

EAPN Seminar: 2010 and Beyond: the legacy we want!
Detailed Information on 5 Parallel Thematic Workshops (am and pm)

MORNING WORKSHOPS: 11.00 – 1.00pm: Learning from the National Level

On each of the 5 key themes, the workshops will assess the effectiveness of national strategies and instruments and present positive examples from different Member States. They will also explore strategies to use the EU Year 2010 as an opportunity to lead to new policy instruments in the Member States (Workshops 1,2, and 5 have translation ENG/FR. Workshop 3 and 4 in English only).

Workshop 1: Integrated poverty strategies and instruments to make progress on poverty. (ENG/FR)

This workshop will assess the effectiveness of national strategies and instruments (including targets), in making progress on poverty and social exclusion in the context of the crisis. It will discuss concrete proposals for legacies post 2010.

Key Questions

- 1) *What strategies and new instruments are being developed at national level to make progress on poverty? What are the success elements?*
- 2) *What's the impact of the crisis and the barriers to progress?*
- 3) *What would be the key elements of national legacy for 2010?*

Speakers

- Building a legacy for 2010 at national and regional level: New anti-poverty strategies and instruments - Sali Guntin, EAPN Spain.
- Ensuring that national social inclusion strategy rises to the challenge of the crisis – Paul Ginnell, EAPN Ireland
- Legislative and strategic anti-poverty policy instruments for beyond 2010 - Julien Van Geertsom, President of the Federal Ministry of Social Integration, Anti Poverty Policy, Social Economy and the Policy of Big Cities.

Facilitator: Sergio Aires, REAPN.

Rapporteur: Sian Jones, EAPN Secretariat.

Workshop 2: Moving forward on social standards – adequate minimum income and quality services. (ENG/FR)

This workshop will assess national instruments to delivering social standards – with a particular focus on ensuring access to adequate minimum income and quality social services, in the context of the crisis. It will explore concrete proposals for national legacies for 2010 in this area.

Key Questions

- 1) *What strategies/instruments are being developed to ensure adequate incomes and access to quality services?*
- 2) *What's the impact of the crisis and other barriers to progress?*
- 3) *What should be demanded as national legacy for 2010?*

Speakers:

- New strategies on income and access to services – Markku Martinmaki, EAPN Finland
- DALO – Implementing the Right to Housing in France – Marie-Cecile Renoux, ATD 4th World
- New strategies and instruments to achieve an adequate income – Vito Telesca, Associazione IRFEDI onlus, EAPN Italy.

Facilitator: Manfred Mohr, Red Cross, EAPN Germany

Rapporteur: Dag Westerheim, Welfare Alliance, EAPN Norway.

Workshop 3: Getting progress on inclusive employment for all (ENG)

This workshop will explore how far current national strategies, including active inclusion and social economy, are effective in promoting access to quality jobs for people in poverty in the context of the current crisis. It will explore proposals for national legacy.

Key Questions:

- 1) *What strategy and instruments are needed to ensure access for all to quality work? What role can active inclusion and social economy play?*
- 2) *What is the impact of the crisis and other barriers to progress*
- 3) *What should be the national legacy?*

Speakers:

- Integrated City approaches to promoting active inclusion - Helene Bengtson, City of Stockholm, Eurocities.
- Overcoming the barriers for active inclusion for people excluded from the labour market. - Ole Meldgaard, EAPN Denmark.
- Social economy as tool for inclusion - Claudia Taylor East , EAPN Malta/ WISE Progress project.

Facilitator: Judith Puhringer, EAPN Austria.

Rapporteur: Amana Ferro, EAPN secretariat.

Workshop 4: Promoting Fairer Distribution of Wealth (ENG)

This workshop will explore the effectiveness of national strategies for redistributing wealth between rich and poor (regions and people) and their impact on poverty and financing social protection systems, particularly in the current crisis. It will discuss proposals for a legacy for 2010.

Key Questions:

- 1) *What are the weaknesses of the current mechanisms?*
- 2) *What is the impact of the crisis and other barriers*
- 3) *What instruments are needed as legacy?*

Speakers:

- Inequality and redistribution in Ireland: rising to the challenge of the crisis? – Mary Murphy National University of Ireland.
- The Swedish approach to equality and distribution – Sonja Wallbom, Vice President of EAPN, EAPN Sweden.
- Closing the gap between rich and poor in New Member States - Suzanna Kusa, Independent

Expert Slovakia/EAPN Slovakia.

Facilitator: Anna Visser, Director EAPN Ireland.

Rapporteur: Malin Bjork, EAPN Secretariat.

Workshop 5: Embedding better governance and participation (ENG/FR)

This workshop will assess progress in embedding governance and participation in national strategies and policy-making processes to tackle poverty and social exclusion, and in developing adequate financial instruments to support NGO's in their service and advocacy role. It will assess the impact of the crisis and address key elements for a legacy for 2010.

Key Questions

- 1) *What instruments are needed to embed better governance and participation, as well as to support NGO's as service providers and advocates?*
- 2) *What has been the impact of the crisis and other barriers to progress?*
- 3) *What proposals are there for national legacy for 2010?*

Speakers:

- Assessing progress on governance and participation in policy-making in Sweden- Professor Hakan Johannson, Vaxjo University, Sweden.
- Challenges for the Belgian Model for participation in Social OMC and national policy making on poverty – Elke Vandermeerschen, EAPN Belgium.
- Key success elements for better participation in social policy decision-making in Hungary - Isabella Marton, EAPN Hungary.
- Questions and Debate

Facilitator: Micheline Gerondal, Coordinator of 8th Meeting PEP, EAPN

Rapporteur: Fintan Farrell, EAPN Secretariat.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS: 2.30- 4.00: EU instruments and Legacy for 2010

The same 5 thematic workshops will now look at the EU level – assessing the EU value-added, existing or new strategies and instruments that can make a difference.

