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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF **POVERTY TODAY?**

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BACKGROUND AND CONTENT

The European Meetings of People experiencing Poverty have played an important role in driving the development of the direct participation of people experiencing poverty. The European meeting is a key visible moment in this process but as important is that it acts as a catalyst for national processes and meetings of people experiencing poverty.

The meetings have contributed to keeping poverty and social exclusion visible in the European agenda. They have contributed to some key areas of policy development such as adequacy of minimum income, child poverty, housing and homelessness, indebtedness, the links between discrimination and poverty (particularly the realities for the Roma community), and the impact of liberalisation on the accessibility and affordability of public services. The meetings also contributed to the adoption of an EU poverty reduction target as an outcome from the 2010 European Year against Poverty and Social Exclusion.

In addition the meetings provide a 'barometer' in relation to social and economic developments in Europe. The processes associated to this meeting also assist in the journey for participants from 'people experiencing poverty' to 'activists with direct experience of poverty' and many past participants are now playing important roles in anti-poverty organisations.

The desire to interact with politicians and Institutional actors remains an important part of these meetings. It is very important that the meetings continue to be seen as an important part of the EU Inclusion Strategy. The 2013 meeting was held in a temporarily constructed Conference Centre on the Esplanade directly in front of the European Parliament. This allowed for greater visibility for the meeting and more interaction with the members of the European Parliament. The

meeting was an important event in the calendar of the 2013 European Year of the Citizen.

The 12th EU meeting gathered 130 Delegates – people experiencing poverty – from 26 European countries as well as approximately 40 members of the European Parliament, some 35 representatives of the EU Commission, 3 representatives of the Irish EU Presidency and about 25 guests from national authorities, EU NGOs, Trade Unions, academics and other visitors. Interpretation was voluntary in the 2013 meeting and this presented particular challenges for communication, particularly in the plenary sessions.

The European Commission Communication (2013) 'Towards social Investment for Growth and Jobs' calls on members states to fully implement the Recommendation on Active Inclusion (2008) integrating its three pillars: adequate income support, inclusive labour markets and enabling services. The Communication commits the Commission to develop in 2013, a common methodology for reference budgets as part of the monitoring of adequacy of income supports. The exchanges at the 2013 meeting contributed to this objective by 1) exchanging on what should be part of an essential basket of goods and services to be used in reference budgets, 2) exchanging on what are the current developments for individuals and communities in terms of the three pillars of the Active Inclusion Recommendation, and 3) exchanging on practices that people experiencing poverty and their organisations are developing to fight poverty and exclusion.

In addition to this General Report you can find documents on 1) '[Background preparation papers](#)' - national preparations for the 2013 Meeting and 2) '[slogans from the 2013 meeting](#)' on EAPN website www.eapn.eu

Key Messages

Emerging from the discussions in the workshops at the 2013 meeting the following key messages were developed:

1. The European level People Experiencing Poverty Meetings must continue and give momentum to National level processes that ensure the participation of people experiencing poverty. This year's meeting was an important contribution to the '2013 EU Year of Citizens' and the continuation of the European Meetings of People Experiencing Poverty should be part of the legacy of the 2013 Year.
2. There was a lot of work done to prepare for the 2013 meeting. A lot of important experiences, information and stories, were gathered together in the preparation reports that were shared both in formal and informal sessions at the meeting. It is important that the information gathered in this preparatory work is made visible as a follow up to the meeting.
3. There is a harmonization of the costs of a decent life in the different European countries but still huge differences between wage levels and social welfare schemes and no real effort to ensure common efforts to reach high level social standards across Europe. This is creating a totally unbalanced Europe.
4. Despite these growing differences the processes which create poverty and the realities faced by people experiencing poverty have many similarities and we can learn a lot about how to address these difficulties from our exchanges.
5. The response to the crisis is developing behaviour that undermines respect for human rights, such as: labour exploitation, xenophobia and increased discrimination, more waste in our societies (empty houses while having increased homelessness), growing distrust in our politicians and political institutions, criminalisation and negative stereotyping of 'poor people', while doing nothing to tackle the increasing concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a few.
6. Youth unemployment is a big priority but unemployment and poor quality employment is also an issue for older people and for groups who experience discrimination.
7. We don't see any EU strategy on the ground to make the EU poverty reduction target real. We call for a distinct EU strategy to fight poverty and social exclusion based on respect for fundamental rights and the participation of all relevant actors including people experiencing poverty.
8. We demand an EU Directive on the Adequacy of Minimum Income Schemes and a common effort to ensure 'living wages'. This is an efficient use of resources as the money will be re-invested in the economy to buy necessary goods and services and not left sitting unproductively in savings accounts.
9. The adequacy of income is very much linked to the access to services. Housing was identified as a key need and the importance of social and affordable housing was stressed as well as the need for accessible education and training and health care.
10. Every person deserves to be treated with love and respect. We are not a number on a page we are someone's mother or father, sons or daughters. To fight the 'crisis' you should stop fighting the 'poor' and start fighting for tax justice, ethical business practices and better redistribution of the wealth that is available.

