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Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction

Call for proposals:

**Call for proposals for the establishment of 4-year
framework partnership agreements with EU-level networks
active in the promotion of social inclusion and poverty
reduction or active in the promotion of microfinance and
social enterprise finance**

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APPLICATION FORM

Application reference: VP/2013/006/0097

Applicant

A: Applicant

A.1: Applicant organisation

- A.1.1 Name of the organisation..... European Anti-Poverty Network
- A.1.2 Abbreviation..... EAPN
- A.1.3 Type of organisation..... Private Law Body/Non-profit/European/NGO
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- A.1.14 Legal entity form..... 4__5_Legal_Entity_Form_and_Registration.pdf
- A.1.15 Financial identification form. 6_Financial_Identification_Form_and_Bank_Statement.pdf
- A.1.16 Declaration on honour..... 3_Declaration_of_Honour.pdf
- A.1.17 Supplementary space for additional documents (if needed)..... 13.1_and_2_Annex_IIBudget_Joint_Action_and_Core_Budget.zip

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Oper. and finan. capacity

B: Operational and financial capacity

B.1: Operational structure

B.1.1 Main objectives and activities. The European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) is working for a Social Europe free of poverty and social exclusion with access to economic, social and cultural rights for all. To achieve this we seek a fair distribution of wealth, accessible quality employment, high levels of social protection, the combat of discrimination and the meaningful participation -through the organisations in which they participate- of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. EAPN aims to be recognised as a key organisation defending the interests of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion with visibility at all levels (local, regional, national, EU and Internationally)

In order to achieve this aim EAPN has set itself the following objectives:

- To promote and enhance the effectiveness of actions against poverty and social exclusion
- To disseminate information and to raise awareness of issues relevant to the fight against poverty and social exclusion
- To help shape appropriate social policies and action programmes at EU and National levels.
- To lobby for and with people and groups experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

The key activities of EAPN include: Organisation and management of Statutory Bodies to ensure our representativity, Organisation of Policy and Development Working Groups drawn from our membership to participate and build the capacity to participate in EU strategies and programmes, Promoting and demonstrating methods to ensure the direct participation of people experiencing poverty, Organisation of Conferences and Seminars to engage in policy debates, Fact finding and lobbying activities with the key EU Institutions and through our members, Information work (websites, publications, social media, advocacy letters, campaigns, Press releases....) on key aspects of EU policies that impact on poverty and social exclusion, Providing opportunities for exchange and learning in relation to the fight against poverty and social exclusion, Engaging with activities organised by other relevant actors.

Our key areas of activities relate to the follow up of the Europe 2020 strategy, EU Cohesion and Employment policies, the Social OMC, the Platform against Poverty and the Social Investment Package. In addition we seek to contribute to and promote a model of development that ensures access to a good life for everybody and which address the needs of those experiencing poverty, exclusion and discrimination. In doing this work we seek to engage in appropriate alliances.

B.1.2 Administrative structure of each applicant organisation..... The members of EAPN attend an Annual General Assembly which: approves Activity and Financial Reports, Agrees Future Strategic Plans and Work Programmes and approves the Executive Committee of EAPN.

The Executive Committee is made up of one representative of each National Network that is a member of EAPN and five representatives of the European Organisations in membership of EAPN. It meets at least 3 times a year and is responsible to see that the work programme and strategic direction given by the General Assembly is implemented. The Executive committee has key responsibilities to contribute to the work programme of EAPN and has sub groups to assist with this work. The Executive Committee elects a Bureau of 1 President and 4 Vice Presidents.

The Bureau prepares the work of the Executive Committee, takes on representative roles on behalf of EAPN, takes responsibilities for decisions that can not wait until the next Executive meeting and supports and supervises the work of the Director of EAPN.

The Director of EAPN manages the secretarial team of EAPN .

The EAPN 'EU Inclusion Strategies Group' is made up of 1 representative of each national network and several representatives of the European Organisations. This group progress the key policy work of EAPN in relation to key EU strategies and programmes. It reports and receives its mandate from the Executive Committee of EAPN.

Task Forces (6-7 representatives from members organisations and networks) involving members are Working Groups drawn from EAPN's membership help to prepare the policy and development positions of EAPN which are then followed through by the Executive Committee or the EU Inclusion Strategies Group.

B.1.3 Members of each applicant organisation..... EAPN has two types of Members: National Networks and European Organisations.

