

NEWS FROM EAPN

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EAPN Parliament Hearing on “Fighting Poverty and Inequality – Building Trust in the EU”

EAPN is organizing a Parliament Hearing on “*Fighting Poverty and Inequality – Building Trust in the EU*”, on 3 December 2009. This hearing will be hosted by MEP Proinsias De Rossa. It will be followed by a reception. Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish. Download the [programme](#).

European Seminar “At work, but poor and without a voice?”

On 14-15 September, EAPN participated in the seminar “*At work, but poor and without a voice?*”, organized by the Council of Europe, Directorate General for Social Cohesion, in cooperation with the Maltese Foundation for Human Resources Development and brought together government representatives, NGOs and private-sector actors to discuss **two expert reports**:

1. Report on empowerment of people experiencing extreme poverty, written by Dr. Danielle Dierckx.
2. Report on improving the situation of low-income workers, written by Kevin P. O’Kelly and Caroline Corr.

The two reports highlight the challenges to making policies that empower people living in extreme poverty and working poor and include examples of measures set in place by different member states of the Council of Europe.

EAPN presented its perspective on the importance of participation of people experiencing poverty in policy-making and responded the report on the empowerment of people experiencing extreme poverty. This was also an occasion to meet with the Maltese Network – Malta Anti Poverty Forum and to support its membership development work and the preparations for the EU Year 2010 in Malta.

Read [more and access the reports](#).

EAPN meeting in ... Iceland

On 26-27 October, **EAPN and its National Networks from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland met with anti-poverty NGOs in Reykjavik, Iceland**. The meeting was an occasion to **develop contacts and learn about the impact of the crisis on the population in Iceland, as well as the actions that the government and the NGOs have been taking to support the increasing numbers of people requesting support**. Participants also discussed the **possibility to develop a**

national anti-poverty network in Iceland and to give a European dimension to the national programme for the EU Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion in 2010. The Nordic EAPN Networks and EAPN Europe will support the further development of this cooperation with Icelandic NGOs.

NEWS FROM THE EAPN NATIONAL NETWORKS

All EAPN National Networks' and European organizations' contact details and websites are available on EAPN's website [here](#).

EAPN Slovakia

EAPN Slovakia held its General Assembly on 10-11 November. The main discussion dealt with the 2010 Year Against Poverty and Social Exclusion. An exchange took place with Ministry officials responsible for the Year. Fintan Farrell, Director of EAPN, took part in the GA as well as in two public lectures on "*fighting poverty and inequality - the role of democracy*", organized with the support of FEQ (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung) to coincide with the GA.

EAPN France: National Meeting on Participation "despite poverty, the power of doing"

On 12 and 13 November, several national networks (FNARS, UNIOPSS, Secours Catholique, Fondation de l'Armée du Salut, Croix rouge Française, UNCCAS, Advocacy) and local networks (FNARS Basse-Normandie, URIOPSS Basse Normandie, Commission régionale « dire et réagir ensemble » made of users and professionals, ATD Fourth-World, CAF du Calvados, IRTS de Basse-Normandie) organized a national meeting on the participation of citizens, in Caen. These meetings give the **opportunity to people facing economic and social difficulties, people living on social benefits, unemployed people, to present their own projects and initiatives and share their experiences**, together with social workers, academics, politicians, etc. more info on the blog <http://www.dire-reagir-ensemble.new.fr> (in French).

EAPN Ireland calls on EP members to sign the EP Written Declaration on Social Rights

On 22 October, EAPN and its national members started to write to EP members to support a **Parliamentary Declaration (0056/2009) which calls on Member States and the Commission to defend social rights in the crisis.**

Read [EAPN's letter](#), [EAPN Spain's](#) and now [EAPN Ireland's](#).

EAPN Ireland Welcomes Social Inclusion Forum

"Our Voices Are Real, Our Stories Are Real – We Need To Be Listened To". Speaking in advance of the Social Inclusion Forum on 4 November, Anna Visser, Director of the European Anti-Poverty Network Ireland, welcomed the Government efforts to actively seek out the views of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion in the context of economic and social policy making. The Social Inclusion Forum was established by the Government to evaluate Ireland's National Action Plan for Social Inclusion and to facilitate positive interactions between policy-makers, people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, and their organisations. Read [more](#).

