**Minutes – 2nd meeting of EAPN Migration Task Force – 24 January 2014**

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**Action points:**

***General agreement to have country fiches and a synthesis report drawing on the country fiches.***

**VC to:**

-To send all the country fiches to all the TF Members.

-To provide a common template for all, style guide for the country fiches to make them look more similar but headings could be slightly different.

-To give input on role of EU social inclusion policies and the policies against child poverty for migrants in the EU fiche.

-To e mail everyone about the title to get TF members’ proposals - it should be connected to poverty, migrants and crisis.

-To check the policy hooks at EU level (including the EU integration Forum) to see when it is best to organize a launch event.

**Each Task Force Member to:**

-Based on the agreed structure of the Report, to check if there are some missing elements in their country fiche followed with individual contacts to get all the necessary info

-To provide Photos, graphs, visual material.

-Maria Giovanna could help Members to provide for this %age of undocumented migrants among migrants in the different countries of the TF Members.

**Introduction:**

***Feedbacks:***

**Loucas:** underestimation of the time spend on it – lot of research to put all the stuff together. Different to have a knowledge on something and to put all things together. It was very useful though.

**Elisabeth:** agree – work was harder than expect – difficult to make it shorter – it is important – important to show the organizations if they agree – because mainly desk research.

**Per:** very impressed by the work done – much bigger workload than expected and bad timing with the end of the year –

**Maria Giovanna:** type of exercise we do every day, we worked together with FEANTSA. It is pretty much comprehensive – short intro on the context on all the policies – it is a very interesting piece of work to see how policies linked to poverty relate to migration policies. To see that it should all work together.

**Nazek:** share the same experience: when we put all the structure together – we set aside a few days – we did a comprehensive, professional research – we had to check the sources to be accurate – It was very interesting to do, opportunity to really have a joint discussion.

**Justification of the Task Force:**

**Restating what are the TF’s objectives:**

* To make sure that EAPN Members will address the situation of migrants in time in crisis while dealing with poverty and social exclusion.
* To see the direct impacts of the crisis on access to rights and services (i.e. right to family life in UK); negative rhetoric (politicians using migrants as scapegoats), rise of extreme right parties : reality check
* To address EU and national Policy-makers with key recommendations.

**Discussion:**

* It isimportant to better make the link between social policies and migration issues: main added value – what’s the real impact on the ground, on the lives of migrants – impact on social inclusion….It is something new. The follow up will come easily if things are clearer.
* The issue of migration is not only about policies – we should also look at what’s going on at ground level.
* We should focus on link between migrants and being poor. To focus on economic aspects, poverty – Negative rhetoric important but it is important to see what’s happening for migrants on the ground – the linkages btw social policies and migration policies – how migrants are being push away from labour market – To set it in the EAPN context – to make sure that EAPN will focus more on migration issues and linkages btw social/ anti-poverty issues/ policies and migration policies.
* Some of migrants are poor but not all of them – those policies are making migrants poor. How policies are making migrants poor – poorer and poorer with the crisis.

**Better framing the work of the TF:**

Nellie, EAPN Communications Officer

Making the Report more visual/ Snappy

* Lots of hard figures – when you want to challenge ideas, you need data
* Some info could be put in visual info: its give you an understanding of the situation
* Some stuff could be put in infographics.
* Very snappy information that you can use on social media
* You can insert boxes to make the reader breathes.
* Starting with the objectives and target audience (i.e. policy makers and EAPN Members)
* Maybe have a 3-4 pages leaflet with the key messages in parallel. It would be easier to use it for social media.

Format:

* Length of the Report – the more pages you have, the more people you loose – raising awareness it is key messages which are fundamental. – they will pull the interest – how do you want to use the information ––
* The synthesis Report will be an in-house report – on the printing – not foreseen to be printed – but, if you want to print it, make sure that visually speaking it focuses more on the structure.
* Key messages should be on 1 page - key msgs and how the info is as short and dense and clear as possible.
* Some parts cannot be integrated easily in the synthesis report like the history of migrants –It is better to think strategically – useful in the main report or not – need to prioritize otherwise we will end up with a long report.
* Main report would contain a synthesis of the key findings and messages drawing on the national reports. Then, there would be the full national reports/ country fiches.
* Interesting to have the reports online – it would be great to have some visual info (table, bullet points…).
* Trying to be as synthetic as possible
* Executive summary to tell you what this report contain (could be used as a leaflet…).

Other elements:

* We need something more elaborate – we must combine something easy to read but detailed enough for convincing policy makers at EU and national level.
* That’s why we want 2 kinds of recommendations for policy-makers and EAPN.
* To make clear, visible the real impact of the crisis and the reality suffered by migrants as well as the real contribution of migrants to society.
* Based on previous experience with policy-makers; it is good to combine a very short report (leaflet style) and fuller report – because first they read the leaflet and, then ask for the longer report.
* Country fiches would be used separately. Trying really to draw from the country fiches about the main report.
* Not easy to read the country fiches – Report should be something different – we don’t have to match all the information – text should be something about Europe – information from countries to illustrate with boxes from countries – Country fiches – it should not be the same but they should be comparable from one to another with more homogeneity.
* Make sure that illegal do not appear in any of the contributions
* Maybe not put the name of contributors: it could be tricky for some people but more EAPN UK….