What EU legacy for 2010 do we want? What are the main barriers?

Workshops 1,2 and 5 with English/French translation. Workshops 3 and 4 with English only.

Workshop 1: Using EU strategies and instruments to make progress on poverty (ENG/FR)

The workshop will discuss the role and effectiveness of current EU strategies in delivering on poverty (including Lisbon and the Social OMC) in the context of the crisis. It will discuss proposals for changes to these strategies and new instruments (eg EU and national targets, social impact assessment) to achieve a legacy for 2010.

Key Questions:

- 1) *What is the role of current EU strategies? What value-added do they bring?*
- 2) *What are the lessons from the crisis and barriers to change?*
- 3) *What changes need to be made/What new instruments are necessary as a legacy for 2010?*

Speakers:

- Making progress on poverty in 2010 - Peter Lelie, European Commission, Policy Coordinator, Social Inclusion Unit, European Commission.
- "From Lisbon to Lisbon?" – Sergio Aires, EAPN Portugal, Vice Chair of EAPN SIWG.
- EAPN proposal – Katherine Duffy, EAPN UK, Chair of Social Inclusion Working Group.

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Rapporteur: Maria Jeliazkova, EAPN Bulgaria.

Workshop 2: Developing better EU instruments to guarantee social standards (ENG/FR)

The workshop will discuss the role/added value of the EU in promoting social standards, how this can be enhanced and through which instruments. It will put a particular focus on adequate income and access to quality social services.

Key Questions:

- 1) *What is the role and value-added of EU instruments?*
- 2) *What are the lessons learnt from the crisis? Barrier or opportunity to progress?*
- 3) *What could be improved? What new instruments would help as legacy for 2010?*

Speakers

- Ensuring strong standards for SSGIs - Michel Mercadie, Vice President FEANTSA/EAPN France.
- Moving forward on minimum income through the EU: which instrument? - Muriel Rabau, Belgian Government, SPC Member.
- EAPN proposal - Ludo Horemans, EAPN President/EAPN BE.

Facilitator: Ludo Horemans, President of EAPN.

Rapporteur: Robert Urbe, Caritas, EAPN Luxembourg.

Workshop 3: Using EU Instruments to make progress on inclusive employment. (ENG)

The workshop will assess the role of key EU instruments – the European Employment Strategy and the Active Inclusion Recommendation as well as financial instruments like Structural Funds, in promoting access to inclusive employment, in the context of the crisis. It will then discuss proposals for an EU legacy for 2010

Key Questions:

- 1) *What is the value-added of EU instruments like EES and Active Inclusion Recommendation? What role can structural funds play?*
- 2) *What are the lessons learnt from the crisis? What other barriers?*
- 3) *What proposals will ensure an EU legacy for 2010?*

Speakers:

- Revising the Integrated Guidelines - Philippe Pochet, Director of ETUI.
- Effective implementation of the Active Inclusion Recommendation - Michele Calandrino, European Commission.
- EAPN proposals: Philip O' Connor, Chair of EAPN Employment Working Group.

Facilitator: Philip O'Connor, Chair of EAPN Employment Working Group, EAPN Ireland

Rapporteur: Colin Hampton, European Network of Unemployed Centres, EAPN UK

Workshop 4. Using EU instruments to support fairer distribution of wealth (ENG)

The workshop will explore the EU role in promoting fairer distribution (between regions through cohesion policy and in income) and the development of new instruments to assess progress (beyond GDP) as part of a legacy for 2010.

Key Questions

1. *How far does the EU promote fairer distribution?*
2. *What is the impact of the current crisis on these mechanisms – what is the impact on poverty/financing social protection?*
3. *What proposals should be made to ensure a positive legacy for 2010?*

Speakers:

- Promoting better indicators for progress/Beyond GDP - Ralf Jacob, European Commission
- EU role for promoting equality - Douhmir Minev, Perspekt, EAPN Bulgaria.
- EAPN proposal – Micheala Moser, Vice President EAPN/EAPN AT.

Facilitator: Micheala Moser, Vice President EAPN, EAPN Austria.

Rapporteur: Anna Visser, Director EAPN Ireland.

Workshop 5. Better EU instruments to embed governance and participation (ENG/FR)

The workshop will discuss the role of the EU in supporting governance and participation in decision-making processes on policy affecting poverty and social inclusion (including the Social OMC and the Lisbon Strategy) and what further instruments could be developed, as a legacy for 2010. It will assess whether the lessons from the crisis will prove a barrier or opportunity to support the legacy

Key Questions

1. *What value-added has the EU brought to supporting governance and participation?*
2. *What has been the impact of the crisis? What other obstacles exist?*
3. *Are there new instruments that would improve the legacy on participation?*

Speakers:

- Building on the Governance and Participation Study - Antoine-Saint Denis, European Commission.
- Key proposals for improving governance in Structural funds - Ray Philips, EAPN UK, Structural Funds Working Group.
- EAPN proposals: Fintan Farrell, EAPN Director.

Facilitator: Fintan Farrell, Director of EAPN.

Rapporteur: Macej Kucharczyk, AGE Platform.