NEWS FROM THE EU INSTITUTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: 2 Consultations of direct interest for European networks (and your members): the review of the financial regulations and the forthcoming Green Paper on the EU citizens' initiative

1. Review of the financial regulation (already opened)

DG Budget will launch the second review of the EU financial regulation by mid-2010. In the meantime, they are seeking views from beneficiaries of EU funding, and project managers on how they could "make project management more user-friendly and less burdensome".

They want to know how information systems, co-financing requirements, eligibility conditions, non-profit rules, ceiling for small grants, etc... could be improved. And also have comments on how they handle financial files.

This can be of particular importance for organisations applying regularly to EU funds.

Please let the Social Platform know (anne.hoel@socialplatform.org) who plans to answer to the consultation. Deadline: December 18, 2009. [More information and questionnaire.](#)

2. In the pipeline: A Green Paper on the citizens' initiative (Mid November 2010)

The Commission will prepare in 2010 a Regulation laying down provisions to implement the citizens' initiative (second part of the article 11 of the Lisbon Treaty). To that end, they are currently preparing a Green Paper that will be launched mid-November (no precise date yet). It should last for 8 to 12 weeks (no precise timing yet). The Green Paper is not ought to touch upon civil dialogue per se. Please let Social Platform know (anne.hoel@socialplatform.org) who plans to answer to the consultation.

EU leaders to name president at special summit

The European Union's heads of state and government will name a president and foreign policy chief over dinner on 19 November, but diplomats say agreement on the appointments has still not been reached. Read [more.](#)

MEPs raise fears of Services Directive delay

Members of the European Parliament this week urged EU member states to step up their efforts to ensure the Services Directive is implemented into national law within the agreed deadline of 31 December 2009, but more importantly, that they implement it correctly. Read [more.](#)

Commission sets deadlines for EU budget deficits

The European Commission on Wednesday (11 November) set deadlines of between 2012 and 2014/15 for 13 EU countries to slash budget gaps below 3% of GDP and said it would step up disciplinary budget action against Greece. Read [more.](#)

EU to bar alternative funds outside bloc

The Swedish EU Presidency is preparing to limit the activity of European alternative investment funds to within European borders, a document from the EU's rotating presidency revealed on 11 November. A document shows that the Swedish Presidency has decided to restrict operations between EU and non-EU domiciled funds. Read [more](#).

EU to consider pay limits for hedge funds

The European Union will consider as soon as this week rules to limit the pay of hedge fund managers, a spokeswoman for the Swedish minister in charge of reaching agreement on the legislation said on Thursday 11 November. Read [more](#).

Finance ministers agree to bump up bank capital

EU finance ministers adopted a preliminary agreement on Tuesday (10 November) to sharply boost the amount of capital banks must hold to offset risky trading activities. Read [more](#).

EU innovation 'manifesto' turns spotlight on funding and skills

The "scale and ambition" of the European Union's structural funds for regional development should be expanded to strengthen investment in research and knowledge, according to an expert report published today (12 November) by the EU. European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said the document would feed into the ongoing discussion on the shape of Europe's innovation policy. Read [more](#).

Europeans fear recession's impact on discrimination

64% of Europeans believe the economic crisis will bring more discrimination in the job market, according to the new Eurobarometer opinion survey released by the European Commission on 9 November. The European opinion poll revealed a clear link with the current economic situation: 64% of people expect the downturn will lead to more age discrimination in the job market. Read [more](#).

European Council

The European Council of 29 and 30 October 2009 decided, among other issues, on the following:

Regarding **institutional issues**, it consented to the demand by the Czech Republic to be dispensed from the implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, in the same way as the United Kingdom and Poland, in order for it to sign the Treaty of Lisbon. On **employment**, it recalled the need to promote active policies with regards to matters of inclusion and of social protection.