Summary - 2 different things will be produced:

1. **National country Fiches**

* Each country will have a country fiche – maybe see the lay out to have a similar presentation – the fiches could be used at national level for advocacy events/ initiatives – add maybe graphs and photos.

VC/ NE to provide a common template for all, style guide for the country fiches to make them look more similar but headings could be slightly different (i.e**.** How many pages? Size? Style? Margin?)**.**

1. **Synthesis Report**

* Final report will be a synthesis Report (easy-to-read) drawing on the country fiches, using key and comparable findings – explain the situation with hard figures - all the headings will not be used – see if we are going to use background info like about the history of migration – country fiches would be annexed to the synthesis Report (like for the EAPN Troika Report)

**Presentation of the synthesis and discussion (part I)**

Synthesis Report:

* Pictures: important to use our own pictures for copyrighting .
* VC to send all the different country fiches.

Introduction of the Synthesis Report and the country fiches:

* One main introduction for the main report
* One line referring to the main report in the country fiches as intro.

One general remark: very good and detailed info provided in the country fiches but there are still some missing elements which need to be filled in.

The Title of the synthesis Report is still to be decided - TF members’ should give their proposals - it should be connected to poverty, migrants and crisis.

***I – Exploring the context***

* For the main report to make it short with key figures – history of migrants and different types of migrants: short paragraphs and to see what we should keep as info.
* Country fiches: figures: on the number of migrants - how many migrants are not documented (estimating numbers) - Maria Giovanna could help Members to provide for this %age.
* To fill the gaps – and pass the information to the organizations.
* Good practices: maybe in Sweden and PICUM.
* On graphics: maybe to use Eurostat ones.
* On the use of the crisis: crisis affected people differently from one country to another: an excuse or not? the crisis is not self-explanatory for DK - Maybe not only the economic crisis but the social and economic crisis
* Setting the context briefly on the rise of hunger and poverty for migrants by showing the situation in general for all poor.

***II – Negative rhetoric***

* Perception in media: good practice from PT (training for journalists) and UK
* Political discourse and rise of extreme right parties: could be merged. Negative discourse mainstreamed in main political parties.
* Public figures: it is really different from one country to another.

***III – Myths & realities***

* Maybe merge II) and III) myths buster
* Myths buster can be used separately as lobbying tool.
* Nazek: in Migrants voice – not in favor of myth buster because it is maybe the first myth that people will remember and not the more positive aspect.
* We should focus on saying something positive about migrants. Migrants as contributors. It is myth buster but presented differently in a more positive manner.
* How to present the myths? In PT, there are myths for specific communities (Brazilian girls…). Cultural life, like ballet dancers – like in PT.
* Most important contribution : economic and demographic (including health) and to see if we can include cultural and sport elements.

***IV - Assessing integration policies***

* EU policies: EAPN to give input on role of EU social inclusion policies and the policies against child poverty for migrants.
* National policies : information is missing in several country fiches.

***V - Key challenges***

* For country fiches: to make it shorter
* Main report: if similar challenges are raised by several TF members, they will be put in national challenges.
* To try to get EU challenges: on family reunification – rise of poverty and hunger – stricter access to social rights – regular migrants becoming undocumented.

**Next steps**

***How to proceed?***

* TF Members to re-shape their contribution on the basis of a guidance style and filling in the missing information
* People will give their comments, input on the EU Challenges and recommendations.
* Once the 1st draft will be finalized, start drafting the EAPN recommendations and tips/ advices.
* Recommendations at national level: drawing on similar national challenges
* Recommendations at EU level will be linked to EU policy hook.
* To first have a draft ready before asking other countries (HU, GR, Malta) to contribute (but certainly only for providing some info which would be integrated into the synthesis report and not asking other country fiches).

***Timeline:***

* By 5th of February: minutes send with action points and guidance style for country fiches with graphs and pictures – as well as the country fiches
* By 3rd March to receive the finalized fiches
* During the week of 7th of April : to send the 1st draft.
* Comments by the 25th of April on the 1st draft.
* 2nd draft during the 5th of May sent to Members
* Week of the 12th of May to have a skype conference.
* Capacity-building: Workshop during the EU ISG meeting in October – November 2014 –

***3rd TF Meeting:***

* The date is still to be agreed.
* Due to the budgetary constraints, the choice is to have a 3rd meeting to discuss the final draft and capacity-building or to have the EU launch Conference for TF members to be able to attend the event.
* VC to check for the EU Integration Forum (dates, people to be funded) before seeing if we organize a 3rd meeting to work on the final draft and capacity-building or for people to attend the EU launching event.

***Some initial proposals of follow up:***

* Follow up to look for funding projects on migration with members from Migration TF
* Kind of training manuels about how EAPN Members can train their Members

**Evaluation:**

* Maria Giovanna: Very positive, optimistic about how crisis and current policies are pushing migrants into poverty
* Loucos: positive – more boring into practicalities – some doubts about the impact but good even if little impact
* Elisabeth : positive as well – worry about the capacity-building – amount of work for us??
* Per: good, very interesting, very good work that EAPN is taking on migration issues
* Nazek: we will do our best to finish it earlier and move everything backwards.