

EAPN's National Networks highly involved in national consultations about the European Pillar of Social Rights Consultation

Will their efforts pay off?

EAPN Belgium (BAPN)

EAPN Belgium (BAPN) attended the Belgian Social Pillar consultation meeting with (NGO) Stakeholders, organized by the Semester Officer of the European Commission. Several participants shared a lot of concerns, priorities, .. : the need for adequate and accessible Minimum Income Schemes, concrete legislative proposals, contradiction of some of the proposals with "UPWARD" social convergence, difficulties with flexicurity, importance of wage indexation, access to social services,...

[Read the BAPN Position Paper](#)

EAPN Finland

EAPN Finland participated in a European Commissions seminar on the Social Pillar on 19 September, where EAPN Finland made a presentation. EAPN Finland also participated in EESC:s national discussion about the Pillar on 30 September.

Read the position paper of EAPN Finland here: <http://www.eapn.fi/eapn-finin-vastaus-euroopan-sosiaalisten-oikeuksien-pilaria-koskevaan-kuulemiseen/>

EAPN-Fin participated to online consultation, <http://www.eapn.fi/eapn-finin-vastaus-euroopan-sosiaalisten-oikeuksien-pilaria-koskevaan-kuulemiseen>

Also our member SOSTE participated <http://www.soste.fi/ajankohtaista/sosten-kanta-euroopan-sosiaalisten-oikeuksien-pilariin.html>

EAPN Fin also published a few blogs and reports from seminars about the Pillar:

- <http://www.eapn.fi/ristiriitaisia-viesteja-konferenssissa-euroopan-sosiaalisten-oikeuksien-pilarista>

- <http://www.eapn.fi/onko-nyt-viimeinen-mahdollisuus-sosiaaliseen-eurooppaan-eapn-kanta-euroopan-sosiaalisten-oikeuksien-pilariin>

- <http://www.eapn.fi/euroopan-sosiaalisten-oikeuksien-pilari-tanssit-titanicin-kannella>

EAPN Fin sent their response to the Pillar to the relevant stakeholders, MEP's, ministries etc. MEP Mia-Petra Kumpula-Natri invited EAPN Fin to her seminar about the Pillar in Brussels, Kaarina Tammenniemi from member SOSTE participated.

EAPN Fin participated in seminar organized by EP in Finland about New Social Europe in Feb 2017, in Helsinki.

EAPN Fin secretary Anna Järvinen (working also in SOSTE) was heard/consulted in the Parliament about the Pillar, in Feb 2017.

EAPN Fin took part, and helped our ESO's to organize seminar with 100 people about the Pillar 19.9.2016 in Helsinki with DG Michael Servoz. EAPN Fin had a few short presentations in the workshops that day. EAPN Fin also took part in the lunch meeting before the event.

EAPN Fin also took part to the small seminar organized by finnish members from EESC 30.9.2016 in Helsinki for finnish stakeholder.

EAPN France

EAPN France actively participated in the Consultation process on the European Pillar of Social Rights. They developed a Position Paper and a document that answers the questionnaire.

<http://eapn.fr/>

EAPN Latvia

EAPN Latvia participated in debates on the European Pillar of Social Rights in Riga on 19 September 2016. The proposals of EAPN-Latvia were sent to the Cabinet, The Ministry of Welfare and the Committee of Social and Employment Matters of the Parliament of Latvia, as well as to the Latvian Representative of the EC.

Link to the webpage:

http://www.eapn.lv/latvija/20160921_socialo_tiesibu_pilars.php

EAPN Slovakia

Members of the Slovakian anti-poverty Network organized an Event in Prešov, East Slovakia about Long Term Care and the European Pillar of Social Rights, there was a presentation by the European Commission.

EAPN Portugal

EAPN Portugal was involved in the national consultations on the EPSR and it has submitted an answer to the consultation.

You can also find other information on the Pillar in the following links:

- The answer to the consultation: <http://www.eapn.pt/documento/540/pilar-europeu-dos-direitos-sociais> (Please see in attachment the document in PDF)
- Information to our members that the consultation is opened: <http://www.eapn.pt/documento/478/consulta-publica-sobre-o-pilar-dos-direitos-sociais>
- 4 European Agendas (the European Agenda is a small newsletter that we have with information on the work developed at European level, by EAPN Portugal and also EAPN Europe. Is to make our members and other organisations updated on European issues that we think that are relevant. I'm sending Agenda 6/7/8/9. In all of them we give information on the Pillar and on the work that we have developed. You can also find these Agendas in the following link: <http://www.eapn.pt/documento/459/agenda-europeia>

- On May, 9, Sérgio Aires has participated in the National Meeting of EAPN Portugal Members and it has also presented the work of EAPN Europe and the EPSR. In here you can find the link to the information/agenda: <http://www.eapn.pt/eventos/953/encontro-nacional-de-associados-eapn-2016>
- Recently Sérgio Aires presented, updated information, on the EPSR in our national meeting with all EAPN Portugal Team. In the same meeting it was planned some local workshops to be developed in the first semester of 2017 to debate this theme (Setúbal; Santarém; and others).

EAPN Ireland

EAPN Ireland responded to the Commission's online consultation and also sent a submission to the National Consultation. Both have the same content. Our submission is online @ <http://www.eapn.ie/eapn/submission-to-consultation-on-european-pillar-of-social-rights> .

EAPN Ireland also put up a Blog on June which links to a Briefing on the Pillar . <https://eapnireland.wordpress.com/2016/06/16/395/>

EAPN Ireland attended a Commission consultation here on the 22nd June last year and attended an EESC Round Table on the 23rd September.

EAPN Denmark

EAPN Denmark had two meetings with Allan Larsson, who is coordinating the Pillar for the Social Rights.

EAPN Lithuania

EAPN Lithuania responded to the Commission's online consultation

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/pdf/answer/dba66075-6201-4853-8870-76e50c8b732a/>