EU plans 'charter flights' to deport illegal immigrants

EU leaders have for the first time asked for the creation of joint charter flights to deport illegal immigrants. These flights would be financed by Frontex, the European agency in charge of the EU's external borders. The twenty-seven EU heads of state and government called for "the enhancement of the operational capacities of Frontex" and asked for "*an examination of the possibility of regular chartering -financed by Frontex- of joint return flights,*" at a European Summit on 29-30 October. The Council conclusions asked for a "*determined European response based on firmness, solidarity and shared responsibility*". Although this request is somewhat vague, the Commission should nevertheless table proposals in early 2010 examining the possibility of financing joint regular return flights via Frontex. The Council also asked for "*clear rules of engagement for joint operations at sea*". Read [more](#).

EU's first attempt to frame citizens' initiative

The European Commission launched a consultation on 11 November, calling for advice on how to implement the citizens' initiative, one of the key democratic innovations of the Lisbon Treaty. With the citizens' initiative, the EU is trying to bring in new instruments of direct democracy to bridge the gap between the citizens and its institutions. In recent European elections, fewer and fewer citizens have turned out to cast their ballot. Read [more](#).

Labour market reforms

In the wake of the global financial and economic crises, the EU is developing a new labour market strategy as part of its successor to the 'Lisbon Agenda' for economic, social and environmental reform, which is due to end in 2010. The new roadmap will retain many of the previous ambitions, but will also be shaped by EU leaders' exit strategies. Read [more](#).

NEWS FROM NGOs AND OTHERS

Young people preparing for EY 2010

Since 20% of young people aged 18-24% are at risk of poverty, the members of the European Youth Forum are all too aware of the relevance to them of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. During their Council Of Members meeting in Turin on November 13-14 2009 they devoted a 'thematic square' (i.e. workshop) to the European Year, to hear what is being prepared at European level but also to share some of the initiatives that are planned in their respective countries or organisations. At European level the Youth Forum is engaging in a consultation on youth poverty, and the role of its member organisations in tackling this issue; it is hoped that this will result in an event during 2010. An input from **EAPN** at the meeting was also the opportunity to encourage the EYF members to **join the human ring around the institutions planned for**

October 12th 2010 to highlight key messages for a meaningful impact on European policy as an outcome for 2010. The European Youth Forum is one of the 40 or so networks who are working in a European coalition of social NGOs in the preparation for 2010 the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. For further information about the coalition and its activities, contact Pauline Geoghegan, EAPN Coordinator for the Year 2010 pauline.geoghegan@eapn.eu .

FEANTSA campaign on ending homelessness

FEANTSA is launching a campaign on 'Ending Homelessness' in 2010, in the framework of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. Read [more](#).

FEANTSA speaks out on Miss Homeless Belgium

FEANTSA has spoken out on the event Miss Homeless Belgium. The Miss Homeless competition took place earlier this month and the winner was awarded a rent-free flat for one year. FEANTSA criticized the way the competition re-enforced stereotypes about deserving and undeserving poor. Read [more](#).

ILO: Global Jobs Pact presented to European Parliament

The ILO Liaison Office in Brussels presented the Global Jobs Pact to the Development Committee on 6 October 2009. At the presentation, the ILO Liaison Office in Brussels said that implementing the Pact would lead to less poverty and more decent work. The European Parliament has a potentially important role to play in promoting a sustainable growth strategy for poor populations. It can do this by promoting the introduction of programmes to boost employment, social protection and decent work in developing countries. Read [more](#).

Extra info: The ILO Governing Body will be in session from 5 to 20 November in Geneva. It will discuss implementing the Global Jobs Pact, updating sectoral aspects of the ILO's work regarding the crisis, strategies for the extension of social security coverage, and the implementation of programmes by different countries to promote decent work. Furthermore, the governing body will address issues such as 'flexicurity' and employment services, including ILO support for the role of public employment services in the labour market.

Women Watch: Join the Conversation: Violence against women: How can we overcome this persistent human rights violation?

