

**International Gender Policy Network (IGPN)  
Annual Report 2015**



## 1. Introduction of IGPN

*IGPN is regional network of organizations in Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia ("IGPN region")<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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 2015

### I. Situation in IGPN region:

In IGPN region we were in 2015 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 2015 influenced by the developments in Russia and its growing importance in the region.

During 2015 we saw how the negative efforts of Russia did move further to Central Europe. Of course the format is different than in Ukraine. But the disinformation campaigns run in the region supported from Russia are very dangerously affecting the difficult situation Europe is facing. The politicians and politics are influenced by this. It is significant risk for the European Union survival at the current measuring scale. In this situation we were using every opportunity during 2015 to promote democratic values and open societies importance.

There was also another phenomenon affecting negatively development in IGPN region. And this is Islamic State. There are many of the young Muslims recruited by Islamic State from Caucasus. From this perspective were our activities with young people in Caucasus on peacebuilding during 2015 very important. And we also connected our activities in Caucasus with Ukraine to broaden the cooperation on this burning issue in the region.

### II. List of IGPN activities in 2015:

1. We participated actively in the debates of 59th Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect its implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. We prepared recommendations for the government representatives and UN delegates.
2. We were invited for the expert discussions on gender equality strategy at EU Commission.
3. In Czech Republic we were invited for the expert discussions on National Action Plan on equal opportunities and on women in leadership.
4. 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.
5. We implemented the third phase of project on peacebuilding in cooperation of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia. And we also connected our activities in Caucasus with Ukraine to broaden the cooperation on this burning issue in the region.
6. We 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.



7. We continued our efforts and cooperations on 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 working on diversity and women in leadership. 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 projects in 2015

#### 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 2015 Tbilisi University Students' essay contest and Students Conference on political, economic and social developments in Georgia were organized. Three issues of the Regional electronic bulletin were prepared. Blogging/face-book activities and online discussions around various peace and security issues continued. Regional Peace conference was organized with focus on UNSCR 1325 NAPs status quo in all three South Caucasus countries and women's role in peace and security aspects in the region. Also experts from Ukraine were involved and invited.

In 2015 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.





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

In 2015 we participated actively in the debates of 59th Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect its implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. 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 2015 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).

IGPN was invited for the expert discussions on gender equality strategy at EU Commission.

In Czech Republic IGPN was invited for the expert discussions on National Action Plan on equal opportunities and on women in leadership.





### 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 2015: 102.000 USD*



## 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



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





## 8. Financial Statements

Balance sheet as at December 31, 2015, in thousands CZK

### Assets

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
<b>A. Total long term assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total long term financial assets	0	0
<b>B. Total current assets</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1 412</b>
Reserves	17	18
Current financial assets	778	1 394
Other assets	0	0
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1 412</b>

### Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
<b>A. Total own resources</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>765</b>
Equity	366	366
Total profit or loss	395	399
<b>B. Total third party resources</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>647</b>
Short time liabilities total	34	30
Other liabilities total	0	617
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1 412</b>

Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2015, in thousands CZK

### A. Costs

Total purchases	47
Total services	609
Total personal expenses	1 254
Total taxes and fees	1
Total other costs	24
Total contributions provided	617
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>2 552</b>

### B. Revenues

Total other revenues	5
Total revenues from sales of materials	0
Total received contributions	2 551
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>2 556</b>

**C. Profit or loss before taxation** 4

**D. Total profit or loss** 4

## Balance sheet as at December 31, 2015, in EUR

### Assets

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
<b>A. Total long term assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total long term financial assets	0	0
<b>B. Total current assets</b>	<b>28 674</b>	<b>52 248</b>
Reserves	613	666
Current financial assets	28 061	51 582
Other assets	0	0
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>28 674</b>	<b>52 248</b>

### Liabilities

	As at first day of accounting period	As at last day of accounting period
<b>A. Total own resources</b>	<b>27 448</b>	<b>28 307</b>
Equity	13 201	13 543
Total profit or loss	14 247	14 764
<b>B. Total third party resources</b>	<b>1 226</b>	<b>23 941</b>
Short time liabilities total	1 226	1 110
Other liabilities total	0	22 831
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>28 674</b>	<b>52 348</b>

## Profit and loss statement as at December 31, 2015, in EUR

<b>A. Costs</b>	
Total purchases	1 739
Total services	22 535
Total personal expenses	46 401
Total taxes and fees	37
Total other costs	888
Total contributions provided	22 831
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>94 431</b>
<b>B. Revenues</b>	
Total other revenues	185
Total revenues from sales of materials	0
Total received contributions	94 394
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>94 579</b>
<b>C. Profit or loss before taxation</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>D. Total profit or loss</b>	<b>148</b>



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AUDIT

## **Independent Auditor's Report designed for General Meeting of International Gender Policy Network**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the civic association International Gender Policy Network, with the official address Praha, Bořivojova 1007/105, Ident. No. 270 08 975, which comprise the balance sheet as of 31 December 2015, and the profit and loss account for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. Information about the civic association International Gender Policy Network is disclosed in notes to the financial statements.

### **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 accounting regulations applicable in the Czech Republic, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

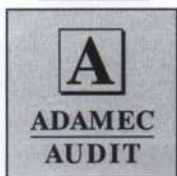
### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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 International Standards on Auditing and the related application guidelines issued by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by 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.





## 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 2015, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with accounting regulations applicable in the Czech Republic.

## Other Information

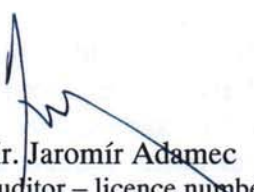
The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Statutory Body is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of opinion thereon. However, in connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether the other information is not materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, the annual report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements, or the other information does not otherwise appear to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the above is not true, we are required to report such facts.

Based on the work we have performed, we have nothing to report in this regard.

Liberec on 4 April 2016



  
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