



Evaluation Summary

EuroNGOs AGM 2009

8 September 2009, Riga, Latvia

Background

The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development (EuroNGOs) AGM 2009 took place on 8 September 2009 in the Hotel Royale Europe in Riga, Latvia, hosted by the EuroNGOs member organization Papardes Zieds.

Almost 80 members, partners and invited observers of the EuroNGOs met for an update on progress and challenges in relation to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) advocacy over the past year.

Speakers from Europe, North America, Asia–Pacific and South Asia presented progress reports and commentary on global and regional SRHR advocacy, including:

- Major political shifts (the election of Barack Obama in the US, Susan Cohen, The Guttmacher Institute, USA);
- Policy victories (rescinding Australia's 'global gag rule', Jane Singleton, Australian Reproductive Health Alliance);
- Continuing SRHR challenges and opportunities in low- and middle-income regions (e.g. South Asia, Wasim Zaman, ICOMP, Malaysia);
- Changes to Europe's governance and structure (The Treaty of Lisbon, Arben Fetaj and Astrid Pouppez, MSI, Brussels); and
- who gives what in terms of development aid to SRHR (EuroMapping 2009, Karen Hoehn, DSW and Neil Datta, EPF, and Countdown 2015 Europe, An Huybrechts, IPPF EN).

In the afternoon, members of the EuroNGOs addressed organizational issues, discussed and adopted the EuroNGOs strategy plan 2010-2012 in a closed member's only session.

Overview of Evaluation Results

To allow participants to assess the EuroNGOs AGM, evaluation questionnaires were distributed and returned after the conference (attached to this summary). Due to the fact that the secretariat only received back 14 evaluation sheets – a respondent rate of less than 20% - the information provided can only give an indication and not be regarded as a representative evaluation.

Respondent's feedback was overall very positive – with eight respondents rating the AGM (Question 1) as "very good", four as "excellent", and two as "satisfactory", with some areas being mildly criticised.

What went well

The feedback indicates that the meeting was a success. In particular:

- The papers and presentations were generally of a good quality.
- Presentations and workshops were very relevant, informative and of high quality.
- Very good organization.

Both the relevance and balance of the programme as well as the logistics have been rated “very good” to “excellent” by all respondents.

Participant reactions to individual aspects of the conference showed overall positive results. Respondents especially appreciated the excellent facilitation of the workshop dealing with working with All-Party Parliamentarians Groups and Parliamentarians, and the presentations on the US and SRHR and on *EuroMapping 2009* have been rated as “excellent” by a vast majority of respondents. However, all other presentations and workshops have been rated highly, in the “excellent” to “satisfactory” range.

Areas for improvement

There were also some challenges and lessons to be learned:

- Too many sessions and speakers in too short a time.
- Not enough time for interaction.
- Organization-wise, to have buffet at lunch and to set up the seating in a way that allows for more interaction among participants.

Comments from respondents included

- A buffet lunch would be better time-wise.
- It would be better if we could sit around a table so everyone could hear and see each other.
- Very little time set for going through the impact of the Treaty of Lisbon.
- Very crowded agenda.
- Parallel sessions could be brought into the meeting a little bit more, so that they're part of the meeting. It felt a bit like they were an add-on.
- A little too much in the agenda, rushed at time.
- More time for break-out sessions to allow joint sharing of information and knowledge.
- More time for interaction.
- Everything perfectly organized.
- A fab meeting.
- Program broad enough as well as relevant and well organized.
- Sessions in the morning great, useful, interesting.
- Thank you very much, the conference and AGM was a great source of inspiration and Papardes Zieds is a great team!
- I liked the plenary and the APGs workshop, but would have liked to have a little more time for the workshop.
- Would have liked a little bit of additional time.
- Have the next meeting in Malta.



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The organisers thank you for your participation. In order to evaluate the relevance of this meeting, and to improve the quality of future initiatives, we would be grateful if you could fill out this brief questionnaire, and return it to the EuroNGOs Secretariat. If you do not return this form immediately after the conference, please send your completed form to the EuroNGOs secretariat by fax # +32 (0) 2 250 09 69 or by email: mirja.leibnitz@eurongos.org by **21 September 2009**. Thank you!

About the person completing this form (optional):

Name:

Organisation and Title:

Email address:

Please use the following rating scale

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| <p>(1) - Excellent
 (2) - Very good
 (3) - Satisfactory
 (4) - Unsatisfactory
 (5) - Poor</p> |
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Questions: Please circle

1. Summarize your overall assessment of the Membership Meeting and the lessons learned for the next one. Do you have any suggestions for improvements?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

2. Please provide us with your opinion with respect to the meeting's logistics.

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

3. Was the programme of the meeting relevant and well-balanced? Would you add/change anything?

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

4. Please evaluate the following sessions:

The US Administration and SRHR

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Australia's Global Gag Rule

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Challenges in the South Asia Region and the Work of ICOMP

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

EuroMapping 2009

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Countdown 2015 Europe

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

The Impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the SRHR Community

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Parallel Sessions

Theme 1: Working with All-Party Parliamentarians Groups and Parliamentarians

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Theme 2: Advocacy and networking in the light of the Spanish-Belgian-Hungarian presidency of the EU

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Theme 3: Parliamentary Study Tour in Guinea-Bissau Poster presentation
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Closed Session (for members only)
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

7. Do you have additional comments or suggestions?

Thank you for your cooperation!