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EuroNGOs

Annual Report



The European NGOs
for Sexual and Reproductive
Health and Rights,
Population and Development

Letter from the Chair

Dear friends,

I am extremely happy to present to you the EuroNGOs Annual Report for 2014.

As recently elected Chair, I want to start by expressing my warmest thanks and appreciation to those who contributed most to the great achievements of 2014: our incredible members, my fellow members of the Steering Committee, the outgoing Chair and, not least, the Secretariat.

It is hardly a secret that working together is the key to success, but EuroNGOs outcomes over the last year sent this message out loud and clear to the whole sexual and reproductive health and rights community. In 2014 we strove to improve and refine coordination and collaboration within and beyond the network. The results of these efforts were plain to see in the workshops and events organized with and for our members, in the wide range of information and resources shared, and in the results of our global coordination efforts.

We ended 2014 with a bang; the successful International Conference, workshop and Annual General Meeting in Madrid, which many of you attended. It was an important moment in the year to be inspired, re-focus our work and re-energize our community. The batteries certainly needed recharging before we engaged in the final push of the post-2015 processes. We are proud that our advocacy actions throughout 2014 contributed to important policy outcomes in the post-2015 framework: the inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights features under the Health and the Gender goals of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals; the commitment to the ICPD Programme of Action in the Conclusions of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs Council); the indicators recommended in the revised report Indicators and a Monitoring Framework for the SDGs by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (which were discussed and developed by our community in 2014); and the reference to sexual and reproductive health and rights in the 65th Annual DPI/NGO Conference Declaration, endorsed by some 4,000 NGOs.

These are encouraging signs that, as a network, we are moving in the right direction, and we should keep taking coordinated and effective actions in synergy with our old and new friends. As we move forward in 2015 and beyond, we are determined to continue developing clear messages and strategic asks on sexual and reproductive health and rights. The same commitment and creativity will guide and inspire all our activities in 2015, including our learning and training plan, our international conference in Oslo and the collective adventure of elaborating a new EuroNGOs strategy for 2016–2018.

I am sure we are all committed and ready to strike while the iron is hot, and build on what we achieved in 2014. I look forward to working with you all in 2015!



Tania Dethlefsen, EuroNGOs Chair
International Director, Danish Family Planning Association



5 elements in which we invested our time in 2014

Change is a process, and creating change takes time. If 2013 was mostly “a stock-taking phase to create a common understanding on what is the world we want beyond 2015”¹, in 2014 we started to put this transformation into practice. While we felt the pressure of the post-2015 intergovernmental negotiations kicking off and the importance of getting our messages across at the right time, we focused on **five key change-making elements**, and devoted our time and energies to them. We found the time to collaborate, share and ask, get together and engage personally and collectively. EuroNGOs work in 2014 has been a mixture of those five essential elements.

1. Collaborate

As members, we cooperated with each other and with colleagues and partners within and beyond the sexual and reproductive health and rights community.

We enlarged our **membership base** and expanded collaboration with members as co-hosts of **workshops** and side events and as precious sources of information and knowledge. We fostered internal dialogue at our **Annual General Meeting**. We built closer partnership with a group of **‘friends’** and teamed up with the Countdown 2015 Europe consortium, the Astra network, IPPF EN and non-European networks working on sexual and reproductive health and rights. Collaboration with actors involved in the post-2015 advocacy was strengthened, particularly the Beyond 2015 Campaign, the Women’s Major Group, the NGO Major Group, the High Level Task Force for ICPD, the Sexual Rights Initiative and the Human Rights Caucus (a coalition of around 80 NGOs jointly convened by CESR, Amnesty International and AWID).

In a key year for the review of the ICPD Programme of Action and preparations for the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we reinforced our partnerships with UN Women and UNFPA (including via the UNFPA CSO Advisory Panel, of which our Chair is a member).

¹EuroNGOs (2014), 2013 *EuroNGOs Annual Report*, available [online](#)



2. Share

We facilitated and encouraged a knowledge-sharing culture within our membership and with like-minded actors, which helped to increase complementarity and effectiveness.

We collected, analysed and shared information and intelligence to foster synergies, support the advocacy work of our members and partners and help mobilize our community on key actions. The tools we used responded to different aims and urgency needs: list serves were used for updates and internal coordination on **advocacy actions**, Digests featured analysis and ad hoc action alerts for our members, **newsletters** provided monthly round-ups for the broad audience, while the **website** showcased the network and its activities.

Sharing and analysing information took up a lot of our time and energies, but it was worth it: we were most effective and influential as we pooled our knowledge and insights on post-2015 processes.

