

Yes to an Active Inclusion based on rights! Promoting EAPN Principles on Active Inclusion

EAPN seminar on Active Inclusion
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Rationale:

- EAPN has been strongly involved in the discussion regarding the **Commission initiative on Active Inclusion**. We welcome the initiative of the Commission, which is likely to give a new impetus to the fight against poverty and social inclusion by promoting the notion of active inclusion, defined as a policy mix bringing together adequate minimum income, access to employment when possible, and access to quality services. This proposal seems full of potentialities to us, and **we want to promote its full understanding and implementation, in a political context where we fear that Active Inclusion could be reduced to a focus on harsher activation policies**. During the last year, EAPN has been implementing a campaign on Adequate Minimum Income stressing the need that full political attention is given to the issue of income within this new strategy.
- In the second semester of 2008, the French presidency is planning to adopt **Common Principles on Active Inclusion** at the Council conclusion on 15-16 December.

Purpose:

- The main purpose of this seminar is to **promote and illustrate EAPN's vision of Active Inclusion** to policy makers. It will be the first step of our lobbying strategy aiming at building momentum for lobbying around our vision of active inclusion, in order to have an impact on the content of the common principles to be adopted in the end of 2008.
- This seminar also aims at **capacity building in the Network** regarding Active Inclusion (awareness raising of the policy potentiality of the Commission initiative, mutual learning regarding the realities on the ground and NGOs actions already putting into practice our vision of active inclusion).

Participants:

- All full Social Inclusion, Employment and Structural Funds working groups (3 X 25 people) plus some Executive Committee members, members of the services working group, as well as invited people from France (approximately 85 people).

Preparatory document:

- EAPN secretariat will make available before the meeting a short **briefing**.
- National Networks will be asked to respond to a set of questions in preparation of the meeting. **Country sheets** will be on display at the meeting.

Outcome:

- Adopted set of "EAPN's shadow common principles on Active Inclusion".
- Conference report with examples from the national context.
- Improved understanding of the key necessary elements for an effective Active Inclusion strategy.

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PROGRAMME

9.30 11.00	<p>First plenary session (interpretation EN/FR) Chair: Ludo Horemans, President of EAPN Towards an Active Inclusion based on rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from EAPN France & French Hosting Authority (5') • Representatives of French Government (20') <p>Martin Hirsch, Haut Commissaire aux Solidarités Actives contre la pauvreté French ambition within their Presidency re Active Inclusion (10')</p> <p>Fabien Tuleu, Directeur Délégué de l'Agence Nouvelle des Solidarités Actives French experimentation in line with Active Inclusion: Revenu de Solidarité Active (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonia Carparelli, Head of Unit, , EU Commission 'The Commission strategy for Active inclusion": Summary and update on new developments. What will be the impact of the foreseen common principles after 2008? (10') • Presentation of EAPN approach of Active Inclusion (10') <p>Responses (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response from EAPN France. • Response from a French Member of the European Parliament (to be nominated) • Response from Jozef Niemiec, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation <p>Questions and answers session</p>
Break	
11.30 13.00	<p>Workshops - 3 Facilitators tbn Implementing the components of Active inclusion: bringing out the learning of experiences on the ground.</p> <p>Workshop 1: Promoting Active inclusion through adequate minimum income Workshop 2: Promoting Active inclusion through access to quality services Workshop 3: Promoting Active inclusion through employment (Workshops organized around presentations by EAPN members in relation to action taken and national context) <i>(One workshop with FR/EN interpretation, 2 workshops En speaking only)</i></p>
Lunch Break	
14.30 15.30	<p>Second session of workshops: What's working for delivering an integrated approach on the ground? How does this link to the principles?</p>
Break	
16.00 17.30	<p>Plenary session - Chair: tbn - (interpretation EN/FR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the draft EAPN Common Principles (1.15') (based on a draft EAPN Principles paper) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions and way forward: (15') <p>Ludo Horemans, President of EAPN Olivier Marguery, President of EAPN France</p>