WORKSHOPS

On the basis of the preparation work done by the delegations two sets of workshops were held at the 2013 meeting.

The first set of workshops was an exchange between national delegations. The exchanges were supported by volunteer interpreters. Using whispering interpretation 3 to 4 National Delegations met together and exchanged on:

- National baskets of goods and services needed for a life in dignity vis-a-vis the reality of national minimum income schemes and minimum wage arrangements
- The influence of the ‘crisis’ on the daily life of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion
- Interesting practices: what’s hindering and what’s helping.

SLOGANS

Delegations were asked to bring to the 2013 Meeting slogans that give them energy for remaining active in the fight against poverty and social exclusion. These slogans or quotations came from famous people (writers, poets, singers, political activists...) or reflect the insights of people experiencing poverty. The inspiration and insights captured by the slogans seem all the more necessary in this time when the policies associated to ‘austerity measures’ or ‘fiscal consolidation’ is seen by many experiencing poverty and or engaged in the fight against poverty and inequality, as a “fight against poor people rather than a fight against poverty”.

The second set of workshops exchanged on the same topics. In each national tent, the National delegations presented the outcome of their National Preparation to MEPs, Representatives from Social Ministries and from Permanent Representations, Commission Officials, and Reps from NGOs, Social Partners and Academics. This was followed by exchanges and discussion. There was a very active participation of Commission officials in these exchanges and the presence of a number of MEPs who ever a number of MEPs visited their national Delegations at times other than that allocated for this workshop.

The outcomes of these exchanges fed into the key messages outlined above. The preparation work was adjusted in light of the exchanges. The outcomes from this preparatory work is presented in a separate document as indicated above ([Background preparation papers](#)).

A separate publication tries to capture the ‘spirit’ that was released through the slogans at the 2013 meeting and to share them with people from all walks of life, people living in poverty, activists with direct experience of poverty, people active in anti-poverty organisations, trade unionists and business people concerned about social cohesion, officials in local, national, European or international institutions and all those concerned with developing and preserving a European Social Model.

The publication on the slogans is available on EAPN’s website www.eapn.eu as indicated previously ([slogans from the 2013 meeting](#)).



An example of one of the slogans shared at the meeting from the Norwegian Delegation:

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS

A number of representatives of civil society actors provided messages of support to the delegations at the 2013 meeting.

Mr. **Sérgio AIRES**, President of EAPN, chaired the opening and closing plenary sessions of the 2013 meeting. He thanked the representatives of the Commission, the European Parliament the Irish Ministry and the EAPN Fund for their support of this year's meeting. He spoke of the importance of the meeting, not just as a once-off European event but more importantly as the catalyst for events to support the ongoing participation of people experiencing poverty within countries. He was glad that a resolution was found for this year's meeting and he said that seeking support for the continuation of these meetings and the processes that are associated to the meetings is a key priority for EAPN.

He spoke about the immense challenges being faced in countries as the crisis continues and its impacts go deeper. He gave the message that fighting poverty is now a crucial part of the fight to save our democracy and he warned of the dangers if we lose this fight in terms of the rise of oppressive elements in our societies.

He thanked the delegates for all the work they had done to prepare for this year's meeting and he spoke of how the outputs from the People Experiencing Poverty meetings have contributed to EAPN's core messages and strengthen our determination to be a strong network defending the rights of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

Mr. **Milan FURAK** was a delegate at the 2012 meeting and he opened the 2013 meeting and welcomed the delegations and guests. He was convinced that no one cares about poverty, and that the authorities and the government are only interested in poor people during elections campaigns, when fighting for their votes. The Meeting in Brussels last



year gave him the hope that there are people within the policy making Institutions who are serious about the fight against poverty.