3. Ask

We increasingly put our energies into developing clear and timely messages, which took the form of joint technical inputs, recommendations and coordinated mobilization of our members.

Our asks stated loud and clear that certain issues must not be sidelined in the post-2015 agenda and why: sexual and reproductive health and rights, human rights, gender equality, poverty eradication and integrated sustainable development, health, adolescents and youth as well as universality and accountability, which are all key elements to ensure implementation of the framework.



Throughout the year, our recommendations called for:

- European delegations to engage in the SDGs process and speak in support of sexual and reproductive health and rights and of a human rights-based approach to development;
- a strong European engagement in the post-2015 discussion (**Position paper** *EveryONE, ALWAYS, EveryWHERE. The European SRHR Community's position on the post-2015 agenda*);
- joint European input into the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network draft report **Indicators and a Monitoring Framework for the SDGs**; and
- the meaningful inclusion of the ICPD review and post-2015 processes.

Developing these asks has been a collective effort undertaken as a European coalition of 87 NGOs from 42 countries. We worked together with Countdown 2015 Europe, Astra and IPPF EN to craft these common positions and ensure coordination in their dissemination and use. This has made our voice stronger.

4. Get together

We provided opportunities and spaces for our community to get together and listen and talk to bright minds that inspired strategic thinking. These conversations fostered coordination and joint actions, proving that taking the time to get together as a community is still worthwhile.

This year 156 persons accepted EuroNGOs invitation to meet in Madrid, at our **International Conference**. They engaged in discussions on issues related to the post-2015 agenda and looked at different pieces of its complicated puzzle (the lessons learned from the past, the actors involved in the process, the emerging themes and issues for the sexual and reproductive health and rights community).

Year after year, the EuroNGOs International Conference remains the largest self-organized gathering of civil society organizations working on sexual and reproductive health and rights, and the only one within our community specifically dedicated to post-2015.

Through these face-to-face events, as well as with our collection of resources and reports from meetings and webinars, our community increased its knowledge and its collective understanding of burning issues. We developed new ways to take us out of our comfort zone, and to learn and strategize around the big themes related, but not limited, to sexual and reproductive health and rights.

5. Engage

We dedicated time to personally and collectively engage in key conversations on specific areas that are gaining momentum within the sustainable development discourse: population dynamics and **accountability**.

At our workshops and strategic meetings, members and partners committed to strengthen their capacity to develop arguments and advocate for strong accountability mechanisms for the post-2015 agenda and for addressing population dynamics as partners — not enemies — of the sexual and reproductive health and rights community.



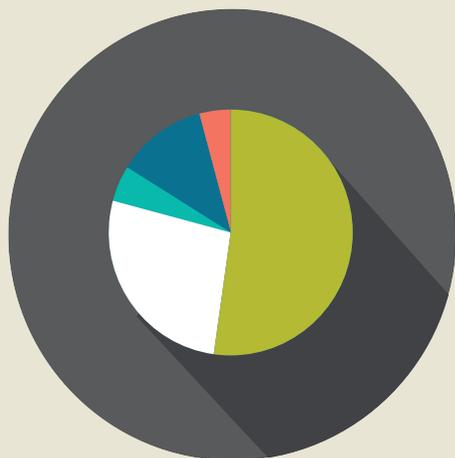
Financial report

In 2014 our work was funded by three institutional donors, as well as through membership fees and conference registration fees.

Financial Report

(January–December 2014)

Source of income



- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (Grant # 2012-7980, period 11/2012-12/2015)
- The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (Grant # 2012-38031, period 11/2012-12/2015)
- The UNFPA (Conference and AGM grant, period 2-12/2014)
- 2014 Membership fees
- 2014 Conference Registration fees

	Budget (2014 +Balance 2013)	Actuals	Balance
SECRETARIAT and COORDINATION			
Human resources*	€ 149,897.00	€ 144,448.00	€ 5,449.00
Office**	€ 10,781.00	€ 11,133.00	€ -352.00
Steering Committee	€ 3,811.00	€ 4,538.00	€ -727.00
PROGRAMMES			
2014 Conference and AGM***	€ 59,425.00	€ 57,579.00	€ 1,846.00
Training workshop****	€ 10,552.00	€ 10,417.00	€ 135.00
Strategy Meeting*****	€ 9,422.00	€ 6,315.00	€ 3,107.00
Communication and Advocacy*****	€ 7,239.00	€ 3,840.00	€ 3,399.00
Miscellaneous	€ 13,572.00	€ 2,563.00	€ 11,009.00
TOTAL	€ 264,699.00	€ 240,833.00	€ 23,866.00

- * Includes: Salaries of Coordinator (100%), Programme Assistant (100%), IPPF Director of Finance/Administration (5%), IPPF Senior Finance Advisor (20%), IPPF Bookkeeper (10%), IT Support (5%)
- ** Includes: Office rent/internet/photocopying/phone, conference calls and equipment
- *** Includes: Annual Conference + AGM
- **** Workshop on Population Dynamics
- ***** Workshop on Accountability for the post-2015
- ***** Includes: Communication (website, IT costs and publications) + representation and advocacy activities

Reserve

As of 31 December 2014, EuroNGOs had an operational reserve of € 98,432.35.

