**Follow up on the European Pillar of Social Rights: Action Plan**

**Introduction**

The European Pillar of Social Rights was adopted on the 26th April 2017. Whilst the package contains a large number of elements and documents, the key elements of the Pilar are an overall framework and proposals for principles, and proposals for mechanisms for implementation, a social scoreboard of indicators and some legislative proposals. Following discussion with the EU ISG, it was agreed to prioritize some key objectives and areas of action.

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| **Main Aims** | 1. **To influence the final content and interpretation of the European Pillar of Social Rights** 2. **To support the implementation of a strong European Pillar of Social Rights that ensures progress on social rights, social standards and on poverty reduction** 3. **To use the EPSR to build a stronger role for antipoverty and social NGOs** | | | | |
| **Objectives** | | **Target Audience** | **ACTION EU level** | **ACTION Members** | **Timing/Completion** |
| 1. Inform, build capacity with   EAPN members | | EAPN Members | * Develop and disseminate a briefing on the Pillar. * Exchange and Follow up in EU ISG based on Briefing | * Read the Briefing and use for discussion in EU ISG * Adapt, translate, use for discussions at national level, also to national members | * April – May – **completed May 2017** * June – July - |
| 1. Build consensus on common messages and action | | EAPN Members | * Draft common position paper/response with key messages and actions * Draft Action Plan * Discuss and finalize | * Provide inputs/amendment to position paper * Comment on Action Plan and implement. | * June – August **= completed September 4 2017** * Discussion in EUISG 19 October. |
| 1. Influence interpretation of Pillar | | European Commission, European Council and European Parliament | * Disseminate position paper through mailing and targeted mails * Lobby on position paper, seeking meetings with key people at EU level * Participation in events on the Social Pillar EU | * Disseminate position paper * Work with EAPN Europe to do joint meetings with Permanent Representations * Participation in events at national level on the Social pillar | * **Completed September 4** * September to November   . |
| 1. Get a stronger social Scoreboard | | European Commission  European Council | * Dedicated section in the position paper * Meetings with Indicators Sub-Group of SPC and EMCO * Further inputs/mainstreaming. | * Indicators cluster provide input to proposals. * Lobby their national governments | * July - September |
| 1. Influence the legislative proposal on Access to social protection | | European Commission, European Council and European Parliament | * Prepare a draft response to the consultation on access to social protection. * Disseminate to members * Incorporate members’ input, finalize response and send to European Commission. | * Respond and send comments/amendments to draft common consultation response * Adapt and do own national response * Disseminate both responses, including through social media | * September - November |
| 1. Get support from Member States for the Inter-institutional proclamation | | Member States | * Identify champions/obstacles * Provide EAPN members with template letter * Joint EU/national Social Media campaign | * Identify Member States approach (support or opposition) * Lobby Member States to get support for the interinstitutional proclamation to support EPSR * Social Media campaign | * September - November |
| 1. Engage with the Gothenburg Summit | | Member States | * Key Messages to the Summit * Press Releases * Attempt to participate/side event | * Write to their Member States with messages to the Summit * EAPN SE to help support EAPN event | * October - November |
| 1. Monitor delivery through the European Semester | | European Commission and European Parliament | * Include key message on this to Letter to President Juncker and to Prime Ministers prior to AGS * Include monitoring of the Social Pillar key priories in EAPN assessments eg NRP, and in 2018 CSRs. | * Include monitoring of the EPSR key areas in their assessment of the NRPs, Country Reports and CSRs of their country. * Disseminate their conclusions and concerns | * July - November |