

8 Feb 2013

To: László Andor,  
European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion,  
Rue de la Loi 200,  
European Commission,  
B - 1049 Brussels

***Re: Follow up to meeting and presentation of EAPN's final proposals on the SIP***

Dear Commissioner Andor,

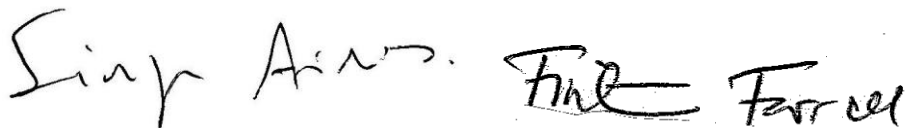
First of all, we would like to thank you for meeting with our new Bureau members and the EAPN secretariat on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January (involving Sergio Aires, President (EAPN Portugal), Letizia Cesarini Sforza, Vice President (EAPN Italy), Sian Jones, (EAPN Policy Coordinator), Fintan Farrell (Director).

We greatly appreciated the opportunity to exchange frankly on EAPN concerns and particularly welcomed your vocal support to the continuation of the European Meetings of People Experiencing Poverty, which are such a crucial instrument for bridging the gap between the EU and the people suffering the consequences of poverty and austerity.

We also welcomed the exchange of views on the Social Investment Package. We now send you a final version of EAPN's proposals on the SIP, framing our concerns directly within the headings that were outlined in the Annual Convention in December. Many of these proposals have already been raised directly with Commission staff. We hope that this summary may still be of use in the finalizing of the package, and act as a checklist of key concerns to ensure that the SIP achieves its aims of promoting a positive, coherent and integrated package that can lead to concrete results for our members and people experiencing poverty, at the national level.

Above all, we hope the SIP will drive a coherent EU strategy to fight poverty and social exclusion embedded in a participative dialogue process with national stakeholders, including people experiencing poverty and their organisations, that together can help to drive a stronger social dimension in Europe 2020 strategy and economic governance.

Yours faithfully,



Sergio Aires  
President

Fintan Farrell  
Director