L-R: Sérgio AIRES, President of EAPN, Martin SCHULZ, President of the EU Parliament, Milan FURAK – Czech Republik, Stanislav MROZEK National Coordinator Czech Republik

The full input of Mr. Furak can be found on the page of the 2013 Meeting on EAPN's website.

Mr. Franco CARMINATI brought a message to the delegates from the Alter Summit held in Athens on 7-9 June 2013. The Alter Summit was organized with the Greek social movements and with the support of civil society organisations, trade unions, NGOs, and political and cultural personalities from all around Europe.

The Alter Summit brought together thousands of activists and was an important step forward in the building of more convergence between movements opposed to the current anti-social and anti-ecological policies promoted by European governments and institutions.

It was a highly symbolic gathering, since Greece has been the laboratory of the destructive austerity and so-called competitiveness policies, but can also become the laboratory of the resistance against austerity, said Mr. Carminati. He congratulated EAPN for their involvement in the organisation of the Summit and their active participation in the event which brought forward messages from previous EU meetings of people experiencing poverty.

Mr. Pierre BAUSSAND, Director of the Social Platform spoke about the follow up of the commitment made by heads of states to reduce poverty by 20 million by 2020. He welcomed the increased number of Country Specific Recommendations (as part of the Europe 2020 strategy) on poverty, employment, education and care and health services, as well as the new positive individual proposals from some countries regarding key target groups such as youth, children, migrants and Roma.

However, the overriding message from the Europe 2020 strategy and the Country Specific Recommendations is about 'austerity' and reducing public deficits and debt, primarily through reducing public expenditure. This, he said, will very likely generate increased poverty and social exclusion and undermine the commitment to reduce poverty.

He insisted on the need for a distinct European strategy to combat poverty to ensure the implementation of the target as being recommended from the European Meetings of people experiencing poverty.

He said that it will not be enough to address poverty but we also need to address the growing levels of inequality resulting from policies implemented over more than 20 years. This has contributed to deeper social and wealth disparities and to weaker social cohesion.

To address inequality means to address the reality that redistribution through transfers has become less effective as rates for personal income tax for the wealthiest fell from 60-70% to only 40% in most major OECD countries resulting in social protection levels being reduced.

He concluded by reaffirming the importance of respecting the slogan “Nothing about people experiencing poverty without people experiencing poverty.”

The complete text from Mr. Baussand is available on the page of the 2013 Meeting on EAPN’s website.

Mr. **Jerry VAN DEN BERGE**, from the European Public Service Union (EPSU) and Coordinator of the EU Citizens Initiative “WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT” gave information on the initiative. He congratulated the delegates to previous EU Meetings of People experiencing poverty for having constantly drawn attention to the importance of ‘services of general interest’ including the right to water, energy and public transport for example.



The ‘right to water’ citizen initiative, supports the messages coming from these meetings. He thanked EAPN and its members for the active support they have given to this citizen initiative and the efforts made to reach the required million signatures. He called on the delegates to continue this support to ensure the necessary number of signatures is gathered. He hoped that this cooperation between EPSU and EAPN would develop further in the future.

MESSAGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTORS

Mr. **Martin SCHULZ**, President of the European Parliament welcomed the delegations and expressed the hope that his colleagues from the Parliament who promised to be at the meeting the next day keep their promise. Keeping promises is one of the most important things, he said. We had a European promise of more welfare, more jobs, more social justice, more equality and more access to information. For a long time the EU was able to keep this promise.

But now the reality is poverty and inequality is increasing. Faced with this reality it is not surprising that people doubt about Europe, doubt about democracy, and have great doubts about the future of Europe. Therefore, he said, your presence here is important. Your presence reminds the members of the Parliament that the fight against poverty is not a marginal topic but needs to be at the center of our political debates.

We need to remind ourselves that the EU is a rich part of the world but that the problem is that the redistribution is very unfair and not just. We do not want to see great disparities in wealth. A Europe where young unemployed people leave to South America to find jobs is not the Europe I want. So your fight must be our fight and the fight for more justice in Europe.