National Networks bring together anti poverty NGOs who are, service providers or organisations of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion or organisations that are a mixture of both. The National Networks reflect the culture of NGO organisation in their country. At present there are 29 National Networks in EAPN (in all EU Member States except Slovenia, Latvia and Croatia - In these countries we are in contact

with NGOs to try to build membership in EAPN) and Norway, Iceland, Serbia and FYROM. In total there are over 3000 member organisations in the 29 National Networks that are members of EAPN.

The following 18 European Organisations are in membership of EAPN.

ATD Fourth World, BABELEA, Caritas Europa, EMMAUS Europe, Dynamo International, Eurochild, EURODIACONIA, European Consumer Debt Network (ECDN), European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA), European Federation of Food Banks, European Federation for Street Children (EFSC), European Network against Racism (ENAR), AGE Platform, International Association of Charities (AIC), International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Mental Health Social Exclusion Europa (SMES Europa), Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM), Salvation Army.

A European Organisation to be a member of EAPN must have a focus on the fight against poverty and social exclusion and must have membership in at least 8 EU Member States.

You can see the full list of the members of EAPN and the members of the National Networks on the EAPN web site: www.eapn.eu

B.1.4 Staff employed by each applicant organisation in the relevant field..... Staff situation as of August 2013. The imposition of a maximum of 1 million Euro for the Commission Core Grant of an NGO receiving funding under this call will mean that there is a cut in activities and a necessary cut in staffing levels in EAPN which is addressed elsewhere in this application. The possibilities of an additional Grant for a Joint Action application could mitigate the severity of the cut but staff cuts will still be necessary. All staff are on permanent contracts.

1) Barbara Helfferich, Director, Full Time

Staff Reporting to the Director:

- 2) Sian Jones, Policy Coordinator, Full time
- 3) Philippe Lemmens, Financial Officer, Full Time
- 4) Tanya Basarab, Development Officer, Full time
- 5) Sigrid Dahmen, Office Manager, Part time
- 6) Nellie Epinat, Communication Officer, Part Time
- 7) Fintan Farrell, Project and Fund Raising Officer, Part Time
- 8) Micheline Gerondal, Project Officer, Coordinating the European Meetings of People Experiencing Poverty, Part Time

Staff Reporting to Sian Jones:

- 9) Aman Ferro, Policy Officer, Full time
- 10) Vincent Caron, Policy Officer, Full time
- 11) Claire Champeix, Policy Officer, Part time.

Staff Reporting to Sigrid Dahmen

- 12) Coralie Flemaal, Secretary, Part Time
- 13) Rebecca Lee, Secretary, Part Time
- 14) Letizia Gomez, Part Time

B.2: Financial resources

B.2.1 Usual sources of finance of each applicant organisation.....

2010: 2.032.319 Euro
European Commission: 1.532.063 Euro (75 %)
European Network EAPN: 281.445 Euro (14 %)
Ministry Slovakia: 218.811 Euro (11 %)
2011: 2.064.189 Euro
European Commission: 1.514.327 Euro (73 %)
European Network EAPN: 297.201 Euro (14 %)
Ministry Hungary: 252.661 Euro (12 %)
2012: 1.967.861 Euro
European Commission: 1.552.646 Euro (79 %)
European Network EAPN: 340.837 Euro (17 %)
Ministry Denmark: 74.378 Euro (4 %)

B.2.2 Turnover or equivalent for the last financial year of each applicant organisation..... same as above

B.2.3 Any other information demonstrating financial capacity..... EAPN has over 23 years of experience of managing EU grant support.

B.3: Previous grants and current grant applications

B.3.1 Previous Action Grants

(1) Previous grants received for which the final report and the final financial statement have not yet been received or approved by the Commission and/or (2) Any other Union grants obtained during the last three years.

Applicant organisation	European institution, service responsible and programme	Agreement no.	Year of the award	Title of the action	Amount of the grant (in EUR)
EAPN	DG Employment Social Affairs and Inclusion (tcall for tender for the Minimum Income Network2013-24)	VC/2012/0825	2012	Pilot Project socila solidarity for social integration	995 950.00

B.3.2 Action Grant applications in the current year [No data entered]

Has your organisation presented or does it intend to submit other applications for support in the current year to Commission services or to other Union institutions/Agencies? (please specify the Directorate General, the programme or the initiative concerned, the title of the action and no. of agreement if applicable and the state of play of your application).

