**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**
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| **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 -
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| 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.
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| 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

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| 1. Get a stronger social Scoreboard
 | European CommissionEuropean 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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