He quoted the slogan of the Austrian delegates ‘we give a bark and not the paw’ and said you must be loud and visible. Poverty cannot be put aside because we are ashamed, it is the existence of poverty that is the shame. So he told the delegates that he would seek to ensure a majority in the Parliament to support the fight against poverty. He said it was his great pleasure to officially welcome them on the doorstep of the European Parliament.

Mr. **László ANDOR**,
Commissioner for Employment,
Social Affairs and Inclusion spoke
of the importance of the meeting
as an annual opportunity to take
stock together, especially since
we don't have many good
developments on the ground and
the trends even show the
opposite. Unfortunately, the
financial and economic crisis
continues in most of the EU
member states. As a result, in the
past year, we have seen an
increasing polarisation of the
European Union.



*Commissioner László Andor greets Jerry Deleon, delegate
Norway*

He said it is clear that the continuing crisis in the euro zone has very seriously damaged the capacity of the national welfare states and without quick action to reconstruct and repair the euro, we face the risk of eliminating the capacity of the national welfare states in the peripheral countries.

He spoke about the need for actions on two tracks. One of them is to provide European support to the national welfare states, to improve their effectiveness and efficiency in delivering social services, and to provide social assistance to the citizens who need it.

In parallel a more robust and visible social dimension to the Economic and Monetary Union needs to be ensured. He outlined the actions the Commission is supporting to advance these two tracks, including the recently adopted Social Investment

Package and the efforts to strengthen the social dimension of the European Monetary Union (EMU).

He also outlined the importance of the European Social Fund (ESF) as the main European resource for supporting measures that help people into jobs, help improving the functioning of the labour market, help developing skills and to support social inclusion within the member states, in strong cooperation with civil society. He told of the Commission efforts to ensure that at least a fifth of the ESF funding in the next EU financial period supports social inclusion measures.

He welcomed the support of the European Parliament and civil society for this proposal and spoke about the negotiations with the member states on the budget and the resistance of some member states to the proposal to earmark 20% of ESF for social inclusion.

Lastly, he told of the European Parliament vote to even increase the volume of the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived, from the 2.5 billion euro proposed by the Commission to 3.5 billion euro and this, of course, will be an important factor in the forthcoming budget negotiations.

He emphasised that these discussions are not just about money but have to clarify what the European Union's goals are and how the European Union should serve its citizens.

He concluded by saying that if we fail to reconcile these financial and economic ambitions with the social objectives we risk losing the confidence and the trust of the European citizens and that is where the importance of this meeting lies. It serves as a reminder; it proves to the policy-makers and politicians in Brussels that we have a very complex society and a very serious social situation in many member states. And if you don't act now, the cost of non-action will be much greater in the future.

The full text of Commissioner Andor's intervention can be found on the page of the 2013 Meeting on EAPN's website.

Mr. **Zoltán KAZATSAY**, Deputy Director-General EU Commission, Commissioner Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion underlined what Mr. Andor told and reminded that in 2012, more than 12 million people participated in ESF supported Programmes.

He reminded of the importance of the proposed a new instrument for 2014-2020: the Fund for EU Aid to the Most Deprived.

This Fund would provide non-financial assistances, particularly when it comes to food deprivation, homelessness and material deprivation of children. The impact of this initiative would obviously be complemented by national assistance.



L-R: John BOHAN, Principle Officer, Dept. of Social Protection, Ireland, Sérgio AIRES, President of EAPN, Zoltán Kazatsay, Dep. Director-General, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion.

Regarding former EU Meetings of

People experiencing poverty, Mr. Kazatsay underlined the positive effects of participation.

The key messages of previous years are reflected in the Commission's policy and proposals such as the Active Inclusion Recommendation and the Social Investment Package.

He welcomed the focus of this year's meeting on how to live in dignity and on related questions of an adequate minimum income. He reminded that actions on reference budgets and Minimum Income are part of the Social Investment Package. He concluded that the EU Meetings of People experiencing poverty is a reality check, a way to raise knowledge and awareness of the problems and also of the most adequate policy solutions and that the Commission would continue its support for these meetings for as long as they are needed.

The speaking notes of Mr. Kazatsay are available on the page of the 2013 Meeting on EAPN's website.