B.3.3 Operating grants

Have any of the applicant organisations applied for or obtained an operating grant from the European Commission or any other Union institution?

Applicant Organisation	European institution, service responsible and programme	Agreement no.	Title of the action	Estimated amount of the grant (in EUR)	Start date	End date
EAPN	DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	VS/2010/0608	EAPN WORK PROGRAMME 2011	1 451 162.00	01/01/2011	31/12/2011
EAPN	DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION	VS/2011/0518	EAPN WORK PROGRAMME 2012	1 552 646.00	01/01/2012	31/12/2012
EAPN	DG EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION	VS/2012/0525	EAPN WORK PROGRAMME 2013	1 536 489.00	01/01/2013	31/12/2013

Action

C: Information on the action for which the grant is requested

C.1 Title..... 4 Year Framework Partnership Agreement with EAPN

C.2 Type of activity/subprogramme/ theme..... 1. EU-level networks active in the fields of combating social exclusion

C.3 Short summary of the action.... - Actions to support the functioning of EAPN as a representative network of anti-poverty organisations operating in 29 European Countries and engaging 19 European Organisations.
- Actions to support the capacity building of our members to engage with key EU processes.
- Actions to support the direct participation of people experiencing poverty into EU debates and strategies.
- Actions to ensure bottom up input into key EAPN strategies and programmes.
- Actions to disseminate information about EU policies and strategies.
- Contributing to key alliances to push for a more Social Europe.

C.4 Specific objective(s)..... The main specific objective of EAPN is:

To work to ensure that the Europe 2020 strategy, the Platform against Poverty and the Social Inclusion strategy (Social OMC), the Social Investment Package, the Employment Policy (European Employment Strategy) and Cohesion Policy (Structural Funds) deliver progress to: effectively mainstream social concerns, reduce poverty and inequality and ensure that public policies, programmes and intervention reach people living in poverty, including the most disadvantaged.

The key activities outlined in this proposal are aimed to meet this objective which mirrors the objective outlined in the call.

The participation of people experiencing poverty is an explicit objective of the OMC and of the Platform against Poverty and EAPN plays an important role to assist the EU to deliver on this objective.

C.5 Duration of activities

C.5.1 Start..... 01/01/2014

C.5.2 End 31/12/2017

C.5.3 Months..... 48.00

C.6 Implementation of the action.... The added value of the work of EAPN is that it brings evidence to the discussion based on the knowledge of people directly involved in anti-poverty field work or people who directly experience poverty and social exclusion. This knowledge and the expertise it brings is often undervalued as compared to academic or 'scientific research'. EAPN's activities outlined above will draw on this 'knowledge by experience' and present such insights as an added value and reality check to EU debates.

With this work programme EAPN will establish in different formations (Task Forces, Policy Working Groups, Capacity Building Sessions, Statutory Groups) ways for our members to work together to deliver this work programme at National and EU levels.

This grant will also ensure that EAPN has an experienced staff ready to support the work of its members to deliver this work programme.

In addition EAPN values greatly alliance work and the proposal in this work programme will enable EAPN to further develop the important alliances it has built with other Social NGOs and other actors concerned for a social Europe.

C.7 Workplan..... The 4 year strategic plan submitted as part of this application outlines the key work areas that EAPN will develop to implement this project. At the same time we are submitting a detailed work programme for 2014 which outlines the key activities to be delivered in 2014 and the structures that we will use to deliver these activities.

C.8 Will you subcontract any task related to the action?..... No

C.9 Timetable for action events [No data entered]

Please enter the key dates for the main events of the action (i.e. conferences, project meetings and so on).

C.10 Roles and responsibilities..... EAPN has clear Statutory Structures to ensure the democratic development of EAPN.

EAPN Members will participate and contribute in policy working Groups, capacity building events, lobbying and policy conferences.

A clear advocacy strategy is developed with clear responsibilities for members and the staff of EAPN to deliver on these strategies.

EAPN members also contribute to developing our information material and key publications. They rely on their European Organisations and National Networks to contribute to this work.

The Staff of EAPN plays a particular role to search out information needed for the work and to assist the members to deliver the agreed work programmes.

Staff members with the direction and support of the Director are assigned particular roles to deliver on the EAPN work programme.

