

**International Gender Policy Network
(IGPN)
Annual Report 2014**



1. Introduction of IGPN

IGPN is regional network of organizations in Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia ("IGPN region")¹ and it is having its continuous agenda:

- working to advance women`s rights and gender equality in law and practice

IGPN is helping women`s rights advocates share experiences, strategies and best practices:

- initiating communication among the members
- identifying problems in IGPN region and preparing new projects to tackle and solve these problems common for IGPN region
- following and reacting on the current developments in the region: supporting members with contacts, good practices, petitions leading etc.

IGPN is working on empowerment and capacity building of women, women leaders and women`s rights activists.

IGPN is advocating:

- on national levels but also bringing problems of IGPN region to European Union and respective international institutions

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 situation and activities in 2014

I. Situation in IGPN region:

In IGPN region we were in 2014 facing the growing importance of basic democratic values of open societies. Since many countries IGPN is covering are not democratic countries. Above all IGPN region was in 2014 influenced by the developments in Ukraine.

Ukraine is not only a country with economic difficulties but a place where the West is facing the Russian aggression. It is significant risk for the economy of EU and its survival.

This is the reason why IGPN was concentrating on cooperation with Ukraine. It is proved by many studies that in crisis situations the violence against women is growing. This problem was critical in Ukraine and this was reason why IGPN decided to work this direction.

In 2014 we also continued our work on Women and Peace-building in Caucasus. Also this topic has got another perspective now. According to current news there are many of the young Muslims recruited by Islamic State from Caucasus.

II. List of IGPN activities in 2014:

- We participated actively in the debates of 58th Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations on the challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls. We prepared recommendations for the government representatives and UN delegates.
- We stay involved in political participation. We plan the activities on national levels based on our regional experiences, previous outcomes on this field and actual situation in the countries according to the electoral cycle. IGPN supported with experience and knowledge actions supporting women's involvement in the EU elections 2014.
- IGPN also implemented the second phase of project on peacebuilding in cooperation of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia.
- In 2014 IGPN supported several projects on reducing violence against women in Ukraine with a study visit of Ukrainian experts to Czech Republic. We also cooperated on organization of expert debate of politicians, representatives of business and NGO sector which started to create knowledgeable opinions on dealing with the situation in Ukraine.
- IGPN continued cooperation with Eurasian harm-reduction network (EHRN) on projects Strengthening the response of non-state actors to growing needs of women who use drugs and Women against Violence.



- IGPN explored the possibilities of the role of private sector in promoting women's rights. In Czech republic we are involved in working group created by the biggest private companies which are trying to promote the topic. And we plan to distribute Czech good practices into IGPN region because IGPN members are interested in the know-how how to cooperate with private sector in the region on women's rights agenda.

III. More details about main IGPN activities in 2014

1. Peace and security

The project'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. There were also public awareness and advocacy activities on the role and importance of international instruments such as UNSCRs on 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).

During 2014 was extensively growing the number of students actively involved in the project activities and also number of the people and organizations interested in the topic, following the project outcomes (facebook, electronic journal, blogging etc.).

2. 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 2012-2015. 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.


Women's rights perspective during the advocacy on harm-reduction allows to use new instruments and opportunities which broadens the impact. This prerequisite opens new possibilities for common advocacy activities of IGPN and EHRN.

IGPN cooperated with Eurasian harm-reduction network (EHRN) on CEDAW related work on violations of rights of women who use drugs and the report on access of such women to HIV services. Providing insight of the situation in the region, IGPN served to EHRN as an expert and further advocate of the topic.

3. Violence against women

The recent representative research across Ukraine showed alarming numbers when it comes to violence against women. According the data 44% of Ukrainians suffered from domestic violence in their lives, 30% suffered from violence in childhood. Almost half of the people who suffered from violence in their childhood also had to face it in their adulthood. At the same time about 75% of victims of different types of violence never asked for help, others mostly turned to their relatives. There is a very low level of





public trust in the institutions that provide assistance in domestic violence cases, in particular, bodies of interior affairs, shelters, social services and crises/intervention centers, hospitals and courts. IGPN considered it crucial to change this very alarming situation and wanted to share with the Ukrainian institutions some good experiences from Czech republic where was built effective interdisciplinary cooperation dealing with domestic violence in Brno town.