You are invited to respond to the online-conversation "*Violence against women: How can we overcome this persistent human rights violation?*". It will be available at *Conversations for a Better World*, (www.conversationsforabetterworld.com), a blog about the burning issues of our time, especially women, health and development. It is open to the public and is sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). To join the conversation, please register at <http://www.conversationsforabetterworld.com/become-a-conversation-starter/>. You

may address all questions to Radha Patel at ichristensen@unfpa.org.

COFACE's response to the EC Consultation on equality between women and men

COFACE's response to the European Commission Consultation on the Roadmap for equality between women and men 2006-2010 and follow-up strategy, available [here](#).

Radio 1812 is back for International Migrants Day 2009

December 18, the international resource centre on the rights of migrant workers announces the launch of the 4th edition of its worldwide radio marathon project "Radio 1812" which takes place annually on and around 18 December, International Migrants Day. Radio 1812 brings together participants from all continents: national-level radio stations, international broadcasters as well as community-based initiatives and civil society organisations (migrant groups, solidarity groups, trade unions, churches, etc). Read [more](#).

Website of the European Churches Responding to Migration

The Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe and the Conference of European Churches (CCME/CEC-KEK) have declared 2010 the Joint Year for European Churches Responding to Migration. The goal of the year is to make visible the churches' commitment to migrants and the biblical message on the dignity of every human being. A special website for the year is now online and will be used to publicise activities, share materials and assist cooperation on issues of migration. Read [more](#).

Government officials discuss data collection on hate crimes at OSCE meeting

Ways of improving state responses in the fight against crimes motivated by racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance, including against Muslims and Christians, were discussed at an OSCE meeting in Vienna on 28-29 October. The event brought together government focal points on hate crimes from 40 OSCE participating States. The national focal points discussed data collection by law enforcement agencies, criminal justice systems and hate crime legislation in various OSCE participating States. They also looked at partnerships which can be developed between civil society and focal points to gather more reliable data. Read [more](#).

Roma Virtual Network: 2010 Call for Applications for the European Commission Internship for Young Roma Graduates

The Roma Virtual Network has launched the 2010 call for applications for the European Commission Internship for Young Roma Graduates. The internship will start on March 1, 2010 and end on July 31, 2010. Please ask the call for applications, application form and CV template at roma@osi.hu. The deadline for submitting applications is December 5, 2009.

Ilga-Europe: European institutions make commitments to fight discrimination against trans people

The “*Trans Rights Conference: Putting Trans Rights on the European Agenda*” was held by ILGA-Europe and Transgender Europe as a pre-conference to ILGA-Europe’s 13th Annual Conference (29 October). This conference was intended to bring together European and national stake holders in a direct dialogue with trans and LGBT activists from across Europe. This was the first conference to exclusively driven towards good practices in policy and legal developments. Read [more](#).

PUBLICATIONS

On the crisis...

A coordinated macroeconomic response is required to tackle the recession

Eurofound publishes its 2009 European Restructuring Monitor (ERM) Annual Report 'Restructuring in recession'. The impact of the recession has already been significant for most Member States in terms of job loss and rising unemployment. Experience of previous recessions, however, shows that the labour market may continue to deteriorate well into 2010. Read [more](#).

EC Autumn forecast 2009-2011: EU economy on the road to a gradual recovery

The Commission's autumn forecast projects that the EU economy will emerge from recession in the second half of this year, although for 2009 as a whole, GDP is still set to fall by some 4%. A gradual recovery is expected with GDP forecast to grow by ¾% in 2010 and around 1½% in 2011. Read [more](#).

Read more about the crisis:

- [IMF Note on Global Economic Prospects and Principles for Policy Exit](#)
- [European Central Bank’s monetary policy decisions](#)
- [G20 November meeting concerning the review of the economic situation and on the exit strategies to adopt](#)

Work and child poverty: new research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation

[This in-depth research in six deprived communities](#) reinforces the Foundation's previous findings that big changes in relation to work are needed to make further progress on reducing child poverty. The new study shows that many people in disadvantaged communities are trapped in a cycle of 'poor work/no work' that fails to lift them out of poverty. It highlights the tensions between work and parenting with low-pay forcing some to work for very long hours, harming family life. Many low-paid workers were both unable to pay for childcare and worked in jobs without the flexibility to support parenting. [Click here to read the summary and report.](#)

SOLIDAR Briefing Paper #5: From Welfare to Empowerment and Participation

Based on its members' experiences of working with socially and economically disadvantaged people, SOLIDAR puts forward recommendations to EU and national decision makers on social services of general interest, through a briefing paper on "*Welfare to Empowerment and Participation*". Please download the briefing [here](#).

