

EAPN is an independent network of National Networks and European Organisations that bring together more than 10.000 organisations and grass-roots groups.

LOBBYING and CAMPAIGNING

EAPN lobbies for and with people and groups facing poverty and social exclusion by engaging them as stakeholders in the EU and national decision-making processes.

- EAPN and its members engage and monitor European and national policies and work with European and national institutions to enhance the effectiveness of actions to eradicate poverty and social exclusion.
- EAPN is a key actor in the follow up of the Open Method of Coordination on Social Protection and Social Inclusion, the European Employment Strategy, the Platform against Poverty and the EU Social Investment Package.
- EAPN works on the Europe 2020 Strategy at the national and EU levels in order to get delivery on the poverty-reduction, employment, and education targets. This involves analysing and proposing recommendations as part of the yearly assessments of the National Reform Programmes and Country-Specific Recommendations.
- EAPN supports actively gender equality and non-discrimination in all areas of its work.
- EAPN is involved in several projects such as the European Minimum Income Network (EMIN). EAPN also took part in projects such as Drivers (on health inequalities), WILCO (to strengthen social cohesion and lower social inequalities), Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISE), Bridges for Inclusion, ...



EAPN campaigns to raise awareness on and create policy changes in relation to poverty, exclusion and inequalities. Recent campaigns include:

→ Electing Champions for a Social Europe

This campaign encouraged citizen participation in the 2014 European elections and got the commitment of over 10% of elected MEPs in the fight against poverty.



→ EU Money for Poverty Reduction NOW!

Our successful campaign in 2013 achieved the ring-fencing of 20% of the European Social Fund for poverty reduction.



→ An adequate minimum income for all!

Our long running campaign to promote the implementation of adequate minimum income schemes has raised important debates urging decision-makers to consider an EU Framework Directive on Adequate Minimum Income Schemes.



RESEARCH, EXCHANGE and ALLIANCE BUILDING

EAPN provides an important space for exchange, and learning and for documenting practice and action to combat poverty and exclusion.

- EAPN's work embraces an 'action research' approach, drawing information and knowledge from the ground as well as developing links with the research sector to enhance knowledge on poverty, social exclusion and inequalities.
- EAPN is a founding member of the Social Platform, and an active member of the Spring Alliance. EAPN co-ordinates the EU Alliance for a more Democratic, Social and Sustainable European Semester (EU Semester Alliance) and is a member of the Investing in Children Alliance.
- EAPN is a founding member of the Alter Summit, and cooperates with Euro Memorandum and other groups working on alternative economic models.

Supporting the DIRECT PARTICIPATION of people experiencing poverty

EAPN lobbies for and with people experiencing poverty and their organisations and seeks to empower them to be actors of change.

EAPN organises the European Meetings of People experiencing Poverty (PeP), with support from the European Commission, the European Parliament, and the rotating Presidency of the EU.



These European meetings contribute to the right of people living in poverty to participate in the decision-making processes that affect their lives and well-being. They also act as a catalyst for national-participation processes.

RAISING AWARENESS

Awareness raising on poverty, social exclusion and inequality issues is a key dimension of all of EAPN's work.

EAPN publishes a large range of publications (from in-depth position papers and reports to easy-to-read leaflets, books and explainers) on all topics of EAPN's work: poverty, social exclusion, inequality, quality employment, social protection, social services, participation and civil dialogue, Structural Funds, the future of Europe, amongst others.

All can be found on www.eapn.eu.



EAPN is supported by and maintains a partnership relation with the European Commission.



It also has consultative status with the Council of Europe.



EAPN has contributed to key EU developments:

- New Articles in the EU Treaties (Articles 13, 136 and 137 in the Amsterdam Treaty, Articles 3 and 11 in the Treaty on European Union and articles 9, 14 in the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU).
- The development of the EU Inclusion Strategy (OMC on Social Protection and Social Inclusion) and the development of the EU Programme to support this strategy (PROGRESS).
- The adoption of an EU Recommendation on Active Inclusion (Adequacy of Income, Access to Services, Support for access to employment).
- The adoption of the Partnership Principle in Structural Funds and the follow up of the implementation of this principle.
- The increased direct participation of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion as recognised by the processes associated to the annual European Meetings of People Experiencing Poverty.
- The designation of 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.
- The adoption of a European headline target to reduce poverty in the Europe 2020 Strategy.
- The ring fencing of 20% of the ESF funding for social inclusion.

Nearly 125 million people, 1 in 4 people in the EU, currently live in or are at risk of poverty, while there has never been so much wealth in the world.

FIGHTING POVERTY IS A POLITICAL CHOICE.



The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) welcomes you on its website

www.eapn.eu

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We believe in the power of democracy, true and meaningful participation, social justice and solidarity in a Europe that puts people at the centre of policy-making.

GET ENGAGED

- **Share** our messages and publications!
- **Get involved in our campaigns** at national and European levels.
- **Many of our members** would welcome your direct participation.
- **Donate to the EAPN Fund**, which aims to support the fight for a social Europe free of poverty. Click on "Support EAPN" on our website to find all the information related to the EAPN Fund.

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EUROPEAN ANTI POVERTY NETWORK



FIGHTING FOR A SOCIAL EUROPE FREE OF POVERTY

The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) is the oldest and largest network of independent, local grassroots groups, regional, national and European, NGOs whose aim is to eradicate poverty, inequality and exclusion, by safeguarding democracy through a meaningful participation of the citizens in the EU governance at all levels.

OUR WORK AT EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL LEVELS INCLUDES:

LOBBYING and CAMPAIGNING for better European and national policies to combat poverty

RESEARCH, EXCHANGE and ALLIANCE BUILDING in combating poverty and social exclusion

Supporting the DIRECT PARTICIPATION of people experiencing poverty in policy making

RAISING AWARENESS on the causes and impact of poverty