C.11 Targeted groups / sectors For the main advocacy work EAPN will focus its advocacy strategy at 3 main levels.

a) EU decision-makers/institutions:

Primary focus

- The European Commission – as regards to the development of the SIP, the framework of Europe 2020, and the Country Specific Recommendations, the follow up of the Social OMC, and in Cohesion Policy. We will work in alliances to influence economic governance and fight for social conditionality.

- The Council – Both the European Council and particularly certain formations of the Council of Ministers - the EPSCO and GAC, and council advisory bodies – SPC and EMCO, as regards inputs / decisions on Europe 2020, Cohesion Policy and Social OMC.

- The European Parliament – particularly in relation to the EU budget (see separate strategy on the Multiannual Financial Framework and Structural Funds), Annual Growth Survey opinion and Working Group on Europe 2020, Country-Specific Recommendations, as well as follow up on core thematic areas as appropriate – Active Inclusion, Homelessness, Minimum Income, Child Poverty. Work on the macroeconomic level will be done through alliances.

- The rotating Presidencies of the European Union – although the role of the Presidencies has become weaker with the creation of the President of the Council (Herman Van Rompuy), a committed Presidency can make a difference. We will aim to work with members to see how our agenda can be taken forward. The next Trio is: Ireland (Jan-June 2013), Lithuania (July-Dec 2013) and Greece (Jan-June 2014).

Secondary focus

- The Advisory Committees: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR), as opinion formers, with useful resources and dissemination potential.

b) National level

At the national level, the main targets will be:

- National Social and Employment Ministers and ministries, SPC and EMCO representatives

- But also increasingly Economic and Finance Ministers, and Prime Ministers' offices, in relation to macro-economic strategic decisions.

- National MPs for national anti-poverty and employment policy and macro-economic priorities.

- MEPs from all parties, particularly those active on the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, but also ECON, EDUC etc.

- Regional and Local Authorities including those who are represented in the Committee of the Regions.

c) General Public: an increasing focus will be given to raising awareness and mobilizing public opinion. Many networks are already experts in developing such action. The aim will be to exchange more learning on these actions, and help build capacity. These actions will link strongly with the work in alliances, the new EAPN Communication strategy and the new EAPN Learning Forum.

Alliances will be important to ensure better outcomes from our work.

For the internal capacity Building work the main focus will be our Members and our alliances.

C.12 Transnational dimension EAPN has a membership base in 29 European Countries and involves 18 European Organisations whose membership stretches to include EU member states and bordering countries.

EAPN as a Network brings together more than 3000 anti-poverty organisations providing direct help, education, advocacy, services and employment opportunities for and with people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. From this ground work people recognise both the positive and negative impacts of the European Union and seek to find time in their often busy schedules to involve themselves in European level activities to both learn and share experiences and to contribute to influencing EU policies and programmes that impact on the lives of people living in poverty.

C.13 Expected results - A strengthened EAPN Network with membership in all EU Member States and applicant countries.

- An effective secretariat for the organisation with a base in Brussels.

- Increased involvement of anti-poverty organisations and people experiencing poverty in EU activities, strategies and programmes.

- Increased awareness and transparency for key EU policies and programmes.

- Better implementation of EU strategies, programmes and legislation.

- Exchange of practice and mutual learning

- EAPN Policy Positions Developed to input into key EU debates and discussions

- Publications and Information dissemination.

- Greater understanding of how poverty is to be understood in the EU context and what the reality is for people facing poverty and social exclusion in the EU.
- More knowledge about the impact of inequalities in EU Member States and increased pressure to know what is happening in relation to inequalities and wealth in the EU..
- More rigorous monitoring of the Member States actions to fight poverty and social exclusion and their efforts to meet the EU Target to reduce poverty
- Follow up of key EU commitments in particular the agreed EU Poverty Reduction Target.

C.14 Language for correspondence. EN - English

Annexes

D: Annexes

- D.1 Letters of commitment (as specified in the call)..... 15_Letter_of_Commitment.pdf
- D.2 Contracts for implementing the action..... Letters_of_Commitment.zip
- D.3 Supplementary space for additional documents (if needed)..... 12._Annex_1_EAPN_Work_Programme_2014.docx
- D.4 Quadrennial strategic plan..... 10_EAPN_4_Year_Strategic_Plan__2014-2017_.doc
- D.5 Quadrennial budget form..... 11_EAPN__quadrennial_budget_form.xlsx

Signature

E: Signature of the legal representative

Warning : Failure to sign by the lead applicant, will entail the Commission to automatically reject the application.

E.1 Name

E.2 Date and place

E.3 Signature