:

1. Harm reduction and women

As partner organization of Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) IGPN developed special project aimed on female drug users. The project is being implemented during 2012-2013. The main objective of this project for IGPN is to analyse policies and services for female drug users from women's rights perspective and support EHRN with our experiences on advocacy for changes in the region.

One of the concrete activities of this project in 2012 was training for women advocates for harm-reduction from Russia, Belorussia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine. Experienced trainer from IGPN member organization in Lithuania (Center for Equality Advancement) introduced to participants different strategies how to increase gender sensitivity in their work and what concrete positive outcomes this might have. For the majority of the trainees it was the first time when they had a possibility to discuss gender issues related to women's discrimination which enabled them a different point of view on their work.

Women's rights perspective during the advocacy on harm-reduction allows to use new instruments and opportunities which hopefully broadens the impact. This prerequisite opens new possibilities for common advocacy activities of IGPN and EHRN. Our common efforts during 2012 led to Submission to UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women where we called for immediate action to stop violence against women who use drugs. Drug policies and violence against women who use drugs are related. New reformed drug policies for which we advocate should eliminate this kind of violence. To elaborate on this advocacy further we started to plan the event on this topic during 57th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at UN. The topic of CSW in 2013 is violence against women and the special kind of violence on women drug users should not be omitted there.

2. Peace and security

In IGPN region there were in the recent history war conflicts in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992-1995), in Georgia (2008) and in Kyrgyzstan (2010). The sub-region of South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) is still full of serious tensions and fights which is not known broadly. Hillary Clinton in June 2012 warned that "the situation there could escalate into much broader conflict". This was based on the repeated clashes at the borders. There is ongoing tension between Georgia and Russia. During 1990th there were ethnic conflicts and civil wars. Karabach territory is long-term subject of conflicts (territory inside Azerbaijan, controlled by Armenia). In addition Armenia has got military agreement with Russia and Azerbaijan with Turkey. This all framed by Iran/Israeli tensions makes the explanation of the United States Secretary of State official worrying statement.

We already implemented some preparation activities to get closer to the topic. These were: working in Internal Displaced People's Centers in Georgia, in Kyrgyzstan right after the conflict in 2010 we implemented project which was supporting the role of women in the reconstruction processes and it was very successful. Also we organized training for



women community leaders from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan who were involved in peace negotiations in 2010 and leaders of recovery processes.

During 2012 we continued preparation phase of the new project (its implementation will start in 2013). The Program's goal is to empower and involve young women from the South Caucasus in gender sensitive regional security and peace building process through UN Resolution on Women, Peace and Security. We would like to support resource capacity building and establishment of a viable Regional Network – a South Caucasus Young Experts' Group on Women, Peace and Security in order to support citizen's diplomacy and people to people initiatives for more effective and consistent confidence building and to open up a gender sensitive Regional security discourse and promote women, peace and security concept in the region. There are also planned public awareness and advocacy activities on the role and importance of international instruments such as UNSCR 1325 (and its follow up resolutions on women, peace and security in peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction processes) with special emphasis on its implementation (sharing good practices from Georgia in Azerbaijan and Armenia).

II. Institutional Capacity Building of IGPN

Cooperation of IGPN members

IGPN general meeting took place on April 22, 2012 in Istanbul. This enabled all IGPN members to participate actively in AWID Forum 2012 and also share experiences, examples of good practices and plan further common activities within IGPN.

III. International presentations of IGPN

During 2012 IGPN actively participated in two important international events.

IGPN prepared paralel event of **56th Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations**. In line with the topic of CSW we aimed our event on Empowerment of Rural Women in Post-Soviet countries. We began the session with the summary of the situation of rural women in IGPN region based on resent research. The leaders of IGPN member organizations in Georgia and Moldova explained the situation on the national level and presented their broad experiences on the respective topic from the ground. Speakers gave examples of their organizations concrete projects with the objective to empower rural women. Short films aimed on life of rural women in Georgia led to long debate with the audience where were present representatives of governments, UN officials, UN Women representatives and many NGO delegates from different regions.

We also prepared recommendations for the government representatives and UN delegates.

With our participation at CSW we keep the cooperation among GEAR campaign which is important group of international experts where IGPN is involved for a long time. This group was an important element advocating for creation of a new UN agency for women which happend in 2009 and now we are trying to advocate together for more effective functioning of the newly established institution.

IGPN also brought all IGPN members for AWID Forum 2012 to enable them active participation in this global women's movement event when it was organized in IGPN region.

3. Networking with other organizations and institutions

IGPN is partner of Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) operating in the same region.

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 other network organizations is an inevitable part of our work.

5. Donors

Open Society Institute

EU Commission

IBM

Total raised amount from donors in 2012: 7.657 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

Individual members:

Kyrgyzstan

Uzbekistan



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



Leaders of IGPN member organizations in Istanbul, during AWID Forum 2012



8. Financial Statements

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2012, 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	3 138	1 229
Reserves	291	299
Current financial assets	2 820	929
Other assets	27	1
Total assets	3 138	1 229

Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total own resources	1 246	1 122
Equity	490	490
Total profit or loss	756	632
B. Total third party resources	1 892	107
Short time liabilities total	9	10
Other liabilities total	1 883	97
Total liabilities	3 138	1 229

Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2012, in thousands CZK

A. Costs	
Total purchases	28
Total services	758
Total personal expenses	1 245
Total other costs	20
Total contributions provided	1
Total costs	2 052
B. Revenues	
Total other revenues	16
Total revenues from sales of materials	0
Total received contributions	1 912
Total revenues	1 928
C. Profit or loss before taxation	-124
D. Total profit or loss	-124

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2012, in EUR

Assets

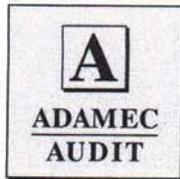
	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total long term assets		
Total long term financial assets		
B. Total current assets	124 821	48 886
Reserves	11 575	11 893
Current financial assets	112 172	36 953
Other assets	1 074	40
Total assets	124 821	48 886

Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total own resources	49 562	44 630
Equity	19 491	19 491
Total profit or loss	30 072	25 139
B. Total third party resources	75 259	4 256
Short time liabilities total	358	398
Other liabilities total	74 901	3 858
Total liabilities	124 821	48 886

Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2012, in EUR

A. Costs	
Total purchases	1 114
Total services	30 151
Total personnel expenses	49 523
Total other costs	796
Total contributions provided	40
Total costs	81 623
B. Revenues	
Total other revenues	636
Total revenues from sales of materials	0
Total received contributions	76 054
Total revenues	76 691
C. Profit or loss before taxation	-4 932
D. Total profit or loss	-4 932



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 2012, and the profit and loss statement for the period 1 January 2012 through 31 December 2012, 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 2012, and of its profits and loss and financial performance for the year 2012 in accordance with Czech accounting regulations."

Report on the Annual Report

We also checked the agreement of the Annual Report as of 31 December 2012 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 2012 is in all significant aspects in agreement with the above-stated financial statements.

Liberec on 23 April 2013



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3.6.2013 *Původla Monika Kadmanová*