IGPN member organization in Ukraine – Ukrainian Women`s Fund (UWF) is already for two years implementing four projects on violence against women. IGPN invited three Ukrainian experts on domestic and gender based violence to Czech republic for short study visit - which enabled them to join international conference on the respective topic and debates with Czech experts during visit in their organizations.

The group consisted of two Ukrainian NGO experts dealing with domestic violence and one representative of the government – expert from Ministry of social policy which is dealing with legislation on violence, the policies and procedures.

As the follow-up of this activity was dissemination of useful contacts, information and good practices. For that were used vehicles that UWF has got within the project on violence prevention. Within this project UWF is supporting a network of 9 organizations working on violence prevention as response to the cases in the regions. We distributed information through the network during one of the coordination meetings and also through the list serve and social media.

IV. IGPN - an advocate in front of regional intergovernmental institutions

In 2014 we participated actively in the debates of 58th Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations on the challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls. We prepared recommendations for the government representatives and UN delegates.

With our participation at CSW, IGPN maintains its active contribution to GEAR campaign. It is important group of international experts where IGPN is involved since 2006. This group was an important element advocating for creation of a new UN agency for women which happened in 2009 and now is advocating for more effective functioning of the newly established institution.

In 2014 IGPN continued in advocating for ratifications and implementations of *Council of Europe Convention on prevention and combating violence against women and domestic violence*. This Convention was not yet ratified by many European Union members (IGPN member countries).



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

4. Donors

Open Society Foundations

EU Commission

IBM

Total raised amount from donors in 2014: 74.726 EUR.



5. 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 Zdruzenska

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



6. 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



IGPN-EHRN paralel event of Comission on the Status of Women



Study visit of Ukrainian experts on domestic violence to Brno, Czech Republic



7. Financial Statements

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2014, in thousands CZK

Assets

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total long term assets	0	0
Total long term financial assets	0	0
B. Total current assets	992	795
Reserves	158	17
Current financial assets	795	778
Other assets	39	0
Total assets	992	795

Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total own resources	901	761
Equity	366	366
Total profit or loss	535	395
B. Total third party resources	91	34
Short time liabilities total	34	34
Other liabilities total	57	0
Total liabilities	992	795

Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2014, in thousands CZK

A. Costs	
Total purchases	30
Total services	805
Total personal expenses	1 257
Total other costs	171
Total contributions provided	0
Total costs	2 263
B. Revenues	
Total other revenues	12
Total revenues from sales of materials	0
Total received contributions	2 110
Total revenues	2 122
C. Profit or loss before taxation	-141
D. Total profit or loss	-141

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2014, in EUR

Assets

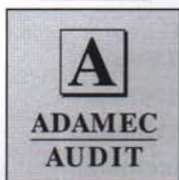
	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total long term assets	0	0
Total long term financial assets	0	0
B. Total current assets	36 171	28 674
Reserves	5 761	613
Current financial assets	28 988	28 061
Other assets	1 422	0
Total assets	36 171	28 674

Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
A. Total own resources	32 854	27 448
Equity	13 346	13 201
Total profit or loss	19 508	14 247
B. Total third party resources	3 317	1 226
Short time liabilities total	1 239	1 226
Other liabilities total	2 078	0
Total liabilities	36 171	28 674

Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2014, in EUR

A. Costs	
Total purchases	1 082
Total services	29 035
Total personnel expenses	45 338
Total other costs	6 168
Total contributions provided	0
Total costs	81 623
B. Revenues	
Total other revenues	433
Total revenues from sales of materials	0
Total received contributions	76 104
Total revenues	76 537
C. Profit or loss before taxation	-5 086
D. Total profit or loss	-5 086



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 2014, and the profit and loss statement for the period 1 January 2014 through 31 December 2014, 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 2014, and of its profits and loss and financial performance for the year 2014 in accordance with Czech accounting regulations."

Report on the Annual Report

We also checked the agreement of the Annual Report as of 31 December 2014 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 2014 is in all significant aspects in agreement with the above-stated financial statements.

Liberec on 11 June 2015



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