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### **ENoS Annual Report of the President, Ida Lanbacher**

September 2012 (Vienna) to October 2013 (South Tyrol)

An **ENoS network meeting** took place on **20. September 2012 in Vienna**.

Attendees:

**Germany:** Edith Schwab, Miriam Hoheisel, Michael Priebe, Sylke Priebe-Czadzeck (Federal Association of Single Mothers and Fathers, VAMV)

**Italy/South Tyrol:** Ida Lanbacher, Christiane Lohmann, Romy Brugger, Wolfgang Rigott (Platform of South Tyrol for Single Parents),

**Switzerland:** Monique Gerber, Margrid Jungen (Swiss Federation of Single Mothers and Fathers, SVAMV)

**Austria:** Regina Schlacht, Elisabeth Wöran, Doris Pettighofer, Norbert Tanhoffer (Austrian Platform for Single Parents, ÖPA)

The ENoS network meeting was held as a part of the European **conference „guaranteed child allowance“**, which was organized by the “Austrian Platform for Single Parents”.

At this meeting presidential elections took place.

From the attended ENoS representatives Ida Lanbacher (South Tyrol) was elected as president, Edith Schwab (Germany) and Monique Gerber (Switzerland) as vice-presidents for the next two years.

A conference for the transition of the presidency was held on 5/6<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in Lindau (Lake Constance, Germany). The following members of the three Associations of the executive committee participated in the conference: Ida Lanbacher (president) and Christiane Lohmann (Platform of South Tyrol, Italy), Edith Schwab (vice-president) and Miriam Hoheisel (VAMV, Germany), Monique Gerber (vice-president) and Anna Hausherr (SVAMV, Switzerland).

At this conference Ida Lanbacher informed about the conference of the platform of South Tyrol which is scheduled for 2013 on the topic “joint custody”. She suggested combining this conference with an ENoS meeting as a possibility to involve inputs concerning joint custody from other countries.

The next topic was the transition of the presidency to Ida Lanbacher. It was agreed to leave the accounting department (invoices, reminders, financial report, annual account) in Berlin. Also the already existing contacts to the EU should continue to be used from Berlin.

It was decided that ENoS will have its own website in the future. Target groups of this website will be European politicians, European professional associations, media, interest groups and affected persons. The website will be published in English and German. It will

inform about aims, history, important positions, member associations, networking of ENoS and about single parent families in Europe.

VAMV and the Platform of South Tyrol will request a cost estimate for the construction of the website.

The lobbying activities of ENoS will be expanded in the future, as ENoS will inform the European operators (parliament, commission) about its activities. ENoS will also deliver positions, statements and demands, take part in participatory processes where appropriate (Green Paper, guidelines) and conduct political talks on European level.

It was decided to use the planned questionnaire concerning custody to gain new members and to get in contact with Hungary, Greece, England, Spain, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein. The planned internet presence shall be a further step to member recruitment.

**In spring 2013** the questionnaire concerning custody which was elaborated from ENoS in German and English was sent to all member associations and other European organizations of single parents. There were several requests to participate in the questionnaire until summer.

Answered questionnaires came from the active associations Germany, Austria, Switzerland and South Tyrol.

The Platform of South Tyrol awarded the contract for the website to a web center in South Tyrol due to the lowest cost estimate. Furthermore ENoS president Ida Lanbacher organized a donation of 500 € for the internet presence.

The web center designed a proposal for the website in cooperation with the platform of South Tyrol.

As scheduled the ENoS-Meeting 2013 was combined with the conference of South Tyrol with the topic "joint custody" and took place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Nals (South Tyrol). ENoS representatives from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and South Tyrol participated this meeting and the filled questionnaires were discussed in detail. The representatives checked the draft of the website and talked about the next steps.

A common subject for the year 2014 was specified in this meeting. The members agreed on **the subject „Fair Tax Rules for Single Parents“**.

The next ENoS-Meeting is scheduled for 3th to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Switzerland.

The President  
Ida Lanbacher