Mr. **John BOHAN**, Department of Social Protection Ireland, and Irish member of the Social Protection Committee, first passed on a message of support from Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton T.D. who regretted that she could not be present as she was chairing a meeting of the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (EPSCO). He outlined some of the key priorities of the Irish Presidency from a social affairs perspective. These included the adoption of the Social Investment Package, ensuring progress on the Youth Guarantee, the child poverty recommendation and the new programme 'Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived'. In relation to the theme of the 2012 meeting he drew attention to the Irish Presidency roundtable of EU Ministers with responsibility for homelessness, which subsequently resulted in Member States and the Commission undertaking to work to have agreement on 6 principles to strengthen EU cooperation on homelessness. He told also of the work of the Social Protection Committee to ensure more visibility for the social impact of the crisis and to strengthen the social dimension of the Europe 2020 Strategy. He concluded by highlighting the importance of citizen and social solidarity and the need to put citizens at the heart of the EU. He looked forward to the report of the outcomes of the meeting and promised to bring the outcomes to the attention of Minister Burton.

Ms. **Sylvie GOULARD**, MEP, President of the EU Parliament Intergroup 'Extreme Poverty & Human Rights, 4th World Committee' addressed messages of support to the participants. Ms Goulard reacted to the delegations' slogans which had just been presented, which she found very courageous.

She said that despondency was a problem which all of us may be faced with and called on everyone present not to sink into narrow nationalism, searching for scapegoats or generalisations.

She emphasized that there are many similarities concerning the messages of suffering and of courage coming from Europeans of all countries and that she was delighted to see the diversity of people together in the meeting ready to exchange and share ideas.



Sylvie Goulard, MEP, President of the EU Parliament Intergroup Extreme Poverty & Human Rights, 4th World Committee

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS AT THE 2013 MEETING

Commemorative Stone for Victims of Extreme Poverty

At the end of the meeting the delegations and guests gathered around the Commemorative stone for victims of extreme poverty which is located on the esplanade in front of the European Parliament. After a brief introduction by colleagues from ATD Fourth World the key



Paul Rosiers, BAPN, read the message out in Dutch

message on the stone from Fr Joseph Wresinski was read in several languages, **“Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.”** This was followed by a moment of quiet reflection.

Symbolic action on Place Luxembourg

Following the reflection at the Commemorative stone delegates walked with their banners and slogans to place Luxembourg. There they made a symbolic action by walking backwards around the square to give a public message that the EU responses to the crisis with austerity measures is putting the EU in the wrong direction and that it is time for a change of policies and time for the EU to move forward.



On Place Luxembourg the delegates joined with colleagues from migrant organisations who were drawing attention to the International Migrants day.

Informal exchange

The format for the 2013 meeting allowed for many moments of informal exchange. Delegates visited country tents for exchange and got to know other delegations better. The sharing of food and drink from different countries added to this convivial exchange.



Italian national exchange

Resolution proposed from some delegates and delegations

The fears around the lack of support for the continuation of these meetings and the likely impact this would have for participation processes in countries was a constant feature of the 2013 meeting. Some delegates and delegations got together to propose a resolution calling for these meetings to continue in the future as an event of the EU Presidency. Many delegates signed this resolution and the resolution is available as an appendix to this report.

APPENDIX 1 – ATTENDANCE LIST

Delegations				
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APPENDIX 2 – RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY SOME DELEGATES AND DELEGATIONS

From 18th till 20th of June about 150 people of all EU member states met in Brussels. They do that annually, till now always invited by the present presidency. But this year it ran short. Till the last second it was unclear, if there will be a meeting this year.

There live about 120 million people in the European Union, who are according to all definitions poor. This number should be reduced till end of 2020 – that was the plan. But this plan became paper waste by these diverse crises. The fight against poverty has been put at the end of the European agenda. Logically the dialog seems to be wasted words.

We invited guest also to this meeting as deputies of the European parliament, employees of the European institutions, or of the social ministries of our countries. Never there came many. But now also this small thread seems to be cut. We should not raise of voices, the EU-bodies don't want to hear our voices any more.

We very few of the many, many poor people want to ask the politicians questions, we want to continue the dialog, we want to hear answers, we want to be heard. The commission or the presidency has to afford this. Anything else is a denial of talkings. We are already poor, we cannot organise the dialog on our own. What we want are meetings as events of the EU presidency!

We all are parts of a network in our national member states. The European meetings are closely linked with many national activities. This may not be stopped.

What we want to know for instance, why the targets of fight against poverty did fail so embarrassing. What we do not want to hear are advices how to do better.



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