What is EuroNGOs?

EuroNGOs was founded in 1996, shortly after the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, as a grouping of European NGOs committed to the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action. We are a **membership network** of non-governmental organizations working on sexual and reproductive health and rights in 22 European countries, collaborating closely with a wide range of partners across the world.

We are well known for:

- Convening and connecting: EuroNGOs functions as a convening hub that creates opportunities for its members and partners worldwide to meet, share ideas, learn, strategize, network and provoke conversations that matter.
- Disseminating information and intelligence: EuroNGOs acts as focal point for sharing intelligence and disseminating key information on SRHR related to development cooperation and global policies among European advocates and the broader SRHR community.
- Building skills and capacity: EuroNGOs facilitates collective learning, strategic thinking and knowledge-sharing among its members and partners.
- Mobilizing action: EuroNGOs mobilizes its members to take action collectively or as individual organizations on specific issues, influencing decision-makers and engaging in key debates affecting our sector.

Thank you to all our members and partners for an amazing year!

The work of EuroNGOs would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and UNFPA. Thank you for your continued support!

A special thought goes to the members of our Steering Committee: Tania Dethlefsen, DFPA/EuroNGOs Chair; Yvonne Bogaarts, Rutgers WPF; Daniela Draghici, SECS; Ragnhild Nordvik, Sex og Politikk; and Julia Schalk, RFSU; as well as to Serge Rabier, Equilibres & Populations and Filomena Ruggiero, FPFE, who ended their mandate in October 2014. Thank you for your time and enthusiasm!

Our warm thanks go to Vicky Claeys, IPPF EN, and Sietske Steneker, UNFPA Brussels, who are observers on the Steering Committee.

We are most grateful to the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) and its staff for being EuroNGOs fiscal agent, hosting our Secretariat and providing support staff for finance and IT.

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Our members and observers are based in:

AUSTRIA

OGF: Österreichische Gesellschaft für Familienplanung

BELGIUM

FLCPF: Fédération Laïque de Centres de Planning Familial

Sensoa

EPF: European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development

EPWG: European Parliament Working Group on Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS and Development

IPPF EN: International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network

UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund, Brussels office

BULGARIA

BFPA: Bulgarian Family Planning and Sexual Health Association

DENMARK

Sex & Samfund: The Danish Family Planning Association

FINLAND

Väestöliitto: The Family Federation of Finland

FRANCE

Equilibres & Populations
Le Planning Familial

GERMANY

DSW: Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung

HUNGARY

BOCS: BOCS Foundation

IRELAND

IFPA: Irish Family Planning Association

ITALY

AIDOS: Associazione italiana donne per lo sviluppo

LATVIA

Papardes Zieds: Latvijas Ģimenes Planosanas

un Seksualas Veselības Asociācija

LITHUANIA

FPSHA: Seimos Planavimo ir Seksualines Sveikatos Asociacija

NETHERLANDS

Rutgers WPF

dance4life international
The Netherlands

NORWAY

Sex og Politikk: the Norwegian association for sexual and reproductive health and rights

POLAND

FEDERA: Federacja na rzecz Kobiet i Planowania Rodziny – Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning

PORTUGAL

APF: Associação para o Planeamento da Família

ROMANIA

SECS: Societatea de

Educatie Contraceptiva si Sexuala

SPAIN

APS: Alianza por la Solidaridad

FPFE: Federación de Planificación Familiar Estatal

SWEDEN

RFSU: Riksförbundet för Sexuell Upplysning – The Swedish Association for Sex Education

SWITZERLAND

IFPD: International Foundation for Population and Development

SANTE SEXUELLE Suisse – SEXUELLE GESUNDHEIT Schweiz – SALUTE SESSUALE Svizzera

TURKEY

WWHR: Women For Women's Human Rights – New Ways

UNITED KINGDOM

Commat: Commonwealth

Medical Trust

MSI: Marie Stopes International

Plan UK

You Act: European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights

APPGPDRH: All-Party Parliamentary Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health, UK

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