Feantsa: Empowering ways of working: Empowerment for people using homeless services in Europe

This [paper](#) aims to provide a better understanding of empowerment in homeless services. Why is it important to think about empowerment? What does it mean to work in an empowering way? What are the challenges? The document focuses on homeless services, as this is the level that is most likely to have a direct impact on the lives of people.

Feantsa: Second edition of 'Employability and Homelessness' available online

The [second edition of FEANTSA's new newsletter](#) 'Employability and Homelessness' is available online. In this newsletter you will find information about interesting experiences and practices around employment for people experiencing homelessness from across Europe.

Understanding the Lisbon Treaty in 10 fiches

In addition to the official text of the Treaty approved in December 2007, the Robert Schuman Foundation has created 10 explanatory sheets including the main innovations contained within the Treaty together with the ratification dates of each Member State. Read [more](#). (available in EN, FR, DE, ES and PL).

CEPS publications on integration and immigration

The Centre for European Policy Studies has recently published two reports, on '*Civic Integration of Third-Country Nationals: Nationalism versus Europeanisation in the Common EU Immigration Policy*', by Sergio Carrera and Anja Wiesbrock, and '*The Externalisation of the EU's Labour Immigration Policy: Towards mobility or insecurity partnerships?*' by Sergio Carrera and Raúl Hernández i Sagrera. Read [more](#).

Joint study by ILO and WTO on informal employment and trade

According to a joint study by the ILO and the WTO, high rates of informal employment are preventing developing countries from reaping the benefits of open trade, leading to increased poverty. The study showed that the more prevalent informal employment was, the more susceptible developing countries were to emergency situations like the current global crisis. The study also indicated that trade reforms would boost formal employment in the long term provided they were backed up by effective internal policies, despite causing an increase in informal employment in the short term. Read [more and access the study](#).

Global Wage Report (November 2009)

The ILO Global report has revealed that worldwide growth in actual wages slowed down considerably in 2008 due to the economic crisis. The downward trend is set to continue this year, despite signs of a possible economic upturn. However, the report also indicated that both developed and developing countries have upped minimum wages in recent years, suggesting they are increasingly concerned by growing inequality and low pay. The report described the minimum wage as “an important policy tool for social protection”. It called on social partners to set rates for minimum wages, recommending that they be combined with other income support measures and/or tax reductions. [Read more and access the report.](#)

Two ILO guides for drafting anti-crisis measures

The ILO has published a new [guide](#) (Country Level Rapid Impact Assessment of Crisis on Employment) to aid rapid assessment of the impact of the crisis on national employment. Its chief aim is to provide methodological advice and practical pointers on how to collect data and use it effectively when drafting stimulus policies. In addition, the ILO has published a second [guide](#) called ‘Millennium Development Goals Employment Indicators’ on the four new employment indicators. It provides definitions, concepts, background information and formulae for each of the new employment indicators. The guide also gives advice on how to draft relevant and effective national policies. Finally, it contains a full list of the decent work indicators currently being further discussed by the ILO.

FRA: The Situation of Roma EU Citizens Moving to and Settling in Other EU Member States

The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) will today (Monday 9 November 2009) present its report on ‘The Situation of Roma EU Citizens Moving to and Settling in Other EU Member States’. The report shows that many Roma EU citizens settling in another Member State in search of better conditions continue to experience racism, discrimination and exclusion. The FRA will launch its report on the occasion of an international conference organised jointly by the FRA, the Council of Europe and the OSCE on the 9 and 10 November in Vienna. Read [more](#).

