

EU INCLUSION STRATEGIES GROUP
Draft Agenda
6 and 7 February 2015
Venue: Istituto Salesiano Sacro Cuore, Via Marsala 42, 00185, Rome

Friday 6 February, 9.00 to 5.00 pm

Today we'll focus on taking forward our work on Europe 2020 / European Semester: sharing your new developments in your country and your assessments of the Commission's Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs), and your proposals to get better national anti-poverty policies? As well as discuss ideas for awareness-raising in the context of our new WP.

Chair/Facilitator: Paul Ginnell

9.00 – 9.30	<p>Plenary</p> <p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Tour de Table • Presentation from Raffaele Tangorra, Director General, DG Inclusion, Italian Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs. • Comments by Letizia Cesarini, EAPN Vice-President • Questions/Discussion • Agenda, Minutes and Matters Arising <p><i>Documents</i></p> <p>1 a) Action Notes and Minutes of last meeting</p>
9.30 – 10.00	<p>2. EAPN Work Programme 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of EUISG WP agreed by Commission and Budget • Questions/Discussion • Adoption of WP <p><i>Documents</i></p> <p>2 a) EUISG 2015 Work Programme</p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p>3. Setting the Policy Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on priorities of new Commission and Guidelines • Update on Europe 2020 process – reminder of the Tool Kit.¹ • Preparation for the member work on the CSRs <p><i>Documents</i></p> <p>3 a) <i>Presentation – policy update</i></p> <p>3 b) Draft 2015 Tool Kit</p> <p>3 c) Background document and updated template on CSR review</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-1.00	<p>4. Country-Specific Recommendations and EAPN proposals -3 small groups.</p> <p><i>Members will exchange in 3 groups on their draft responses to the Country-Specific Recommendations (CSR) template (ie reviewing the CSRs, their implementation, new developments in their countries and their EAPN proposals).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have been the key developments in your country that have impacted on poverty – positive and negative • Are the Commission's CSRs for 2014 the right ones? What changes/alternatives would you propose?

¹ An optional capacity building session will be organized from 5-6.00 for people who are new or would like to deepen their knowledge of Europe 2020 and the European Semester, based on the EAPN Tool Kit.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What action could you take? <p>Documents</p> <p>4 a) CSRS 2014 and Staff Working Documents by country.</p> <p>4 b) Compilation of member's responses to CSR Review</p>
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.30	<p>5. National Awareness-Raising Activities on Europe 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of funding proposal background note • Questions/Discussion • Buzz groups on ideas • Feedback <p>6. Annual Convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback and evaluation on Annual Convention of the European Platform Against Poverty • Key messages for improvement to be sent to EC <p>Documents</p> <p>5 a) Pilot Actions Terms of Reference and Application form</p> <p>6 a) Annual Convention web site and EAPN Key Messages and EAPN member involvement</p>
3.30 - 4.00	Tea/Coffee Break
4.00 – 5.00	<p>7. Project/Proposals Exchange (Graciela)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Exchange on current projects (Buzz Groups) • Feedback and Requests for partners (Plenary) • Proposals for supporting further info exchange.
5.00	FINISH OF FIRST DAY
5-6.00	<p>Information Exchange on Europe 2020 with Tool Kit (OPTIONAL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation/Question and Answer session • Follow up buddy • Draft Toolkit

Saturday 7th February, 9.30 to 5.00 Chair/Facilitator: Graciela Malgesini	
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Plenary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of yesterday and introduction to day's agenda <p>8. Building Alliances to get more impact at national level. <i>In this session we will exchange learning from 2 EU Alliance projects – EU Semester Alliance that EAPN has coordinated with 3 national pilots in DK, BG and IE, and Investing in Children Alliance, inputs from EAPN ES and UK regarding national alliances.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of Semester Alliance video • Update on finalizing EU Semester Alliance and advocacy for continuation of funding (EAPN) with short inputs from Ireland, Denmark and Bulgaria – main actions/final lessons and plans for continuation. • Presentation of Investing in Children Alliance (Eurochild) with EAPN ES and UK highlighting national engagement and next steps. • What are the key learning points? What steps can we take to continue and deepen the Alliances at EU and national level? <p>Documents</p> <p>8 a) Powerpoint update of the Semester Alliance activities 8 b) Investing in Children Alliance overview (Eurochild)</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Tea/Coffee Break
11.30 – 1.00	<p>9. Fighting for an adequate income throughout the life cycle <i>In this session we will look at EAPN overall approach to ensuring adequate income, through adequate wages and income support and prioritize actions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (Sian) • Minimum income – Key learning from EMIN and next steps for progress at EU and national level – Fintan Farrell • Minimum Wage/Living Wage – Discussion on proposals for awareness-raising actions (Amana/Paul) • Agreement on next steps <p>Documents</p> <p>9 a) Key Messages from Annual Convention workshop (EAPN/EWL/Solidar/AGE) adequate income through the life cycle 9 b) EMIN learning and way forward 9 c) Action Plan on Living Wage 9 d) Background Note on minimum income/wage/living wage (Katherine Duffy).</p>
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch: Lunch discussion / exchange spots (optional)
2.00 – 3.30	<p>10. New Policy Task Forces <i>We will discuss the proposals for new Task Forces, and the timeline/process for selection to work on priority topics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • <u>Using EU Money for Poverty</u> – TF assessing delivery on the 20% of ESF on social inclusion and poverty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of TF ○ Questions/Discussion • <u>Social Innovation - TF raising awareness of social innovation approach/implications and mapping good local NGO practices.</u>

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3.30-4.00	Coffee Break
4.00 - 5.00	<p>11. Working together and moving forward</p> <p><i>We will discuss how to make greater use of the EOs in the group and to prepare for the election of the new Steering Group.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Role of the EO's in the EUISG ● Preparing for the EUISG and new Steering Group ● Next Meetings ● Evaluation <p>Documents</p> <p>11 a) Evaluation form</p>
5.00	End of meeting