ECDN: calls for urgent action against over-indebteness

The European Consumer Debt Network expects numbers of over-indebted people to grow and has sent a letter to European decision makers to call for urgent action. Read [more](#).

Eurochild: Ending child poverty – Measuring is the key!

Spanish and Belgian EU presidencies will cooperate to develop an EU recommendation on child well-being and the fight against poverty by the end of 2010. This was one of the results of Eurochild’s Annual Conference in Cyprus, ending 13 November. Furthermore, Eurochild members at the conference called for more child-centred indicators and subjective

measures of children's well-being. For more information, contact bjoern.becker@eurochild.org.

EPC Report - Beyond the crisis - strategic options for Social Europe by 2030

With the severe repercussions of the financial crisis, the public and policy-makers are rejecting the neo-liberal economic model and the idea that GDP is the primary measure of well-being, said speakers at the Well-being 2030 Inaugural Conference, a project co-financed by the European Commission. With all the challenges facing Europe - globalisation, ageing and climate change, it is more important to have a sense of security, social ties and strong personal relations, as well as having access to health and education, low crime and a good work-life balance. Read [more and access the report](#).

Interesting links

- Website of the Swedish Presidency: se2009.eu
- [EC ongoing consultations](#) , notably **2 Consultations of direct interest for European networks and their members**: the review of the financial regulations and the forthcoming Green Paper on the EU citizens' initiative (deadline 18 Dec. 2009).
- [Engage](#), the Social Platform newsletter, aims to promote the activities of European social NGOs and their fight for a more just and equal Social Europe.
- Read updates on the financial crisis in [Germany](#), [France](#), [Belgium](#), [Ireland](#), [Italy](#), [Latvia](#).

AGENDA

November 2009

24 Nov: Irish national Organisation of the Unemployed ([INOUE](#)), A Fairer Ireland: Equality and Rights at the Heart of Recovery, hosted by the Equality and Rights Alliance, Dublin. Please contact Rachel@eracampaign.org.

24 Nov: [Equality & Rights Alliance November Conference](#), Dublin.

26 Nov: Destree Organisation, **Seminar on Child poverty and Child well-being**, Brussels. Please click [here](#) for the Official Invitation. Please click [here](#) for the Draft Programme. To register, [please click here](#).

30 Nov: [Final Conference of the European Cities against Child Poverty](#), London.

30 Nov: EESC – “Notre Europe” Joint conference 20th anniversary of the Community Charter of Fundamental Social Rights”, please contact chartesociale@eesc.europa.eu.

December 2009

2-4 Dec: Department of Sociology of the Uppsala University (Sweden), [International conference 'Gendering Violence - Feminist Interventions in Contemporary Research'](#), Uppsala, Sweden.

7-8 Dec: Conference on “[Interacting in diversity for social cohesion: frameworks and references to adapt the organisation and competences of social services to the demands of a pluralist society](#)”, Strasbourg, France.

8 Dec: Friends of Europe European Policy Summit, “[A new era in the Balkans](#)”, Bruxelles.

10-11 Dec: FRA EU Conference - "Making rights a reality for all" – Stockholm. Information and registration at geraldine.ferdinand@ecotec.com.

10-11 Dec: Polis conference, First announcement and call for papers 2009 [Annual Polis Conference](#), Unlocking the economic and environmental potential of innovation in urban and regional mobility, Brussels. Deadline for submission of abstracts: 17 July 2009.

12 Dec: AIDE Fédération conference on cultural and political : state of play, challenges and perspectives, Paris. Contact: el-hakkaoui@aide-federation.org.

TENDERS / GRANTS

Calls for proposals

- Find here [all calls](#) concerning the **7th Framework Programme (FP7)**.
- [Youth in Action](#) - Programme (2007 - 2013) - Deadline: **from 01 February 2007 up to the end of 2013**. Deadlines vary according to Action. Please contact the European Commission or your National Agency)
- [European Refugee Fund](#) – deadline: **30 Nov. 2009**.

Call for tenders

- [PES to PES dialogue](#) – deadline: **06 Jan. 2010**.

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http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/progress/index_en.html

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